

# GUATEMALA ADVENTURES

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What an incredible experience being part of the mission here in Guatemala has been so far! I have been blessed by being able to be a very small part of what is happening here at HOME International. The country, the vision for HOME International, and the people are all amazing! A few weeks ago, I listened to a message that talked about heaven and how God did not give us every detail but He gave me enough about it to know that is where I want to be! There will be no more pain, no more suffering, no doctors needed, no grief, but there will be family members and friends who have

lived their lives for God and have passed on. There will be people from all across the world who speak different languages and who have different heritages. It will be so amazing to not only be in His presence but to be around those who have lived their lives for Jesus Christ.



One Wednesday evening, early in June, we had prayer circle time with the children of HOME International. The lesson was about honesty and the difference between truth and lies. The story of how Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, lied in the church was told. The kids were so engaged in the lesson and participated in acting out the story (see the image where “Ananias” was carried off). HOME has a major focus on instilling values into the children who spend time here. These children come from broken homes and families. Some of their stories are truly heartbreaking but that’s where my God comes in. Watching him move on their hearts and watching smiles come across their faces shows His spirit working in their lives. God changes hopeless situations.



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About halfway through June, some children came home from school with an assignment to plant trees. We planted seven trees around the HOME campus and each of the children got to stick their hands in the dirt and help plant a tree. Being in this country and having a new perspective makes me think of all of these kids being here at HOME right now and the roots that are beginning to grow in each of them while they are here. It is so exciting to see!



In the month of June, we celebrated both Father's Day (or Tio's day at the HOME campus) and teacher's day! I helped to create labels to show appreciation for the people who affect the lives of these children. We honor the positive influences of those who are there for us and who teach us.

The more I have driven across this country, the more I see its beauty. It is filled with a history that dates back to Mayan times, evidenced by the ruins that still stand throughout the cities.

Once again, I want to say an enormous thank you to everyone who donated funds, to everyone who lifted prayers, and to everyone who supported me! You all mean so much to me! THANK YOU.

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