

Thankful

Hello everyone!

I am sorry this letter is a week later than normal, but I needed to wait and be sure on a couple of big pieces of news before I could post it. Now, that I do, I am thrilled to share this exciting news with you! Staying true to the typical theme of November, I want to tell you all about the things I have been so thankful for this month. God blessed me with many wonderful meetings while I was in the states and precious moments with the children when I came back home to Guatemala. He shows me again and again how perfect His timing is, and I have loved watching Him move in BIG ways in my life over this last month.



As many of you know, I was able to go home for three weeks in November and do a lot of support raising. I was also able to spend good quality time with family and friends. Almost every day I was in the states I had scheduled to meet with at least two to three people so I could try and see everyone that I possibly could! (If I did not get a chance to meet up with you this trip, I would love to see you when I go back in May!). It was a very busy trip, but God blessed every encounter I had. I am so thankful for the support, encouragement, and love of all of my family and friends. I also had the opportunity to share at my home church of Word of Life in Belton, MO. It was such a wonderful time and they welcomed me back with open arms! I am so thankful for my church family and how they continually support me in big ways. They are big prayer warriors, sweet encouragers, and faithful supporters and I could not be doing what I am without them.

When I got back home to Quiché, all of our big kids and staff were getting ready to leave for a three-day youth camp about 20 minutes out of town. Our older kids enjoy the opportunity to get away for a few days and really focus on the word of God while having fun and being a teenager. We are also able to reach out to many other youths in the Quiche area (and even cities several hours away), providing a great opportunity for outreach, that is fun!

During this time, I was asked to stay back and watch the younger kids with my Guatemalan co-workers. This is my second time doing this and I like to try and make it a fun time for the little kids. The first question that Yaser David asked me when I got to Casa the day before everyone was going to leave for camp was, “Sabrina, we’re going to go and spend the night at your house right?? When all of the big kids are gone. We can have a fun party at your house??” I had already planned on having them over and had been making the arrangements, but I had wanted it to be a surprise, so I told him, “Oh, I don’t know. We’ll have to see about that.”

The next day I got to work and gave them the great news that they could all come over to my house! They were of course ecstatic! (And I of course was starting to regret it a little bit once I saw all of their energy!). But in all honesty, I was a little worried. I would have 7 kids from ages 4 to 10. They were all pretty young and rambunctious and I was going to take on the task of watching them all alone in my new house all by myself. It worried me, but I knew that it could be so much fun if I let it. I also know that I have the tendencies of over planning and building things up in my head. So, going into this night, I had no expectations. I had things I wanted to do with them but knew that plans change and whatever happened would still be fun memories to share later.



That evening we loaded them up and brought them all over to my new house and I had my first official sleepover here in my new home! We watched Christmas movies, ate a lot of snacks, made s'mores (I do not recommend this if you want to keep your house a sticky-free zone), and had so much fun! One of the things that I wanted to do with the kids was have them help me decorate my house for Christmas. In my family, the tradition is that we take a whole day, and everyone helps set up for



The Decorated Tree

Christmas. I was not sure how that would work with so many little ones and I didn't know who would even want to help. So, I threw the idea out there and had the ornaments and lights ready to go up on the tree and Yaser David and Alicia decided to come and help me! We finished decorating the tree and realized that I didn't have a star for the top, so Yaser David asked if I had a Captain America doll to which I of course replied, "YES". So, to make the new tradition even better, my Christmas tree star is Captain America and the kids love it! It was really comforting to have the children there with me to help me set up my first home for Christmas. I think that I will make this one of my new traditions and have a Christmas decorating sleepover every year with them.

All of my fears and worries about having so many little kids in my house disappeared once they arrived. The older kids, Mario, Yaser David, and Alicia, really stepped up and helped out so much. Yaser and Alicia helped me hang up all of the decorations and pass out all of the snacks and food while Mario stayed with the little kids and kept an eye on them. I never had to ask them to do any chores or anything, they all just did them willingly. The next morning, the boys all helped clean up the blankets and mattresses and carried down all of their things and the girl's things. Yaser and Mario helped make breakfast for everyone and Alicia swept and cleaned up after everyone was done. I was so proud of them and so thankful to have had them over in my home. God really blessed me with precious time with them.

Last but certainly not least, the biggest thing God really blessed me with this month was finding a car! I went back to the States to support raise for one and I was able to raise a good portion of money for what I needed. If any of you talked to me personally about it though, you will know that I was not stressed or worried about it. I honestly believed and still believe that God will provide the funds I need and help me find the right car in His own perfect timing. He has continued to do so with everything I have needed thus far in life, so why would He stop now with something as important as this?

When I got back to Quiché I went to go look at some cars and get a good price point. I found the exact type of car that I wanted and was even going to go and put a deposit down on it the next day. But something just didn't feel right to me. All day I was praying about it, but I couldn't shake the feeling. That same day, the assistant director here at Casa, Cole, drove me and a couple kids to go and look at the car one more time before I would go and put the deposit down the next morning. As we were driving, he starts to tell me that he and his wife really need to switch their vehicle to a van because their family is growing. The crazy thing is, Cole's car is the exact car (and even color) of car that I was going to get! But it is five years newer, has all new tires and repairs already done, the security system and rearview camera are already in, and everything is taken care of. So, he called his wife and by the end of the evening we worked everything out. They will be raising the funds to purchase a van that can accommodate the needs of their growing family and I will be purchasing their vehicle! God's timing is perfect, and so is this vehicle for me!



Yaser & Mario Making Breakfast



To buy this 2006 Hyundai Terracan though, I will need to pay \$6,000. This includes the car, the new tires, up-to-date repairs, a security system, and rearview camera. The only thing I will need to pay for after that will be the licensing/registration. So far, I have raised \$4,760 worth of that goal. Cole is needing to purchase his new vehicle in the next 10 days and after that, it is up to me to come up with the money to buy his vehicle. I also mentioned before that I will need to put in an overhead automatic garage door into my home for safety and logistical reasons. I live on a very busy street and cannot safely pull my car in and out of the garage where I live. There are also many places for people to

hide in the dark while I try and fumble around with the three locks on the garage door now and try and open it. With an automatic door, I will be able to press the button, pull the car in, wait until the door closes safely behind me, and be sure that I am secure in my home. But, to put that in, it will cost about \$1,700 and I have about \$1,300 raised for that. **Altogether I am still short about \$1,640 of my goal for a garage door and new car.**

As I said before, God's timing is absolutely perfect. He constantly provides for everything that I need, and I know that He will continue to do so. I am trusting in Him and I know that He will provide the funds in His good timing. So, if you feel led to donate at all, here is the link to do so:

<https://bit.ly/2YUQG6V>

It is a giant ask and I am humbling myself before you all to present this need of mine. Please also pray for me as I wait patiently for the rest of the money needed for these things. Also, please pray for my safety as I still am driving a four-wheeler around town and have to pull it in and out of my garage on my own on a very busy street.

This month has been a month filled with so many blessings and an overwhelming feeling of gratitude. I am so thankful to everyone who made time to meet with me while I was back in the states and the wonderful time I had to share with friends and family about the great work God is doing down here in Guatemala. I am so thankful for those of you who continue to pray, encourage, and support me. You are helping to change lives here in Quiché!! I consider it a blessing and privilege to pour into the lives of these children on a daily basis, and I'm so grateful God has called me to my ministry here. Thank you all for everything you do for me and the children of Casa de Mi Padre!

-Sabrina Broste

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