



MINISTRIES

The quiet moment between a recent team member in Guatemala and a little girl captured my eye and my heart. As the crowd of 70 families gathered to receive food and the Gospel message, a simple conversation took place on the fringe of the group. Very simple words exchanged between a teenage girl and one of the ladies on the team. Without any fanfare or even much



thought at all, the fairly new shoes slipped off our team member's feet and were handed over to replace the young girl's worn pair of shoes. An extra pair of shoes came quietly out of her backpack afterwards. And in a brief moment of communication, the constant kindness of God was demonstrated in full power. I am sure the little girl will forever remember that exchange: that moment her struggle was overtaken by grace. For a brief moment, God came near and provided for her need.



The powerful act of sacrifice will also linger in the mind and heart of that team member. The opportunity to be the

hands and feet of Jesus provides deep healing and growth in our lives each time we act. Short term missional experiences are powerful tools the Father uses to stretch and challenge His children to be more faithful. No, every trip you take to serve does not end in giving away all your stuff! But occasionally, the Spirit leads us to give in a more personal and sacrificial way. We have seen team members give away personal clothing, shoes, backpacks, toiletries, Bibles, and so much more as the Spirit has prompted them. A few times, we have had to remind people that shoes are required on airplanes or that they need to keep one set of clothes for the trip home.



These moments are significant milestones in our journey worthy of remembering.



In the journeys of the Hebrew nation, many altars were built along the path to remind them of the milestones in their journey. We need to "raise our Ebenezer" also and remember the event that caused faith to grow in our hearts. That is the very motivation that drives us toward stepping out of our home context to go to the nations to share the truth of the Gospel! How long has it been since a marker has been raised on your faith journey? Maybe it's time to go to another context and allow the Lord to stretch you and grow your faith! Join us as we Reach the world and Teach the Word!



Many changes have taken place in the Turner household over the past year, and we thought it was time to update you all! First, our oldest daughter, Kaitlyn, got married in June to Jimmy Ellgen. They have been dating for a while, and we encouraged them to go ahead and tie the knot. They had a small legal ceremony in Huntsville with just family, but we are hosting the ceremony in January of 2024. We adore Jimmy, and we are excited for this new life they have together! On a side note, Zeke keeps telling them that he wants to be a grandpa which we have tried to correct many times, but now, we are just going with it. Whenever they do have children, he will be Uncle Grandpa.



Madison graduated with her Master’s of Public Health from George Washington University, and she has a full-time job in DC with the Elizabeth Glasier Pediatric Aids Foundation. Their goal is to eradicate pediatric aids around the world, and we know that Madison will work diligently there! I am going up for another visit this month, and I always enjoy the much needed time with Madison in Washington, DC.

Jett has been working full-time at our local Chick-fil-A, taking a summer class (please don’t ask him how much he enjoys calculus), and cutting grass. He will continue to take a few classes this fall and work as well. Then, he will head back to Mississippi College in January of 2024! He is majoring in communications and seems to really enjoy everything it involves.



For the first time in over twenty-years, we have a child not being homeschooled: Zeke. He will be attending a private Christian school in Birmingham called Briarwood. He will be a junior and will play on the football team. He is looking forward to growing stronger as a student and as an athlete.

Elly has been babysitting and enjoying her internship with a local renovation company. She is learning interior design and has even designed her new bedroom (which JT will be working on soon). Of course, it has plenty of bookshelves and a reading nook. She already has the next two years of school mapped out and is enjoying the flexibility that her schedule brings.

JT and I celebrated 33 years of marriage in May, and if I recall, we had a lovely dinner and a trip to Target. We will both be working this fall - JT will lead several mission trips and continue to work on construction/renovation projects, and I will be teaching and tutoring as much as possible.

We are grateful for your consistent prayers and thoughtfulness. We love you all. - Sheryl

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