

Recycled Lives News



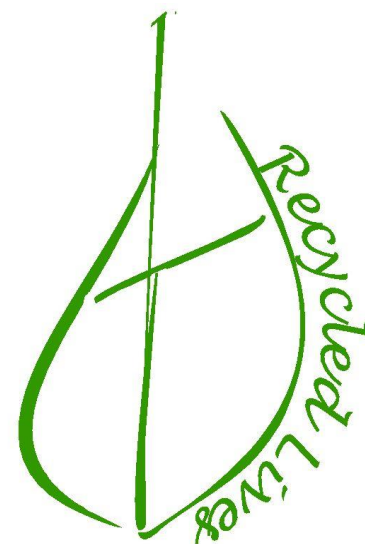
I have a confession to make. My biggest fear is birds, especially geese. I won't go into detail, but I have been known to scream (and cry) when a bird swoops at me. When I was in Guatemala, I jumped on my husband's back when a chicken came into the house while we were delivering bunk beds. The Celtic Christians have a name for the Holy Spirit – they call it “the Wild Goose” because following Jesus is like being on a wild goose chase. While there is a great purpose for following Jesus, being a Christian often means jumping into a dangerous adventure, faithfully following an untamed Spirit. A wild goose chase can seem crazy and reckless, but I believe God calls us to crazy love and recklessly abandon our desires. Being a follower of Jesus is the best adventure, the best wild goose chase, you will ever experience. If you haven't yet, I want to encourage you to ask God what wild goose chase He wants you to be on.

Serving together,
Lexi Johnson

Missionary Update from the Johnson's

The months of September and October were a whirlwind. Brad & I were back in Minnesota, and spent the majority of our time speaking to groups & individuals about Recycled Lives. I had the privilege to speak at the East Central Senior Network group, Cambridge-Isanti Rotary club & Chamber of Commerce. I also enjoyed speaking at a few home coffee gatherings, a few Sunday school classes at First Baptist Church and was invited to give a sermon at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower MN where my dear friend Liz Cheney is the Pastor. I even got to be the guest speaker at a fundraising event her team hosted, the Mad Hatter's Tea and Luncheon and experienced sandwich loaf & pasty's for the first time in my life! It is such an honor to tell others about how the Lord is using Brad and I in Guatemala, and how lives are being changed. One person in particular who is serving and loving the community of San Gabriel from afar is Michelle Lundeen. She led another successful home fundraiser and this January we will build the third ReMax Results Team Lundeen home in the community as a result of her amazing generosity and leadership. It is such a blessing to partner with her and ReMax Results. If you have any questions about how you can help, don't hesitate to reach out.

Shawn Johnson. Founder/Executive Director/Missionary



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Home Sweet Home

By: Lexi Johnson, Mission Team Member and
Recycled Lives Reporter/Photographer

Michelle Lundeen, ReMax Results Realtor, first heard about Recycled Lives when a team spoke about their mission trip at First Baptist church. She specifically remembered the story of the team building a house and they were running out of materials. But, as they kept faithfully building, God kept faithfully providing. Lundeen listened to the story in awe and knew there was something she could do to help Recycled Lives and the community of San Gabriel. In 2016, Lundeen connected with Shawn Johnson about the possibility of building a home. It seemed like the perfect opportunity for a realtor and her team. The \$4,500 cost provided the labor and materials to build a family a brand-new house. After coming up with the funds for the first home she would help sponsor, Lundeen realized this was something she could help with every year. This project has become a corporate effort, and many others have started to donate to help fund these houses. In 2017 & 2018, Lundeen was able to again raise enough money to build houses and add a bathroom for the family as well. While Lundeen would love for more people to help build houses, she also recognizes that giving on a smaller scale helps as well. Donating to Recycled Lives helps with the monthly food distribution, extra necessities like towels and soap, and supporting Shawn and Brad as they live in Guatemala. Lundeen's hope is that people would recognize that if they band together, or can only give a little, they will still be helping in large ways.

"Shawn and Brand have truly been an inspiration to me, especially when they went into ministry full time, embracing the people and culture of San Gabriel, learning Spanish and the customs of the community that they have immersed themselves in."

Michelle Lundeen

Your contribution helps carry out life changing ministry

You can provide for our Monthly Supplemental Food, Home Building and Individual/Family Care Programs.

Would you consider helping?

Any amount, small or large can make a world of difference.

Monthly Supplemental Food Program San Gabriel Guatemala

Recycled Lives provides monthly assistance for 140 families through a supplemental supply of rice & beans

How your donation makes a difference:

- \$8 sponsors a family for a month
- \$50 sponsors a family for 6 months
- \$100 sponsors a family for 1 year



Home Building Program

Recycled Lives is working to bring durable and safer homes to families in Guatemala.

Constructed homes are approximately 14x16 feet per room, includes a covered cooking area with a wood burning stove. Prices vary dependent upon current material, labor and transportation costs, but are usually less than \$3,500 for a single room home and around \$4,500 for a double room home.



Individual & Family Care Program

Recycled Lives provides occasional financial assistance for individuals facing crisis or are in need of support to keep their children in school or a family member working. Our missionary performs a social visit to assess need requests and performs follow up visits as appropriate.

Examples of how your donation can be used to make a difference:

- Payment of a light or water bill
- Payment for testing and/or treatment of a medical condition
- Purchase of clothing, shoes or supplies require for school or work attendance
- Connecting individuals with specialty care that may be needed (surgeons, malnutrition programs, wheelchair fabrication/fitting, local church programs)

