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God will meet you wherever you are! The team of 8 students and 4 adults who made up this year's Guatemala STM know that statement is true. For 3 weeks in the city of Chimaltenango, Guatemala was our home. We were warmly welcomed by the Chimaltenango Bible Seminary where we were based and did our ministry from. We joined with local Pastor, Natanael Cumes, to serve the people in Chimaltenango and surrounding area. The team worked hard to learn several dramas and musical numbers which they performed for young children at VBS, teens at an evening outreach, members of a local church, and to about 75 people of a small mountain village. God used our efforts as about 60+ individuals made public commitments to follow Jesus.

We distributed clothing items and gifts from Canada, made balloon animals and had many moments to play some challenging games of soccer. Our work projects were a highlight for the team as we worked together to build an indoor cooking area for Pastor Natanael's home. We were thrilled to discover there would be enough funds to also build a bathroom for the family as well. This so blessed the Cumes family as many times, through tears, they expressed their gratitude to us all. We visited JOY FILLED HOMES where Maureen Casey has a beautiful ministry caring for mentally & physically challenged children. With Paul's expertise in civil construction, we were able to put in a new sewer line for the home. This was all dug and placed by hand and took us three full days to complete. We also cut down a large tree and chopped it all into firewood - BY HAND! Just as we were removing the last few roots of the tree, we cut into the water line. It was all hands on deck to bail water, purchase new pipe, cut out the damaged section and quickly replace it with the new. We were tired but satisfied as we finished our work and had done our best.

Besides working and doing ministry the team experienced some of the uniqueness of Guatemala as we hiked a volcano, went swimming in the ocean, shopped the many markets and ate some interesting food!

Once again we were challenged by the needs of the impoverished in this country and stretched out of our comfort zones to engage in ministry. As each one did their part,

God met us -wherever we were!



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