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Daniel Coates Family

Missionaries to Guatemala



New Year and New Beginnings

We are very glad that 2020 is behind us, and we have gone into this new year with great expectations. In Guatemala the new school year begins, and for us that means a new opportunity to teach and study at the Seminary. **We are pleased to say that out of our church in La Esperanza six Bible students are enrolled** at SEBBIQ seminary and two other Bible schools. Our daughter, Jillian, is in her last year; Luis lacks two years; and Josue and Anthony are just beginning their first semester. The two young ladies in other schools include our eldest daughter, Jessica, who is in her last year at Norris Bible Baptist Seminary, and Raquel, whom we consider to be a bonus daughter, just starting her first semester in another Bible Institute in Quetzaltenango. All of these young adults are actively serving the Lord, and we are excited to see what He will do in their lives as they continue to follow Him. Thank you for your prayers for all of our Bible students.



Other ministries here in Guatemala are doing as well as can be expected with the COVID crisis affecting the world. The number of elderly folks attending our services has greatly diminished, and we have visited them in their homes, using appropriate measures to protect their health. Others who have been sick recently have not yet resumed church attendance, but thankfully they are able to watch our services on Facebook Live. The church plant on the coast has experienced some growth with new souls saved and baptized despite the COVID lockdown period and curfews imposed upon the country. We trust that the Lord is glorified in all things, even when it is slow going.

Our family dynamics continue to shift as our eldest son Joseph has gone stateside to work this year. We miss him and Jessica very much, but we are excited for them as they serve the Lord where they are. Baby Jadon Paul, who is now nearly five months old, brings much joy to the Coates home. In other family news, Daniel and Tammy recently celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary, marking twenty-five years of God's faithfulness, blessings, and provision. Praise Him!

No matter what the future has in store, we will continue to faithfully serve our Lord and fulfill His calling on our family. Thank you all for your support and prayers for us! God bless you.

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