

A week in Guatemala with Kathy Price



MAJOR GOAL:
Obtain two 40 foot
containers from
customs &
distribute the
content!

DAY 1

- A shopping trip for basics such as cinnamon, honey, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, beans, sugar, meat, oil, bread and rolls, etc. for the House of God.
- Distribution of food, toys, tooth brushes, tooth paste, knit hats and clothing items at the House of God.
- Interacting with the children and parents.
- 2 ½ hour trip to Tecpan.
- **The containers were still in the customs maize.**



DAY 2

- Morning hospital update meeting with Francisco, the leader of the St. Francis of Assisi hospital and two physicians. Hospital to open in 6 months.
- Visit to the Senior Center to distribute 40 Quetsales (approx. \$5.20) to each senior.
- Meeting at the center to discuss the future of the center, the existence of which is uncertain.
- Visit to a possible alternative senior center location.
- Accompanied by the senior center director and food manager, purchased food for a month at the market. \$1 per day per senior food allowance allocation.
- Celebrated Sarita's birthday with Mission of Love family (Grandmother's House)
- Dinner with the Mission of Love family (the grandmother, Elsa, Laura, Julio, Marissio, Andreth, Roberto and Juan, along with Astrid, the Guatemalan Mission of Love representative, and Julio, the driver and jack of all trades.
- **The containers were still in the customs maize.**



DAY 3

- Breakfast meeting with a variety of folks involved with the St. Francis of Assisi Hospital.
- Grocery shopping for bags of food and cleaning products for 10 families.
- Purchased rolls, platenos, beverages, and popcorn needed for preparing a "sloppy joe dinner" for the orphanage.
- Sloppy joes meal preparation at Mission of Love house.
- Loaded the van with items for the orphanage.
- Stopped to pick up an elderly Mayan who was walking quite a distance at dusk.
- Served the meal at the orphanage and celebrated with the children and adults.
- Provided children with toys, balls, items of clothing, jewelry and party fun.
- Surveyed the needs of the orphanage.
- **The containers were still in the customs maize.**



DAY 4

- Morning visit to a clinic in Chimaltenango.
- Discussed needs of five adult siblings suffering from debilitating medical condition.
- Arrangements were made for an evaluation and an appointment with a neurologist for the five adults.
- Invitation to dental surgeon to participate in the next Mission of Love cleft palate surgeries.
- Purchased milk, cereal, and baby formula among other needed items for the orphanage.
- Visit to a blind family. Delivered bag of food.
- Made arrangements for cataract surgery and transportation for a younger family member.

- Arranged to have a mother and daughter transported to Mission of Love House for treatment of lacerations suffered from an auto accident. CAT scan for mother was arranged.
- Dinner for all was provided at the Mission of Love House.
- Needed items were delivered to the orphanage.
- **The containers were still in the customs maize.**

DAY 5

- Morning meeting with Marietta to make arrangements for a visit to the Eco-school in Chimaltenango.
- Desks for the school are in the containers.
- Visit to evaluate paraplegic. Sores were cleaned and appointment was made for a doctor evaluation. Transportation was arranged.
- Bag of food and soap products were provided.
- Battery for a wheelchair was arranged.
- Visited another handicapped individual in a small community.
- Nurse tended to his sores. A new wheelchair was promised. A bag of food and soap products were provided.
- A mattress was ordered for his wooden slat bed.
- Balls and cake were given to the community kids.
- Arrangements were made for an elderly man to be evaluated for epilepsy.
- A visit to the Eco-school site.
- Meeting with school coordinator and community leaders. Reviewed the school plans.
- Distributed cake to the children.
- Dinner at a community home which included a power point presentation on the school and workshops offered to the children.
- **The containers were still in the customs maize.**



DAY 6

- The children from the Mission of Love House were treated to a birthday picnic at WayBi celebrating the birthdays of Flora and Oscar.
- The children enjoyed a sunny day at the family park, interacting with bunnies, horses, ducks and geese, etc.
- Two groups of folks toured the WayBi hospice which will serve children and their families. Funds are needed for the opening.



- Received good news that the containers were to be delivered at 7:30 pm.
- **The containers arrived around 8:30 pm.**
- A crew of 20+ folks helped unload the containers.
- **The Container unloading was completed around 2:00 am.**

DAY 7

- Meeting at the warehouse to supervise the delivery of the school desks.
- Cleaned up the warehouse area.
- Purchased fresh vegetables and meat for the House of God.
- Departed for the 2 ½ hour trip to Guatemala City at 3:00.
- In Guatemala City produce and meat delivery made to the House of God.
- Farewell dinner!
- **GOAL/S ACCOMPLISHED!!!**

