

The Cassel Connection Serving in Guatemala May, 2018 Newsletter mcassel@bicus.org

Child Dedication

Update on Grace Church



Hospital Ministry

Grace Church is growing slowly, with an average of about 15-20 people attending on Sundays and a bit of a smaller crowd on Wednesday night prayer meetings. Our people love to pray, and we are grateful to have a number of prayer intercessors in our congregation. We have a team of 3 women who take turns preaching on Wednesday evenings, and I (Lori) have preached twice since the church has started.

The church is 8 months old now. Lori is currently leading worship, and we now have another lady who is singing with me on the "team".

We continue to hold discipleship classes on Wednesday nights before our prayer service. We currently have 4 people going through the first book. We are working with our leadership team of ladies first of all, and it is also offered to others who are interested in the studies.

We continue doing outreach almost every Friday at the nearby open air market. We have also been doing compassion ministry at a large hospital in the city. We take food and drink to the families of those who have children in the hospital. The hospitals here don't always give food to the patients, so people from other church groups also serve food and drink in other parts of the hospital. We also offer prayer for the children and the families as well. The parents come out into a courtyard and we serve them food there.



In February we had our first child dedication service for a little baby named Hisha. The mom, Kathyryne is holding the baby. She is 18 years old. The lady to the left of Kathyryne is the grandmom.

We have a number of families where there is no father in the home, and the mothers work hard to provide for their families. It is a difficult life for some of them. We have few men in the church. We continue to pray that the church will grow in numbers and spiritually as well.

**A REMINDER THAT OUR
*mailing address is:***

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Dallas, TX 75251**

***All of our mail should
now be sent to this address.***

**Also, please continue to use our new e-mail
address to communicate with us at**

mcassel@bicus.org.

An Update from our daughter, Jenna

I got my test results back from my doctor and thankfully the parasites are gone! However they did find another type of bacteria in my colon which causes some of the same symptoms as parasites, so I am on new supplements to kill it off. I am definitely seeing improvement, praise God! I have more energy, less dizziness/brain fog and my stomach is starting to feel better. Thank you all for your prayers & concern for me! It has been comforting and encouraging to know that so many people have been praying. Jenna



Curtis Book was with us in March to teach the Core Course, "Salvation" from March 2-3. This was the third core course in as many years.

Carlos Abarca from Belize who is seeking affiliation with the BIC also took the course.

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Praises & Petitions

- ~ We praise God for the good report on Jenna's improving health. Thank you for your prayers.
- ~ We praise God for the leadership team God has sent to Grace Church to help and support us. We are so blessed to have them.
- ~ Please continue to pray that our people will grow spiritually and that the church would grow in numbers as well.
- ~ We have a number of people who have come from other churches or who had not been attending a church anywhere. We are grateful for all of them, but we are also praying that God would send us non-believers so they can find salvation and become a part of God's family and a part of the church family as well.



One of our church families

Monica is to the right of Mike and is a believer and Mayra is her sister. The couple on the left sitting behind me is a husband and wife who are new believers. About 2 months ago Mayra (the wife) received Christ as her Savior. The following week we were ready to celebrate communion and Mariano (the husband) wanted to accept Christ, so we gladly set our trays down as Mike led Mariano in prayer. What a special day that was!

By faith we pray we'll see many more people come to Christ in the months and years ahead. The harvest is certainly plentiful here in this large city.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and your financial support. We are grateful for your partnership.

Love & blessings,

Mike and Lori