



# Are you hungry?

I will begin by saying thank you for your prayers and financial support during this starvation pandemic. The virus numbers are still climbing to the point that soon there will be more cases than hospital beds. This is hard to compare to the numbers in the States but the healthcare system here is a third world system. The nearest national hospital in San Felipe was given 42 Covid-19 patients last week. I received a call from one of our missionary friends that they did not have any drinking water in the hospital. WHAT? I ran to a local distributor and bought 12 cases of water and met her in a parking lot 2 hours later. She took the water to the hospital where the nurses and assistants starting crying when they saw the water. I was then asked if I had any Tylenol by Judy. The hospital did not have any Tylenol. ARE YOU KIDDING ME? I ran home and met her again with 4000 tablets of Tylenol that we had accumulated from donations that we received last year. God knew we would need it and I would never have guessed it would be to supply a hospital fighting a virus. By the way this would be the hospital we would most likely go to if we contracted the virus. I am taking my own water and Tylenol if I have to go. We have been going nonstop buying, packing, and distributing food for nearly 3 months now. When we started, we were concentrating on a few communities. We soon joined forces with another missionary that is from the Atlanta area as well and began serving pastors and their congregations all over Guatemala. Some mornings we would leave at 5am and return just before curfew at 5pm. Thankfully that is not the norm because this old body could not keep up that pace. I am now receiving text on Facebook messenger from pastors we do not know, needing help. They must have seen or heard what we are doing and desperately need help. We are now 2 weeks out to help some communities that need it now. I don't see an end to this anytime soon. It is not like we are the only ones doing it. We do not have the resources or man power that other ministries have but we are doing our part. We have given out well over 2000 bags of food that will help feed a family for a week. Eventually, we will have to concentrate on 2 or 3 communities.



This week we went to Alotenango a community nearby where our Guatemalan partner has a Christian Children's Club. He has around 60 families he supports in that community. He had a list of the families to give the food out as well the pastor at that church. We were planning on 90 families to feed. Well, we got there and people were standing around everywhere as we pulled up in the truck. I was thinking to myself this is not going to go well. As we were calling out names to come get the food the crowd began moving closer and closer. The crowd was filled with many elderly ladies that were hoping for food. We ran out of food after the list was called out so we took names and phone numbers of every family that did not receive food. We went back to our house picked up 80 more

bags and returned to the church. Within 1 hour everyone was called and the food was given out. So, it went from 90 to 170 families and I am sure there were many more that needed it.



This is just a glimpse of the starvation. White flags are being placed in homes and waved in the streets everywhere you turn. The flags represent we have no more food. When we started there were no white flags and now you might see anywhere from 20-100 flags in a short drive.

Please pray for the families and pray for us to keep up the fight to provide food for them. My fear is when everything gets back to normal in the US the donations will start to dwindle. Please do not forget about them. Their pandemic has just started and it has two heads, the virus and starvation. We will be coming back to the States the middle of July but we will not stop fighting for Guatemala. I will return in September if everything goes to plan and Carol will return as soon as possible. The border here is still closed but I will be able to return with my Guatemalan residency but Carol will have to wait until they open the borders to tourist and we are hearing November is the tentative goal. Please pray for clarity as we try to navigate through all of this. We will continue to help feed the families when we are in the States. We still have a strong core group of people that will continue the work for the 2 months I will be away. All this being said we thank you for supporting the families here but we will need more. Please send this to your friends to possibly help us. We also want you to print this and put a picture on your fridge to remind you to pray and support them during this crisis.

Thank you so much,

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