

## 2010 Guatemala Mission Team PRAYER GUIDE

This spring, a team from Marine View Presbyterian Church (Tacoma, WA) is being commissioned to go to Guatemala on a short-term mission trip in partnership with the Hands for Peacemaking Foundation. For the sixth year in a row, the team will be working in villages in the mountainous region around the city of Barillas. For centuries, those living in this remote area have cooked their meals using an indoor fire pit located on the house floor called a “three stone fire.” These open-flame wood-burning fires have caused burns from the flames, significant respiratory illnesses from the smoke, and deforestation from the inefficient burning of the firewood.



In an effort not only to improve the health conditions and quality of life of the villagers, but also to show tangibly the love of Christ, the mission team will be working alongside Guatemalan families to install approximately 85 specially designed Aller stoves in the remote village of Canton las Maravillas (Corner of Wonders).



As the team goes to Guatemala, your support through your prayers will be vital. The pages that follow will give you a guide as you pray, but ultimately we ask that you pray as the Spirit of God leads you. In addition, the following text from Colossians 1:9-12 (NIV) may be a helpful:

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.*

## **FRIDAY, April 9**

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you...*

### Itinerary & Events...

- Fly from Seattle to Guatemala City via Houston
- Arrive at Pan American Hotel

### Things to pray for...

- Peace in knowing that God is already in Guatemala waiting for them
- Good teamwork, communication, and patience among team members amid the normal stresses and fatigue of travel and negotiating customs

## **SATURDAY, April 10**

*... we have not stopped praying for you.....asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will...*

### Itinerary & Events...

- Breakfast at Pan American
- Fly, weather permitting, from Guatemala City to Barillas
- If poor weather or planes not available; travel via mini-bus to Barillas
- 1-3 Team Members will travel with luggage via Hands for Peacemaking vehicle to Barillas
- Mission Orientation in Barillas
- Dinner and devotions at the Mission House

### Things to pray for...

- The safest and least taxing travel methods (Flight: under 1 hour. Drive: 12-14 hours!)
- Safety and good health for team members during long day of travel
- Filling with the *knowledge* of God's will, specifically what God is asking team members to do (and what God is not asking them to do) as their expectations are met with realities

## **SUNDAY, April 11**

*...through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.*

### Itinerary & Events:

- Breakfast at the Mission House
- Attend local church service with Marco and Mimi
- Lunch at the Mission House
- Travel to Canton las Maravillas to meet villagers, contract signing, and stove demo

Things to pray for...

- *Spiritual wisdom* to see things from God's perspective, and *understanding* to know how to make them work out during their time in Guatemala
- Opportunities to pray and worship together and individually
- Safety and good health during the trip to the mountains and the city of Barillas
- Unity and team building for mission group as well as good relations with hosts
- Introductions and relationship building with villagers in Canton las Maravillas
- Emotional and spiritual peace with evening devotions
- Restful sleep while in the village

### **MONDAY, April 12**

*And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way:*

Itinerary & Events...

- Teams begin the process of installing stoves alongside village volunteers
- Team members share gift of Bibles with each family
- Team will visit school classes and hand out Kid's Packs (gift bags)
- Review Meeting to go over the days activities

Things to pray for...

- Team members *live a life worthy of the Lord* before the Guatemalan villagers so that their actions proclaim the love and truth of the Gospel across the cultural barriers
- Physical safety and strength as the work of installing the stoves begins
- Effective communication and strong bonds with the villagers with whom the team works

### **TUESDAY, April 13**

*...bearing fruit in every good work,...*

Itinerary & Events...

- Work groups of villagers and Marine View team members install stoves
- Review Meeting to go over the days activities

Things to pray for...

- Team members would be *bearing fruit in every good work*, not only by improving the health conditions and quality of life of the villagers, but also by planting the seeds of the Gospel that may reap a harvest of eternal life

- Team members focus on building relationships with the villagers and the children in addition to their “work” installing stoves. Let Christ’s light shine through team regardless of language barriers.
- Productivity and efficiency as the team puts in their second full day of installing the stoves
- Spiritual covering and protection from the evil one’s attacks and his efforts to thwart the good works of the team

### **WEDNESDAY, April 14**

*...growing in the knowledge of God,...*

#### Itinerary & Events...

- Work groups of villagers and Marine View team members install stoves
- Free time after dinner to fellowship with the villagers as they prepare for movie night
- Movie presentation for the village (Local pastor shares the Gospel in local dialect before and after the movie)
- Hand out adult New Testaments after the movie

#### Things to pray for...

- Team members would be *growing in the knowledge of God* as they see the Lord at work in and through both the team and the villagers
- Protected times for team members to spend in prayer and reflection
- Villagers to grow in their knowledge of God and the work of salvation done for them through Jesus Christ
- Pray that the children’s and adult Bibles may be a source of inspiration to the people of Canton las Maravillas

### **THURSDAY, April 15**

*...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might...*

#### Itinerary & Events...

- Travel to the village of San Jose Jolomtj after breakfast at Canton las Maravillas
- Work groups of villagers and Marine View team members install stoves
- Return to Mission House in Barillas

#### Things to pray for...

- Team members would be *strengthened with all power* by the Holy Spirit so that, even as their own strength may be fading, they continue to be filled with the living and active power of the Spirit who dwells within them
- Sense of rejoicing and closure as team members conclude their time in the village and say their “good-byes”
- That the team would have renewed energy and purpose as they spend the day in San Jose Jolomtaj, installing stoves and meeting members of this village.
- Villagers in Canton las Maravillas and San Jose Jolomtaj are able to take what they have learned about the stoves and not only apply it but share it with others

### **FRIDAY, April 16**

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| <i>...so that you may have great endurance...</i> |
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#### Itinerary & Events...

- Breakfast at the Mission House
- Weather permitting, flights to Guatemala City, then
- Travel to Antigua for overnight stay

#### Things to pray for...

- Team members would have *great endurance* as they conclude their time in Barillas and travel to their next destination
- Physical health and well being for each team member
- God’s blessing on the team’s hosts in Barillas, Marco and Mimi de Maldonado, and Field Operations staff of the Hands for Peacemaking Foundation

### **SATURDAY, April 17**

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| <i>...and patience...</i> |
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#### Itinerary & Events...

- Relaxation and transition in Antigua
- Travel back to Guatemala City for final night at the Pan American Hotel

#### Things to pray for...

- Team members would still have *patience* after a week away from home, including patience with one another and unity as a team
- Rest and relaxation as the team enjoys a day of seeing sights in Guatemala

- Preparation of team members' hearts and minds for sharing their experience with others

### **SUNDAY, April 18**

*...and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.*

#### Itinerary & Events:

- Debriefing, Processing and Praise meeting at the Pan American in Guatemala City
- Return flight to Seattle

#### Things to pray for...

- Team members would be *joyfully giving thanks* as they leave, recognizing the enormous blessing it is to be used by God in His work in the world
- Openness to truths and insights God may be sharing with team members as they debrief their time in Barillas and villages visited
- Safety and good health for team members during long day of travel back home
- Peace as team members transition back to life at home.