

# Coates Family Newsletter

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Dear Praying Friends,

This last quarter of 2012 brought diverse sorrows as well as blessings here in Guatemala. Earthquakes and tremors are commonly experienced here, but on November 7, there was a very devastating quake which was felt across the country. Many homes were destroyed and some lives were lost. Our local church and several American families living here donated food, clothing, and other practical necessities so that we could reach out to those in need, and minister



the Gospel to them. Here you see one of the homes that literally came down flat on a family. If it had not been for their bulky wardrobe, several of them might have been seriously injured or killed. We are thankful



for God's help and provision during such a difficult time, and for His protection of our own home and family, as well as our church family.

On a lighter note, we had a wonderful VBS program in November, reaching out to families in La Esperanza with Bible teaching, as well as music, fun, and games. There were about 75 attendees each day, and 18 gave testimony of accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior, some of whom are pictured below (with some of their younger siblings). There are a few new families faithfully attending church services now as a result of this year's VBS ministry. It was a great time, and we are already looking forward to next year!



There were THREE members of our church who read through their Bibles in 2012, and we are encouraging more to read through it in 2013. The church has grown spiritually and numerically this year, and we have been blessed! God has kept us safe, and we rejoice in the work He is doing here in Guatemala. Our thanks go out to all those who sent special offerings over the holidays, and to you all for your faithful support all year long. May the Lord multiply His blessings on you! Let us labor together in 2013, until He returns. What if it were this year? Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!

Faithfully serving the King,

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