



Once again I am writing to you all concerning a situation none of us expected would come. We find ourselves nineteen

months into a pandemic and still struggling. We are just shy of two years from our last trip on the field in Guatemala! The hope of the future is still a day to day struggle when it comes to planning for trips in the days ahead. Thus, I am writing to you all straight from my heart concerning the future of our ministry and what we need from you all.

We remain in contact with all of our brothers and sisters in various locations and contexts around the world. We talk about what the situation is like there and the hope of returning soon. At the same time, we face the struggle of no trips and no real solid plans to travel with any size team in the near future. In reality, most of the locations we have been serving for almost 20 years are in rural regions of the world among indigenous people groups who have never experienced good medicine and living conditions. The pandemic has complicated things in some very tough ways that make it hard for even our faith family on the ground to minister effectively. Every discussion is in the realm of hope and trying to be prepared for the door to open at some point.

As a result of this separation from the field, the contemporary American church is seeing its sensitivity to the necessity for cross-cultural ministry weaken. Over the course of a year and half of our own struggles with a pandemic, I have watched the conversation on social media change. I fear we are losing our passion for the nations and turning much of our energy toward defending our position on issues. I have been a strong advocate for working in our own backyard, but I have never encouraged that exclusively. We are called to carry the Gospel into our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. These are not exclusives but are inclusive of each location. God has blessed us to be able to reach the world from our doorstep to the gates of hell itself with the truth of His Word!

So, with a heart of transparency and passion for those who do not know Him, I

ask you to help reach the world. We, as a family and a ministry, are struggling to remain focused on the mission at hand due to our divided focus. If you know me at all, you know I have never been able to keep heavy issues to myself very well. When the struggle on the field is real, I include the team in the situation and allow the Body of Christ to act on the issue together. I am bringing this issue to you all as family to ask for your help. We desire to remain focused on reaching the nations with the Gospel of Jesus.

As the months of this pandemic continue to hinder our normal activity, the needs on the ground in the field remain pressing and in need of attention. However, with no trips for almost two years and the continual dropping off of support, it consumes more and more of our regular support to keep ministry connections consistent and supported. I am asking for you to pray about some type of financial support for One Way Ministries that has no project tag to it. I am asking for you to ask the Lord if He would have you to help us keep pressing in to this journey. There are plans for additional ministry opportunities in the planning stages, and this takes time. I am asking for some of you to help us by helping increase the support level to allow us to focus on the hope of future ministry a bit more.

I am so thankful for twenty years of ministry that the Lord has allowed us to journey through with many of you! He has remained faithful. Many of you have played significant roles in keeping us focused on the work at hand. I am also grateful for the relationships we have developed over the years. Your commitment to the Lord and His Gospel has motivated me so many times. I have been blessed beyond measure to do His work for over 35 years now. I desire to press on a few more years as He is not done with me or you yet! Will you join us in Reaching the World and Teaching the Word however the Lord leads?



There has been much going on in the world lately. I have mourned the stories of division, devastation, sickness, violence, and pain. I have to wonder what Jesus thinks of this mess we have created. God allows us to represent Him in this world, and we are to be good examples for Him. When we are not, we give the world reason to speak irreverently of Him. By our own sinful deeds or by our silence of such, we are allowing this. When we call ourselves Christians and live a separate life, the world takes a cue from us, and blasphemy takes place.

He also allows us to feel the emotional and physical pain of our sins and the sins of the world. He does this because He has purpose in our pain. We are to press on every single day knowing the great love He has for us and in turn, bring glory back to Him. In order to bring him glory, we must take the blessings we are given and share them with others who we encounter on a daily basis. Many people are in need right now, and so many people are struggling and searching.

When we stand before God on our final day, we will be judged. When we are found guilty, our own sins will be punished. But, by true repentance and faith in Christ, forgiveness can be given. We will have a consequence for our sins, but we will have eternal life. Jesus gives us that hope when he said, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32).

I write all of this to encourage you. Take a stand; stand up for Jesus. The world needs Him now more than ever before. We are faced with many who are mocking Him, making His holy name a thing of little regard. We, as His followers, must speak louder, live more boldly, follow His commandments, and search deep within to evaluate if we are living a life in His image. We must share our fruits; we must share the Gospel; we must be the person we say we are!

Life is short, and He is coming again! Thank God we have this hope of life eternal! We have this precious promise, and we need to go out and share it daily.

Stay safe friends! - Karen



### Guatemala Medical Clinic Needs

Adult vitamins	Eye Drops
Children's vitamins	Wound Cleaner
Aspirin	Adult Cough Medicine
Chewable Aspirin	Clorox wipes/Lysol Wipes
Self-adhering elastic bandages (2")	Children's Cough Medicine
Adult Acetaminophen (Tylenol)	Misc. eyeglasses
Ankle Supports	Cough Drops
Children's Acetaminophen (Tylenol)	Masks
Knee Supports	Antacid Tablets
Adult Ibuprofen	Hand sanitizer (Liquid and wipes)
Ziplock Snack Bags	Acid Reducer
Children's Ibuprofen	Boxes of gloves
Band-aids (all sizes)	Pepto-Bismol
Antibiotic Ointment	Cold Medicine
Adhesive Bandages, asstd. sizes	Adult Allergy Medicine
Pregnancy Tests	Children's Cold Medicine
Gauze	Children's Allergy Medicine
Anti-itch Creams	Petroleum Jelly
Athletic Tape	Nasal Relief Spray
Anti-fungal Creams	Hydrogen Peroxide
Paper Tape	Vitamin C Drops
Hemorrhoid Cream	Isopropyl Alcohol
Sutures	Lice Treatment
Diaper Rash Cream	Cotton Balls
IV Administration sets	Q-tip/Cotton swabs
	Specimen Collector Swabs

