



From the desk of  
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WOW! Where do I begin? Six amazing days of ministry in Guatemala. God gave us favor from beginning to end.

There is so much to tell that I am going to do a series of emails over the next few weeks; it would be impossible to put it all in one. And it might be impossible for you to take it all in with one email!

I want to start with our efforts to improve the housing situation of some of the most needy. About four weeks before our trip on March 17, I asked if you would consider helping build a new house for \$800 and/or a toilet for \$200. I asked for three – and five of you responded! THANK YOU and God bless!

The first photo on the right shows the first “house” that will be replaced. We looked at many in need and decided this was the neediest situation. Why? This is the “house” of a 91 year old lady and her 86 year old husband. As you can see, the house is constructed of small tree limbs with plastic sheeting for walls. The photo at right shows the sheeting has multiple holes, which allows rain and cold wind to blow inside.

As you can see in the first photo, the woman is in a wheelchair. To get to the toilet, she must roll her wheelchair outside to the edge of a 24” drop-off, where her 86 year old husband then *puts her on his back* for the ten yard journey to the toilet. In addition to the house, we will be building a ramp so the husband can pull the wheel chair to and from the toilet.

The photo on the right shows the couple’s toilet, made of tin sheeting. Although it looks elevated, this is the back side and only the upper portion is visible above the ledge. It is actually some two feet lower than the house (which is not shown here).



Construction on the new house is to begin in the next few days. Once done, I will send more pictures.

To the right is a photo of Christy, one of our team members, with the soon-to-be new homeowner!

Thank you again for providing for this trip – both financially and prayerfully. In future emails I will give you some perspective from other team members, particularly the two teenage girls who were with us for their first missions trip ever. Quite an “eye-opener” for them!

Partnering in His Service,

*Mike*

