

The Ellers say goodbye to Guatemala (with a visit from the Stiffs)



Kory and Laura Eller, along with their children, Katie, Ben, and Josh, greeted us the day we arrived in Guatemala. Laura came and visited us each week in language school, for three months, to walk us through the language acquisition and cultural learning program. She often brought her kids, who played with Mikayla in a play area of Pollo Campero (Guatemalan-owned fast food chicken chain).

Five months later we became neighbors, and we were neighbors until the day we left Guatemala. Our kids got so used to being in each other's homes that sometimes I'd look up from making dinner and see Josh sitting at my counter ready to chat and do crafts. Where were my kids when Josh was around? Often they were up at his house!

After 12 years of faithful service, the Eller family is leaving Guatemala. Their new calling: serving Spanish-speaking missionaries from southern Spain, many of which have been sent out to countries near Spain. Spain has become a strategic location for pastoral care, encouragement, and training of those missionaries.

Our family had the privilege of traveling down to Guatemala to help the Ellers pack up their home and sell a lot of their possessions in April. We were able to put some of our packing skills to work and our bartering skills to the test as we walked through this process with our good friends. It was a very special time of saying goodbye, our very last week with the Ellers in Guatemala.



As we begin a full summer of training new OC missionaries, we ask for your prayers. Missionaries, like the Ellers, are often in a state of transition and change, as we were just one year ago. Pray for the Ellers as they say goodbye to Guatemala this month, pray for our new missionaries as they begin a journey of trusting God's leading in new ways, and pray for us as this month we have been living in Colorado for one year.

Electronic prayer letter: To receive our monthly prayer letter as an e-mail attachment, simply go to www.onechallenge.org, click on Prayer Letters, choose last names from O thru Z, fill out your information at the top of the screen, click on the Stiff, Kyle and Nell box, and click on subscribe at the bottom of the page. Our prayer letter will then be sent to your e-mail account each month.

Kyle & Nell Stiff

P.S. We are still in need of some donations toward this summer. We plan to help out in OC's two training programs (one is four weeks long and the other is two weeks long). In order to do so, we need to raise \$5,000 for our family (since the programs are on-site, resident programs). If you are interested in giving toward this ministry we've enclosed a response card. Thank you!

From the President...

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Stewardship is an issue that Christ addressed frequently in His teaching. Perhaps the Lord's best-known teaching on stewardship is the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30). The lesson from this parable is that good stewardship, regardless of the amount entrusted to us, is an important part of the life and service of a believer.



Greg Gripenrog
OC President

For all of us here at OC, practicing good stewardship is a very high priority. We are very aware that many of our donors are giving sacrificially to see the gospel move forward. We are therefore deeply committed to use the funds entrusted to us as wisely as possible. Some of the new tools that God has given us to help with the carrying out of our stewardship are various electronic processes. Using these electronic processes in place of paper, mail, and manual processing is already enabling us to save thousands of dollars each year.

This month I would like to highlight two possible ways in which you can join us in carrying out good stewardship through electronic means. The first way is through **electronic giving**. Using *OC Express*, you can set up regular gifts to be transferred directly from your bank account to OC for your missionary. Doing this has several advantages for both you and OC. In addition to the cost savings, it makes giving simpler and more regular. For example, during summer travel, your missionary will continue to receive your gift in a timely manner.

Whether *OC Express* or online credit card giving, our systems are secure and guarantee the highest level of confidentiality. If you are interested in using either of these tools, you can sign up electronically at www.onechallenge.org and click on "Donate" in the list on the left, or call us at (719) 592-9292.

A second opportunity is the use of **electronic prayer letters**. As you may have seen in our recent prayer letter inserts, we are now providing missionary prayer letters by e-mail. To sign up for this service, please go to www.onechallenge.org, click on "Sign up to receive prayer letters" at the top right, register your e-mail address, and select the missionary letters you would like to receive by e-mail.

For those of you who do not have access to e-mail or who prefer paper communication, we want to keep things just the way they are for you. We feel that regular communication is an important part of good stewardship both for us and also for you.

We deeply appreciate your partnership and trust in us as we partner together to reach the world for Christ.