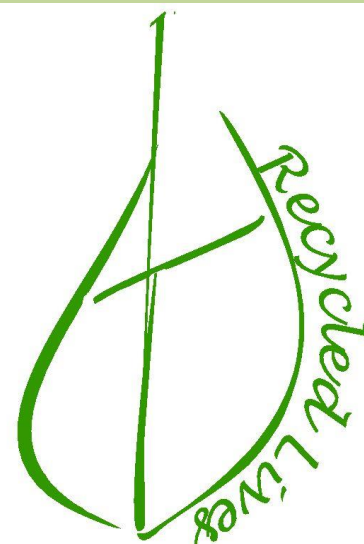


# Recycled Lives News



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## At a Glance: Events, Activities and Ways to Help

- **Mission Teams & Family Vacations with a purpose-** Contact us now for plans and pricing if you are interested in being a part of or organizing your own life changing mission team. We can also help you plan a mission vacation to Guatemala. **Reserve your travel dates for 2017 now!**
- **Support our Missionary Couple Brad & Shawn Johnson**  
See page 3 to learn ways you can help in their transition into full time ministry in Guatemala. A website has been set up to communicate updates & needs. [www.guatemalahome.wordpress.com](http://www.guatemalahome.wordpress.com)
- **Save the Date** for the **Family Fun Day FUNdraiser!**  
You won't want to miss this sure-to-be-amazing event Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> 2016, 12-3pm further details on page 4. Please consider helping us get the word out by personally inviting friends, sharing event fliers with your friends, sharing the event photo on your FB page or via your email contacts! Let us know if we can provide you with printed or digital materials!

**Dennis Troff**  
**We welcome you!**



Please join us in thanking God for the blessing of a new Board Member that brings extensive nonprofit, work and life experiences. Dennis is an answer to our prayers for an additional board member that has the skills and the desire to serve in the areas of financial leadership, community service and organizational development. His spiritual gifts include: Administration, Leadership, Giving and Listening. Dennis is excited to share these skills in order to further promote the mission of Recycled Lives in serving the poor.

Dennis is a respected member of First Baptist Church, Cambridge, MN and is actively involved in many areas of service within the church body and community. He is retired from a career in banking administration, is an avid gardener, enjoys playing tennis and being active outdoors.

We share with you a few of Dennis' life verses:

**"Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Luke 3:11**

**"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8**

*As the Body of Christ, your contribution helps carry out life changing programs*

## *Monthly Supplemental Food Program*

San Gabriel Guatemala

Recycled Lives provides monthly assistance for 130 families through a supplemental supply of rice, beans and tortilla flour.

*How your donation makes a difference:*

- \$6 sponsors a family for a month
- \$50 sponsors a family for 8 months
- \$75 sponsors a family for 1 year
- \$800 sponsors the entire monthly food distribution for 130 families-

*a great gift idea in honor of a loved one or a special occasion! Message us for details.*



## *Cooking Stove Program*

Many families cook inside the walls of the home, burning plastic and other toxic materials. Recycled Lives brings safer & more nutritious cooking to families in Guatemala through providing efficient wood burning cooking stoves and constructing properly ventilated outdoor cooking areas.

\$180 purchases and installs a wood-burning cooking stove

\$150 builds a shelter over the stove for cooking more safely outdoors



## *Hot Meals, BBQ's & FUNDAYS!*

We love bringing fun, Christ-centered activities along with a hot meal to love on the community of San Gabriel Guatemala.

\$250 sponsors a meal and activity for up to 100 of our beloveds.

*Their favorite is a hot dog BBQ with a movie or game of baseball.*



It is truly hard to grasp that in just two months from now, we will be stepping onto a plane and flying into a big bunch of unknown. Though the location, the people, the faces, the work and the surroundings are engraved in our hearts and are well-known, the countless number of things that are yet to be revealed by God fills me with joyful anticipation and, I will admit, at times...fear. The scary feeling is softened and comforted by the peace & calming offered through the Holy Spirit as we seek and ask for God's help in this life changing path we are called to be on as a couple.

