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"God, your God, is the God of all Gods, He's the Master of all masters, a God immense and powerful and awesome. He doesn't play favorites, takes no bribes, makes sure orphans and widows are treated fairly, takes loving care of foreigners by seeing that they get food and clothing." Deut. 10:17-18

Greetings because of our Lord and the children He loves,

A number of international organizations have expressed concern with Guatemala's current economic status in 2009. The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Bank reported the following:

- Guatemala has the fourth highest rate of chronic malnutrition in the world and the highest in the Western Hemisphere.
- Approximately 50% of Guatemalan children under the age of 5 now suffer from chronic under nutrition.
- In the nation's highlands, where many indigenous people live, 70% of children under age 5 are malnourished.

Many of the poor children we feed come from wonderful families but many of Guatemala's children (and children to whom we minister) not only live in poverty but are being raised in godless homes; homes invaded by alcohol, drugs, and gang activity. Some children are sold by their own parents into prostitution. Many are too poor to go to school because they can't afford the necessary school materials etc. Many of the children live in one-parent homes or with relatives, some in the streets, garbage dumps or cemeteries. Many children are abused by people around them. For those children experiencing these tragedies, hope has been snatched from them. Many of these children live without Christ. Many don't know a home of peace, love and joy. The heart of God grieves for them and for someone to go to them to help them and show them a better way. *Father in heaven, we sense Your great compassion for these precious, hungry, hurting children. Continue to use us to help them dear Father. Use us to provide nourishment to many more children than we already provide for and show each of them hope and a better way. Give us Your heart and Your compassion for them.*

What are we to do to help them? How can we be a part of changing this generation of Guatemala's children into the next generation of responsible parents, neighbors, husbands, wives and leaders?

God has provided us with a gift that many of you have made possible with your generous giving, prayers and support – milk and vitamin enriched cereal. This is opening a door for us to reach these hungry and hurting children. *Thank You Father for providing us with this gift to feed the children and to teach them a better way. Thank you for those who have shared with us their finances, prayers and support. Bless them as only You can, Father. We ask You for Your continued provision that we might reach and help many more of Guatemala's children.*

To reach the children, we need many workers and teachers who will love these children with God's great love, feed them and teach them from the Bible how to know God and know His

principles of living that will lead them to lives filled with love, joy and peace. *Father, thank You for the amazing workers and teachers You have provided and will continue to provide so we can reach more needy children. Thank You for their dedication and for the sacrifices they are willing to make. Bless these workers and teachers with health, wisdom, Your love and Your understanding so they can lead the children to life and to Your blessing.*

To feed and teach the children, we need pastors who have the vision to help minister to these children's physical and spiritual needs and to choose, to train and to support the children's workers and teachers. We need pastors with a heart of compassion for the families of the children, to share with them how to experience God's hope and life. *Precious Father, we are grateful for the many pastors You have sent to work with us. We ask You to bless them and their families in everyway. Add to us others who have Your compassion and wisdom to minister physical and spiritual food to the needy children and their families. Keep these pastors hearts close to Your heart. Work through them in ways only a living God, Creator and Sustainer of all life, can do.*

And for the children, we ask for Your favor upon them. Shine Your light upon them, causing everything that is dark and evil to scatter from them. Protect them, provide for them (food, love, comfort, peace), keep them unspotted and teach them Your holy and perfect ways. Let them know Your presence with them. Give them a love for You, Your Word and Your ways. Help those who raise them to come to know you too. Father, we are asking for miracles for these precious ones. We have this confidence that we are asking according to Your will, so we know that we have the answers to these petitions (1 Jn. 5:14). In the holy name of Jesus we ask and receive Your answers to these petitions with thankfulness. Amen.

Thank you for your concern and joining us in these petitions.

Meet you in the prayer closet,
Phil & Marianne Nelson