

NEWS FROM GUATEMALA

Serving Those Who Serve

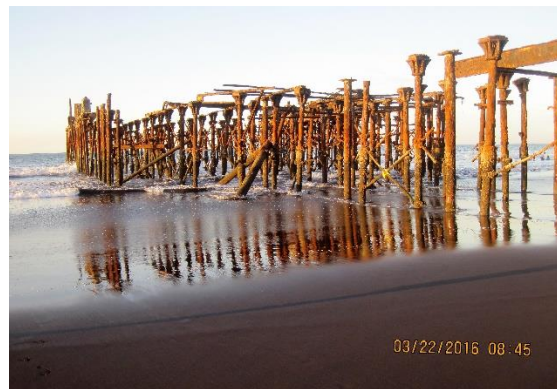
Dear Family and Friends

Thank you for your prayers and support. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you and the Lord.

Guatemala is a beautiful land of variety. Guatemala City is 5500+ feet elevation in the mountains, as is 2/3 of the country where the temperature is cool and comfortable, to the black sands of San Juan on the Pacific Coast, which is hot and humid. The cities and country side is like a very busy valley surrounded by mountains and volcanoes.



Mountains/volcanoes around the city



The black sands on the Pacific Ocean



Transportation because of shooting of Van/bus drivers. Lots of traffic in the city.



Partial view of topical map of Guatemala

Hank and Marcia Miller, my sponsors here, invite me to join them in the ministry with the intercity school-Comunidad de Fe, Presbyterian Cumberland. I assist wherever the school needs me, counseling, training session for the teachers, help check papers, substitute once for English classes, and anything else they may need me to do. I have enjoyed getting to know some of these children better and knowing some of the many hardships some of these kids endure. In this school, the missionaries, the teachers and director encourage these kids to learn and stay in school. It's not an easy task. Sometimes they just want hugs or someone to listen to them. There are 14 year olds still in 3rd grade. They are not dumb, but may not get encouragement at home or some of the parents just may not care what they do. Lying is a big issue with many of the kids. This a small, overcrowded Christian school, and they do the best they can to not only teach academics, but also morals and values. The best thing is that a few kids came to the Lord after counseling them. PTL!



Norene substitute English teacher



A couple of students in front of school



Students on the patio for Bible devotional



Some of the teachers for the training I did

I will be sending letters out in sections, otherwise this letter would be really long. Many of the things mentioned previously was also of face book at some point.

I am so thankful for those who give what they can. It all adds up. It's been very helpful. I could not survive here without you. It is really difficult for me to ask for help, but it's time to replenish the donation supplies. The rent is approximately \$300 a month (this is also for the rest of the year), not including electric, food, gas/transportation and incidentals. I pay for my own health insurance. If you are reading this, could you please prayerfully consider how much the Lord would put on your heart to contribute on a monthly basis or one-time gift? It would be appreciated.

Just a reminder, If I "go into the world" and preach the gospel, counsel, teach, evangelize, that means you are going too, every time you give monthly support or one time gifts, or prayer, it's as if you are here too. I cannot do this without you. You have no idea what it means to me and the ministry when I hear a donation gift has come in, or someone writes and says, "I have been praying for you regularly."

Thank you so much again for your faithfulness in finances and prayers. Donations/checks can be made to Common Ground Ministries for tax exemptions. PO Box 871935; Canton, MI 48187. (please put a note "for Norene Fritz" Missions.

Your Hands Extended to Missions.

Norene Fritz

Missionary