

Dear Friends and Family,
Warm greetings from Guatemala!

This past year there have been big transitions within the ministry. So much so that **we have decided to rebrand our name to Refrescante Ministries**. It is an umbrella of both:

1) Casa Refrescante: A halfway house, space for the screen printing, and teams.

2) Cafe Refrescante: our drop in center made for seeing who would be a good fit for Casa Refrescante. Over free coffee, we hear their stories and evangelize.

These are two separate locations.

God has opened up the door for us to purchase Casa Refrescante, our ministry's home (casa). We will soon be filling it up with those a part of our halfway house program.

Our street guys eagerly awaited the reopening of the new cafe, constantly asking when it was going to happen. We've signed a 2 year contract. The location couldn't be much better for what we needed. Initially we had thought about trying to have it in Casa Refrescante, but ultimately felt it was too far (2.5 miles from Antigua). We didn't really have a budget for renting a place since we were focused on paying the home off (we have until the end of next year to pay it in full). We decided to currently pay the cafe out of pocket. We simply didn't want to start the cafe in a new smaller community after working with our current one for 13 years.



Over the past few months it's been a lot for us, keeping very busy. We're excited to see what God is going to do. **Besides the ministries mentioned prior, we've also got a missionary donation center located inside Casa Refrescante.** People can give and take as much as they want freely. We've had dozens of people come through and have a Facebook page for them with over 120 members, rapidly growing. It's part of an apartment that missionaries can stay in for a short time without any charge so that they can be refreshed (*Refrescante*). We like to spend time praying and encouraging them. Each year we put on a couple retreats for them, helping them avoid burn out, or ministering to those already experiencing it.

Our family stays busy, too. Both Joshua and Hannah are high energy, but bundles of joy. We are now expecting our third as well!

Prayer requests:

Peace. It's been a whirlwind.

Finances. Our family needs to see an increase of monthly support. Ask about it!

Our ministry also needs areas to be covered.

Team. We need more staff that have a long-term heart for this ministry.

Many get discouraged quickly and don't feel they can continue. It's a very heavy spiritual battle dealing with drug addiction, gangs, and hopelessness through homelessness.

We greatly appreciate your prayers. May God's grace be upon you.
In His loving care,

