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Climbing the Guatemalan Volcano



Recently, Kyle and I hiked an active volcano here in Guatemala with some friends. It reminded me of when, eight years ago as we were in the midst of support raising to join the OC team in Guatemala, we began a journey of what we called "Climbing the Guatemalan Volcano." In the following prayer letters, we shared with you about some of the things that God was teaching us as we raised support.

Now, as we prepare for another international move and transition, I am reflecting on those things. It is interesting how He reminds us and teaches us again, through different experiences.



Kyle and Nell on their way up Volcan Pacaya.

We need a growing dependence on the God who meets all our needs. Moving our family to Colorado is a large endeavor. There

are many decisions to be made, financial obligations to meet, and work to be done. There are nights when we lose sleep thinking about all that needs to happen in the next month. We need to sell

our home, decide what to take with us and what to leave here, pack up, ship out, etc. There are so many details, not to mention finishing up ministry responsibilities. Please pray for us as we depend on God to meet all of our needs.

God created the volcano, and we must fix our eyes on the Creator, not the volcano. As we look at this big transition ahead, it is easy to get overwhelmed with the unknown. Where will we live? Will we rent or buy? Where will our kids go to school?

What will life look like? And yet, we firmly believe that God is calling us to Colorado Springs for this next stage of ministry and life ... and He created the "volcano." Please pray that we would fix our eyes on Him.

God's power is revealed through our lives. According to our human perspective and timeline, all that needs to be done to pack up and sell a house in Guatemala is impossible to do in just a couple of months. And yet, as we pray and have faith that God can do amazing things, we witness His power and glory around us! Please pray that others would be witnesses of the powerful things that God is doing!

Do not underestimate the Almighty. Will you join us in praying for big things?

- Pray that God would provide the right buyer for our house in Guatemala. We would love to see it used for ministry!
- Pray that He would provide the funds needed to move our family to Colorado and to get settled.
- Pray that He would prepare us for this next stage of ministry.

After climbing the Guatemalan volcano, we can look back with thanksgiving for all the Lord has done over the years! Rejoice with us as we thank Him for seven and a half wonderful years in Guatemala!

MAY MOVING MONTH

Just one month from now we will be leaving Guatemala; it's hard to believe! We still have some financial needs for moving. If you would like to donate toward our moving expenses, vou can send a check to OC marked Stiff OE (onetime expenses). Also, we will need a car in Colorado. If you would like to donate toward our car fund, you can send a check to OC marked Stiff Vehicle. Thank you so much for supporting us in this new ministry adventure!