

GUATEMALA ADVENTURES

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I am sharing an update on my second month here at HOME International in Guatemala! This month we had a fun day for the kids during their break from school. The children shared the fun day with another children's home, where everyone participated in educational game stations. We also had older children from a scholarship program come and help run all of the stations. The kids had so much fun, got prizes for their math skills, and enjoyed time with their neighboring friends. There were smiles and excitement all around!

I love getting to spend time with the kids. There was one Saturday afternoon in particular that nothing was scheduled but play time. We sat around talking, playing on the swings, and enjoying a beautiful day.

Recently, I was talking with Amber Corey, the Director of HOME International, about all of the new kids that have come in since I have been on the HOME campus. She showed me a picture of one of the girls on her first day here at HOME. She arrived in very rough shape. We compared it to a picture from a couple weeks later. Seeing the difference on her face is evidence of the changes and healing that is taking place on the inside. For all of the hard work that is done every day here at HOME, it is all worth it! These little lives are forever changed!



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Sis. Lynne Jewett, a missionary of 30+ years to Guatemala and one of the founders of HOME International, had surgery recently and was unable to drive. I have helped to drive her around for her weekly responsibilities, some concerning the

Bible School here in Guatemala city. Getting to see a little of the Bible School, learning about some of their programs, and hearing the stories of the lives affected has been an awesome opportunity.

We ended July with the monthly shopping day before I head back to the States for National American Youth Congress! Amber Corey and I went out to get groceries for the next month. This sounds simple but is a process that takes more than six shopping carts and a majority of the day. The nutrition of the children is not always the best when they arrive; however, HOME works diligently to improve this.



In preparation for National American Youth Congress, we made up sponsorship packets, AIM information packets, and gathered typical items for purchase from the market in Antigua. I was able to help by designing envelopes, which include the letter and information sheets about the children who are currently in need of more monthly sponsors. It is an exciting privilege to be part of this incredible conference next week!

Thank you for your continued support!

