

Oasis of Healing

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Take Courage

The beginning of this year has been a bit crazy for me. Half the time, I don't know if I am coming or going.

I am back at CEIVA as the administrative director for the time being, as we work on strengthening CEIVA's core. With the school year corresponding with the calendar year in Guatemala, we hit the ground running in January after the holidays to get ready to welcome students back the first week of February. January was a very unpredictable and crazy month for me. I've been trying to figure out a sustainable schedule, and I have yet to find the sweet spot.

I have also been more involved in supporting my sister and brother-in-law with the art camp ministry, *Athentikos*. I will be involved in leading a workshop in a camp in March and will be co-leading the camp in June. I am also in the rotation to host the Guatemala volunteer monthly meetings!

Twice a week, I meet with a family to teach English to a mom, her son, and daughter. Their motivation is to learn English, but my prayer is that I can bring light and life into their lives through relational intentionality.



Athentikos gathering at my new house



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God has provided the perfect car option for my current needs!! I am able to use it already, although I still need to pay for it. This is a relief as my parents really needed their car back that I was using. **I am in need of \$6,500 to be able to pay it off. If you would like to help with this need, there is a "vehicle fund" tab on my website profile.**

Teddy continues to be a bright spot in my life and in others' lives as he is always happy to make new friends. My one-year-old nephew now asks for him every time he sees me by "panting."

The apartment I was living in last year was a great place to start on my own, but I began to realize the need to have my own space with my own yard. God provided a wonderful place that helps me feel like I live "out in the country," and it is a perfect place for my dog and is great for hosting gatherings, which I love to do!



While the start of the year for me has had a very tumultuous feeling in many ways and for many reasons, God's presence is near. I have circled back around to a prayer I prayed at one point last year after thinking about the story of when Jesus slept on the boat in the middle of a big storm... my prayer is: "Jesus, teach me to sleep in the middle of the storm." And I am seeing that prayer answered. Many times we ask for the storm to go away, and He may choose to calm the storm... but if there never was a storm to begin with, we wouldn't need for it to be calmed. **The storm allows us to see God's power.** The storms continue to come, but I am seeking God's presence and power to have peace and calm in the middle of the storm. We like comfortable and we want the uncomfortable or uncontrollable or scary to go away as fast as possible, but instead of trying to get to the calm as fast as possible, may we ask God to help us rest in Him in the middle of the storm and may we marvel at His work and power and give Him the glory when we get to experience Him calm the storm.

*"...In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."
John 6:33*

By His Grace & For His Glory,

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