



THE HECTOR FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO GUATEMALA



Thomas, Elizabeth, Charles, and Oliver

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Dear Pastors, Supporting Churches and Praying Friends,

I want to start this update letter by saying thank you for your faithful support and prayers. It is because of all of you that we have been able to continue through this difficult time.

Three months ago, we were continuing on as normal. We were studying Spanish, soulwinning, and faithfully attending our local church here in Guatemala. We were even able to attend our first corn roast.

Two months ago, I began to struggle with my asthma. I began to use my inhaler several times a day, and I would still be out of breath. Then my sons came down sick. At first, the doctor thought it was bronchitis for me, and ear and throat infections for the boys. As a few days progressed, Charles began to get more sick. After two more doctors we finally found that he had pneumonia and he was hospitalized. During this time, I also became more sick. Brother Wilder then had us taken by ambulance to the City where we were seen and it was discovered that we have adenovirus and the zika virus and I also have the Chikungunya virus. Oliver began to get really sick while we were being tested and began to run a fever. We got him checked out and we praise the Lord we did. The doctor said that he had critical pneumonia and was admitted to the hospital. After seven days we were released from the hospital. Charles seemed a lot better, and we had thought Oliver was too. However, by the next day Oliver's blood oxygen was 84% and under. This made us rush back to the hospital where the doctor told us we were lucky to get him back in time. He was immediately put on oxygen for two and a half days and was kept in the hospital for five days. During this time I had searched for a medical flight and had prayed earnestly and received counsel on what to do. Yet on day twelve of being in the hospital they said they had one more option they wanted to try. We prayed and so did so many others and God heard us and this treatment plan began to work. He was released on day thirteen, such a miracle. Oliver is on three different steroid medicines and is improving. He will have a follow up visit on October 2nd.

We want to thank you all for your prayers, for those who reached out, for those who sent encouraging messages, it is because of this and God hearing our prayers that we have been able to endure this trial we have been going through.

It will be a long process for recovery. Over the last several months of sickness back to back my wife and I have both lost over 20 pounds. We are trusting the Lord, to heal all of us completely. We know that even though we don't understand the reason for the storms, we trust the one in control of them.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers. We love and are thankful for each and everyone of you.

In the Service of King Jesus,

Thomas Hector Jr. Psalms 126:5-6

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