



Shoulder 2 Shoulder *The Cox Family*

A Season of Growth and Opportunity

We wanted to take some time to share a little of what has been happening here in Guatemala. It has been a full season, but also one that has given us many reasons to be thankful. We continue to see God provide opportunities to serve people in both big and very practical ways.

Serving Through Vehicle Repair

Caleb has had quite a few opportunities recently to help missionaries with their vehicles. One of the most common repairs has been radiators; he has replaced about five of them recently!

It may seem like a simple thing, but for missionaries, having a reliable vehicle is often a necessity. Vehicles are used for ministry, transporting supplies, getting children where they need to go, and simply getting through everyday life here. I was recently talking to someone who thanked Caleb for what he was doing. She has lived in Guatemala her whole life and reminded us of the challenge it is to find a solid, **trustworthy**, and skilled mechanic.

Caleb has also helped several Guatemalans with their vehicles. One particular vehicle is currently not safe to drive, and we are hoping that in the near future Caleb will have it repaired and safely back on the road.

We are thankful for these opportunities because they allow Caleb to use the skills God has given him to serve both missionaries and the people around us. A vehicle repair may not always look like "ministry," but we have found that serving someone in a practical need often opens the door to meaningful relationships and opportunities to show Christ's love. A reliable vehicle can make a huge difference in a missionary's ability to continue serving in their ministry.



The School is Thriving

The school continues to be such a blessing.

We recently finished our Unit 3 reviews, and the improvement we saw in the students was incredible. It is so encouraging to see how much they have learned and how much they have grown since the beginning of the school year.

We are now approaching the end of our school year, which will wrap up in the middle of October. We have a special event coming up soon that we are especially excited about.

Guatemala celebrates Independence Day on September 15, and the young children have their own parade on September 14. Our students will be participating in the parade and will be dancing to several songs in English.

It is a small thing, but it is one of those moments that reminds us why we love what we do. We get to teach these children, encourage them, invest in them, and watch them grow.



A Very Real Financial Need

We want to be very honest with you about a need we have right now.

The cost of living and ministry here has increased significantly. Fuel is currently around **\$6 per gallon**, and we are driving a lot. Between Caleb traveling to his shop for repairs, making house calls, and our normal family and ministry driving, fuel has become a much larger expense than it used to be. And if you have ever spent time in Guatemala, you know that sitting in traffic is a very real part of life. We can spend a tremendous amount of time on the road, and unfortunately, the car doesn't stop using fuel just because we are sitting still.

Food and other everyday expenses have increased as well. The reality is that our current monthly support is no longer covering everything it used to. We have been doing our best to absorb the increases, but we have reached the point where we need to ask for help.

We are praying for an additional \$400 per month in ongoing support.

But we also have a larger, immediate need.

We are asking God to provide \$6,000 in one-time gifts.

That is a big amount for us to ask for. We don't take it lightly, and honestly, it feels like a big ask. But we also don't want to minimize the need or make it sound smaller than it is just because it is uncomfortable to ask. So we are asking.

If God has blessed you with the ability to give toward this need, we would be incredibly grateful. Whether someone is able to give \$25, \$100, \$500, or even help us reach the full \$6,000, every gift would make a real difference for our family and ministry. And if you aren't in a position to give financially, **please pray with us**. Pray that God would provide exactly what we need and that He would continue to give us wisdom as we steward what He has entrusted to us. We trust that He knows our needs before we even ask. **At the bottom of this page, you can find different ways to give.**

*“And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:19*

Thank You For Standing With Us

We are reminded that ministry is not something we do alone. Every person who prays for us, gives, encourages us, or simply takes the time to read these updates is part of what God is doing here.

Thank you for continuing to stand with our family. Thank you for believing in the ministry God has given us. And thank you for helping us serve the people He has placed around us. We are excited to see what God will do in the coming months, and we are trusting Him with both the opportunities and the needs ahead.



Love & Blessings,

*The Cox Fam
(Caleb, Jess, Naam, Tay, & Mavy)*

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