There are many unknowns in our future, especially right now. Each time we are asked the question: "Are you really moving to Guatemala?" I pause for a moment to allow the Holy Spirit to perhaps give a different answer. The same response comes out: "We will be finalizing the purchase of the home in Guatemala on September 29<sup>th</sup>, staying for three months, coming home to our family in Minnesota December 20<sup>th</sup>, hopefully at that time knowing if we are supposed to be selling our home here, then going back to Guatemala in February for an unknown length of time." We do know that God is calling us to host people, couples, families and/or teams at this home in order to minister to the poor in Guatemala. Beginning in November 2016, we will begin doing so. If you are interested in personalized, meaningful, life-changing travel & planning services, please contact us to discuss dates and pricing. We are truly excited to be hosting those that are called to serve in Guatemala.

Not only does it feel so vulnerable and uncertain in the planning arena, it also feels weirdly vulnerable and completely new to have to tell people about our financial needs and the cost for things, but I hear that also comes with the territory. So here goes: We have two months to raise the \$3,000 per month in pledged missionary support we are estimating will be needed. Right now we are over half way there. The other financial need will be to, in one year, raise \$54,000 to complete the full purchase of the mission house. This October, as we purchase the home, we will exhaust our life's savings to do so. The homeowner agreed to no interest financing with us paying for half of the total purchase price of the house in October 2016 and the other half before October 2017.

We have been so very blessed by numerous family and friends that have met us with prayers, words of love, encouragement, trust and understanding as well as blessing us with portions of the missionary support that will be needed both financially and materially. Whenever we are feeling discouraged or find ourselves questioning this calling, someone blesses us in a way we need at that very moment. When we are worrying about finances, another monthly sponsor pops up, when we are worrying about our children and grandchildren, words of encouragement come. We have to believe that as the Body of Christ moves in to hug & comfort us, it is God's way of guiding us and loving on us as we navigate into the unknown spaces of faith, dependence and trust in Him.

Please be fervently praying for our children and grandchildren as they work through adjusting to life without us here and for us as we adjust to life in a foreign country where we are used to being short term guests and not long-term residents. Please pray that God impress upon your heart, in His perfect timing, the way in which you may be called to help us in the coming months and years.

Trusting in His provision & peace,

Brad & Shawn Johnson  
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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation  
has come. The old has gone, the new is here! 2  
Corinthians 5:17 [NIV]

***Our Purpose:*** Recycled Lives is a non-profit Christian organization dedicated to bettering the lives of people living in poverty through facilitating access to resources that are physical, spiritual and/or financial in nature. We are advocates for ceasing poverty for all of God's people throughout the world.

***Our Faith & Mission:*** Recycled Lives is rooted and built upon the belief that faith in Christ renews and transforms broken or lost lives into something beautiful and purposeful (He Recycles our Lives).

Recycled Lives is focused on sharing the gospel through serving as the hands and feet of Christ in our communities and throughout the world. We will go forth into the world to bring positive change to lives through demonstrating the love of Christ so that we may bring praise and glory to God.



## FAMILY FUN DAY!

### FUNDRAISER FOR RECYCLED LIVES

OPEN TO PUBLIC. ALL AGES WELCOME!

SATURDAY AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

12 TO 3 PM

2535 E RUM RIVER DR S ★ CAMBRIDGE MN

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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FOLLOW RECYCLED LIVES ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

### FEATURING:

- DUNK TANK
- BOUNCE HOUSE
- GAMES
- FAMILY FUN
- FACE PAINTING
- BALLOONS

### FOOD:

- MINI DONUTS
- SNOW CONES

● LUNCH! CREATE YOUR OWN SPECIALTY HOTDOG! DELICIOUS SIDES!

\*TICKETS FOR FOOD AND ACTIVITIES SOLD AT THE EVENT