

April - June 2020

Daniel Coates Family

Missionaries to Guatemala



Salutations from the Coates, still in “lockdown”!

Guatemala is still fairly closed, due to the COVID-19 global crisis. The government continues to impose curfews and social distancing, and tightly controls travel among departments. Citizens and residents may enter the country, but they must quarantine themselves for two weeks upon entry. We had planned to host a group from Lighthouse Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, TX, which included our Pastor David Grice, our daughter Jessica, and several other youth, all of whom we were excited to see, but travel restrictions prevented their trip. They have rescheduled for December of this year. Please pray with us that the travel restrictions will be lifted by that time.

Our town of La Esperanza recently was closed by the authorities, when 15 new cases of COVID-19 were reported there, in one day. The mayor is allowing only residents to enter via roadways. Though we are not residents, we do rent the church’s building there, giving us a loophole to enter and be able to visit church members. We simply pass the officer a gospel tract with our church address stamped on it!



Unfortunately, our church is still not allowed to congregate. We have been conducting services at the regular times via Facebook Live, as well as WhatsApp video calls to our members and anyone else that contacts us. Those messages start out with a brief greeting in English, then singing and preaching in Spanish.

Mrs. Tammy has continued to engage in a personal ministry that she loves, serving as a doula, supporting women in child birth at home, or in private hospitals and clinics. Just last weekend she assisted a mother with the birth of her sweet, healthy little boy, pictured here. She continues to minister to the mother postpartum. By the way, Mrs. Tammy herself is pregnant with our baby #11, due the first week of October! Your prayers for a healthy mama and baby, and safe delivery, are appreciated.

Other prayer requests: 1) That Guatemala will lift travel and other restrictions soon. 2) Land for the church in La Esperanza. And THANKS to those who knew about and prayed for Bro. Daniel’s dad in Texas, who has now recovered from COVID-19. May the Lord bless you all for your faithful support and prayers.

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