

HECTOR FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO GUATEMALA

Thomas, Elizabeth, Charles, and Oliver

May 5, 2023

Dear Pastors, Supporting Churches and Praying Friends,

As Paul wrote to the Philippian church, so I write to you, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." I am so thankful for your partnership with us in prayer and in finances. With your faithfulness to us and most importantly to the Lord, we were able to move to Guatemala on the 28th of April. I also want to say thank you to all of the churches that graciously gave toward our start-up fund which was a big expense to us. Everything from the deposit of the first two months' rent, furniture, appliances, cost for our residency, etc., we would not have been able to do it without your grace giving.

Since our last update letter sent out in March a lot has taken place. While getting paper work done for FBI background check, I was able to witness to the woman doing the fingerprinting and invited her to our home church. She had a profession of faith and attends a church in Bloomington. Then while setting up our general power of attorney for our house (had to be done because we will not be in the country during closing), I was able to talk to our attorney about the Lord and share with her how God saved me and called me into his ministry.

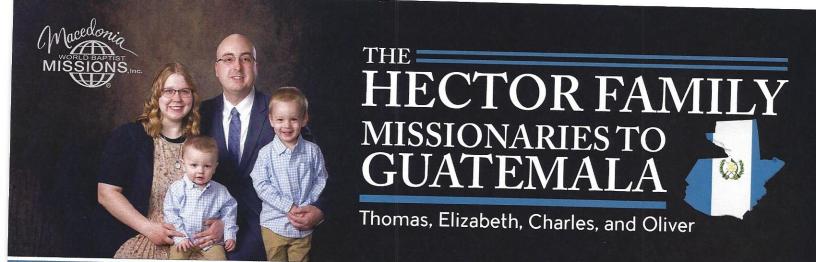
I was also able to take a trip down ahead of my family with my friend Jacob Roberson. We were able to get stuff for the house, such as furniture and were able to get the appliances ordered. During this time, I was also able to sign the contract for the lease on the house. We are set for the next year. This will be a huge blessing because it is only ten blocks from the church and the language school teacher will be able to come to our house and teach us. With that being said, I was also able to set up classes starting May 8th. We will have classes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 5:30-7:30pm and again on Saturday morning. On the flight home, Jacob and I were able to talk to the woman in the seat next to us about the Lord, and by the time we arrived in Atlanta, she had many questions for us.

It is a blessing that God allows us to share the gospel with anyone at any time. I believe sometimes we can allow the busyness of life to distract us. However, we must be driven to turn the world upside down for Christ. This was the message that I had the privilege to preach during our sendoff service was how Paul had a desire, a determination, and a declaration to preach unto the world. Lastly, our sendoff service was full of emotions: excitement, joy, gladness, and nervousness. We will miss our families and our home church; however, knowing that we are in the center of God's will keeps us pressing toward the mark.

Elizabeth, Charles, Oliver and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your faithfulness to us and for your continued partnership as we strive to reach the people God has called us to with the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

In the Service of King Jesus,

Thomas Hector, Jr. Psalms 126:5-6



New Contact Information:

The best method of contact will be through WhatsApp (a free app on your phone that allows both text and calls) or by email.

Guatemalan Phone Number: 502-3994-4215 (Also my New WhatsApp number)

Email: <u>Hectorfamilymissions@gmail.com</u> (best email to use) or <u>thomashector@mwbm.org</u>

New addresses to send mail: PO Box 519, Braselton, GA 30517 (Our Mission Board-Macedonia World Baptist Missions) or First Baptist Church- 220 Illini Drive, Clinton IL, 61727 (Our Home Church Address)

If you had tried to contact me through my previous number, it has not worked since we arrived on April 28th. If you would like to contact us, please use the above methods. Thank you so much.

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