

As I opened an email from a team member from the Tower Mission Team she reminded us of Jesus' parable of the mustard seed. That though what we may each feel at time, what we do may seem unimportant, small or ineffective, God promises to nourish and grow all things done for His glory. She reminded us that we are "Mighty Mustard Seeds". It was a refreshing note at a time when the work was seeming too much, the mountains seeming a bit too high and the distance away from family, friends and help was feeling so great. We covet your prayers and your words of encouragement, they are certainly like hearing the voice of God speaking through you.

It has been a busy and blessed month spent preparing for the Christmas festival, making connections and friends in our neighboring community, constructing a home, preparing year end reports for Recycled Lives and continuing to adjust to the daily life here in Guatemala.

I am excited to share that the home we constructed this month was a home sponsored by ReMax Results Team Lundeen, Cambridge office and its' supporters & partners. The family worked hours before our arrival and after our departure each day in order that we could complete it on time without a team. We thank you for blessing this family in such a huge, life changing way! We all cried & shared praises to God when the family entered their new home together for the first time. We prayed together over the family & their new home. The family shares a million thanks & they also say "Merry Christmas and thank you for the very best gift for Christmas besides Our Savior Jesus!"

On December 15th we performed the monthly food distribution for our 130 sponsored families in San Gabriel Guatemala. We also were blessed to share the addition of a Christmas Party for the 500 beloveds that receive help from the monthly food distribution. The party included: a toy for every child, a homemade meal, cookies, an IKEA bag, 20 extra food packages for families in wait, underwear for the kids, and most importantly, a message from telling of the greatest gift known to heaven & earth, Our Savior Jesus Christ. The party was made possible through the special donations made from sponsors, toys collected by a local school and donations from the Tower mission team! The food was made by a lovely group of ladies that live near the mission home. They cooked their hearts out for over 12 hours preparing 500 chuchitos by hand & bean with chicharone. They earned a little Christmas cash but mostly they did it as a gift of giving back with their time and skills to serve those less fortunate. We are so blessed that God continues to place such wonderful people in our path & to witness the generosity of people, though struggling themselves, so willing to give all they can in using their skills, time & love to help strangers in need. A big thank you to each person that helped in some way. God is forever faithful and good!

Recycled Lives exists to help the poor in spirit & in resources. As we enter into the year's end, our ministry and operational funds are depleted(to be honest, in the red) as we utilize all donations as we receive them to tend to the constant needs at hand. Please consider a special year end tax-deductible donation to help us enter into the New Year ready to face the work God has planned. We believe in the work we are doing and have faith that the resourced needed will come as we ask in prayer in and petition for God's will to be done. You can contribute online by clicking any of our DONATE NOW buttons or by mailing a check to Recycled Lives PO Box 408, Cambridge, Mn 55008. Any gift, one the size of a mustard seed, or the size of the love God has for us will be used for God's glory.

We share with you Merry Christmas blessings as we enter into this beautiful time of year in which we reflect upon the precious gift of Jesus Christ. With Love, The Johnson's

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.