

Stiff Family Summer Update

La Familia Stiff Relocated

Praise God with us for our successful relocation to Colorado! It was a painful goodbye to our friends in Guatemala, which had become home, and yet God paved the way for us to transition into life in Colorado! Thanks to many of you, God provided the money for our international move! We sincerely appreciate your prayers and financial gifts!

Life With a Chevy Van

The newest member of our family was donated to us by some dear friends from Calvary Bible Church of Grass Valley, Calif. Our yet-to-be-named 1984 Chevy van made the voyage with us from California to Colorado last month and quickly bonded with its new family. Its sisters, Kayla and Elena, were very excited the first time they met the van, each jumping onto their own bench with great hopes for fun road trips. We are so thankful to have a vehicle that could transport some of our boxes and our dog from California to Colorado!



Goodbye dinner with the Mata family.

Lots of Training

In the end of June, we experienced a week of orientation to prepare us for a summer of missionary training programs at OC's International Mobilization Center. After a warm welcome on June 15 from the Personnel Division, we enjoyed learning the "behind the scenes" of what happens each summer in Colorado Springs. It is a huge learning curve for us as we observe and soak in all that goes into the training programs. This month we will be immersed in Internship and then will have the privilege of receiving from OC's Personnel Enrichment Program, offered to all missionaries every four years.

Location. Location. Location.

Isn't that what they say are the three most important rules when looking for a house? Well, we know the general area we'd like to settle in here in Colorado and are asking the Lord to lead us to the place which will become our home. Please pray with us that He will make it clear to us in His timing and that we will be patient in the process. In the meantime, thanks to great lifelong friends, we have a place to stay while we get a "feel for the land."

Little Girls

Kayla, now 8 years old, and Elena at age 6 are no longer so little. As we watch our girls grow up before our eyes, we are amazed and excited to see how God is forming them. They are delightful and bring so much joy and life into our home. Throughout this international move, they have had good days and they have had emotionally difficult days, which we believe is part of the process of grieving. Please pray for special friends for them, a good transition into their new school next month, and a growing sensitivity to the Lord.



Elena and her friend Maria Fernanda.



Mikayla and her Guatemalan friends.