



Passing the Baton

Four years ago, when Kyle was asked to assume field leadership of our team here in Guatemala, we were facing a new kind of ministry. Being team leader is a challenging job, one that requires listening to God and others. Kyle stepped into team leadership with very little experience, and his learning curve was much higher than his own abilities. It has been four years of new experiences, never a dull moment.

At the end of August 2006, our team began praying for who God would choose to succeed Kyle in leadership of this team. We prayed every day, even fasted once a week, seeking the Lord in the process. The name of one of our teammates kept coming to many of our minds; would Jaime be the next leader of the Guatemalan team?



Kyle and Jaime



Nell, Kyle, Jaime, and Dora

When asked to consider the position, Jaime and his wife, Dora, were very reluctant. Jaime shared that he didn't feel qualified. Jaime is a very humble man who serves others beyond compare. He loves his ministry of serving short-term teams and it is hard for him to think of doing something that could take him away from his passion. They committed to pray and seek the Lord in their decision. They sought out their local church leaders to pray with them, and God spoke to them. After an evening of prayer with their pastors, Jaime and Dora sensed that God was asking them to be obedient with this next step of ministry that He has for them.

So, it is official! Jamie Lopez, a Guatemalan missionary who has served with our team for over 20 years, will be the next field director! Kyle will spend the next few months training Jaime and preparing the team for its next season. We are thrilled at how God has provided for our team and has answered our prayers!

Please pray:

- For Jaime and Dora Lopez as they enter into a new phase of ministry. Pray that the Lord would supply for their financial needs. That God would give Jaime what he needs as a leader. That they would find a good balance for their family with new ministry responsibilities.
- For Kyle as he spends time with Jaime. Pray that the two men would find sufficient time together during a very busy ministry season.
- For the team as we experience so many changes. That our eyes would be on Christ and expectant of what He has for us.

We will be moving to Colorado Springs in two months! Kyle will start being trained by the Senior Director of Personnel on June 15. We are planning to ship our belongings in an ocean container and will need to purchase a car in Colorado. If you would like to make a donation toward our moving costs or car, please send a check to OC International indicating your gift toward Outgoing Expenses (OE) or Vehicle Fund.

Kyle & Nell