



THE RAUCH REPORT



To our supporters,

March is already here and I believe that our supporters deserve an update. I had hoped to begin sending these updates in January, but we have been rather busy with our survey trip and other business pertaining to the ministry. For now these updates will be sent quarterly, with special letters sent out in case of urgent news or matters of prayer. If you would like to see what we are up to on a more regular basis, we are on Facebook at Rauch Family Mission Aviation. If you would like to ask direct questions about our updates, please do not hesitate to call or email us with the contact information provided below.

This year has started out very busy for our family. The first two weeks of January were spent in preparation for our survey trip to Guatemala. As you can imagine, packing and planning for a family of six is not an easy task. We departed for Guatemala at 3:30am on January 14th. Praise God, we made all of our connecting flights and lost none of our luggage. The kids all traveled very well. No meltdowns or tantrums occurred. Mandy and I were incredibly grateful for this fact.

While we were in Guatemala, we learned a great deal about the people and the culture. We traveled to many different places in the country. What a beautiful place Guatemala is! We saw the Pacific coast at Puerto San Jose. There is an airport there that is in very good condition and is nearly finished in construction. Unfortunately the government ran out of money to finish the project and has effectively abandoned it. This airport would be a perfect base to operate from, and we are praying for God's will in this potential opportunity.

While we were in Guatemala, we helped with Vacation Bible School. The kids even got involved by helping us assemble invitations. We helped decorate the church for VBS. The theme was "Jesús el creador del universo" or "Jesus, the creator of the universe." We were able to pass out many invitations to VBS in the local community. I (John) played the role of an astronaut who had returned to the planet after a long time, only to find people speaking a new language and teaching about God creating the universe. The children were taught the creation story and how Jesus was the creator of the universe. They then had to explain how God created the universe by drawing pictures and using hand signs to the astronaut.

What a blessing it was to see that these young people understand the creation story. The kids even quoted John 3:16 to me in english! We thoroughly enjoyed our time in fellowship with our brothers and sisters at Mision Bautista Bíblica Colinas.

One of our local churches took us on for support in January. Praise God for his provision! We had two meetings in February and they went well. Please pray for us as we try to set up more meetings in the coming months. So far we have three meetings in March, and one in April.

A huge answer to prayer came in just before our trip to Guatemala. We received the acceptance letter to the School of Missionary Aviation Technology! Classes start August 27th. We were a bit concerned about the cost of buying tools specific to the school's requirements. A friend of mine, has offered to provide us with all of the tools on the list, free of charge! This is a major blessing to us. Even though I have a lot of tools, I have very few that are on the list for the school. We are incredibly grateful.

As I close, I would like to thank our supporters, both for prayerful and financial support. You are here for us now, in the beginning and we are encouraged by the kindness and love that has been shown. Please continue to pray for us as we go forward.

Thank you,
The Rauch Family

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