



## THE BRINK FAMILY

Jason, Marcy, Adam, Ethan, Lydia, and Gracie

### Serving in Guatemala

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*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. — John 3:17*

#### New Year, New Hope



"I have a hope". That is what Ginisa said to me after she found out that she FINALLY got a job. She left the streets over three months ago hoping to leave that way of life and find a new life and a new job. Getting the job proved harder than she thought...harder than all of us thought. Admittedly though, at times she struggled to hold onto the trust that God would provide. She often relied on the strength of others and their words of encouragement as well as your prayers of support.

Most of what we do here in Guatemala is build relationships with people and speak life to them. We offer encouragement and point them to Christ. Only God can save them: from the enemy and from their personal situation. Praise God that Ginisa was able to see God work in her life and provide for her while she remained faithful to him.

Jason recently took a group of University students, who participate in his University ministry, on a field trip hiking up an active volcano. Near the top of the volcano, if conditions are right, there is a spectacular view of the erupting volcano, Guatemala City and two other volcanoes.



Unfortunately, the hike started out with hazy, cloudy skies. Upon reaching the lookout point, the entire area was covered in a shroud of clouds. The group waited for a half hour hoping for the skies to clear. Just when they were about to abandon hope, a friend of ours, Carlos, suggested praying. Everyone bowed their heads and with heartfelt petition Carlos asked God to clear the skies so that the students might get to see and appreciate the beauty of His creation (many students are not yet believers.) Carlos said "Amen" and everyone lifted their eyes to see an amazing sight...God removed the clouds!! They could see the volcano! It was a profound moment for everyone in the group. How neat it was to know that God loves his children so much that He would treat them to such an experience.

That is our prayer for the students that Jason works with...that God would clear away the clouds in their hearts and minds so that they will see His truth and accept the grace that He offers. Please pray for Jason as plans are underway to expand the University ministry when the new school year begins next month.

### Update on our Children

Adam is a senior in high school and has started the process of evaluating and applying to colleges. He has a very challenging spring semester at school. Please pray with us that God will give him the strength to finish strong and that He would guide Adam as he seeks a college to attend.

Ethan is a freshman in high school and continues to enjoy school. He played JV basketball this fall and recently started playing the piano. While Ethan has done very well in school, he has had some challenges with a couple of teachers. Please pray that God gives him perseverance, wisdom and maturity.

Lydia is in 7th grade and also enjoys school. She recently performed in the school Christmas musical, played on the soccer team and she enjoys participating in the school running club. She has a knack for art and an insatiable hunger for reading good books! (boy, do we miss American libraries)

Gracie is in 6th grade, which is middle school here in Guatemala. She is our super social, active kid who loves being with people. She also participated on the school soccer team and has taken up playing guitar.