



### PRAYER POINTS

- Praise for the three new people who have been added to our team
- Thankfulness that we were able to complete our planning and budgeting process on time
- Pray for a Cohort intensive to be held in Nicaragua: safe travels, transformative experiences, and mutual encouragement.
- Pray for missionaries on our team who are traveling or will be traveling soon.

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### CAMINANTES, NEW COHORT



Julio, Dalila, Noemi y Vikiana

At the end of January, from different regions of Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the Dominican Republic; the Cohort participants, called Caminantes arrived in Guatemala City!

Dalila, Julio, Noemi and Vikiana have started this life-changing adventure to witness transformation and be transformed themselves. This year of learning and service began with a time of orientation and intensive training in Guatemala. They toured the city's General Cemetery, reflected on the nation's collective wounds, and were called to think about where they came from and where they will serve. Then they traveled to the country's rural area. Surrounded by trees, sheep and agricultural fields, they talked about creation care, exchanged stories and enjoyed eating locally grown food! They delved into collective memory, history, Christ's incarnation and our Christian calling to incarnation through murals and the art of Mayan hand weaving in San Juan Comalapa,

in the Central region of Guatemala. The Caminantes have responded to the invitation to join God's mission in the world and want to be sensitive to the reality of Central America, immersed in history, art and culture, serving the communities that will be their homes this year.

Dalila is supporting youth ministries in Nicaragua. Julio is involved in an initiative of restoration and coexistence with God's creation. Noemi is working with communities on comprehensive community development, and Vikiana is serving in one of the city's biggest markets and poorer areas, providing care and education to children, adolescents and families. Julio, Noemi and Vikiana are based in Guatemala.

Our dear Caminantes are beginning the journey! Already in their places of service in our beloved Central America. Let's pray for them, their communities, our partners and the work God will do in them and through them.

## CAMT NEW PART-TIME POSITIONS

Our team has welcomed three new people this year for part-time positions. Vicky, who covered maternity leaves, has come back to work in communications and administration. We appreciate Vicky's creativity and passion for hearing how God is at work in our partners. Andrea is coordinating a pilot project to research the needs of Cohort alumni and experiment with how to meet those needs. We appreciate her organization and how, as a Cohort alum herself, she "gets" the program and its participants. Serving in the area of research and connections regarding migration, Natalia has been a great asset with her experience in different migration-related settings and her artistic abilities to create songs and interviews to communicate others' stories. We hope these three will help our regional team set the direction in these areas for the coming years.

## SAYING GOODBYE

On August 11, 1982, Leanne and I (Caspar) stood in the departure lounge at O'Hare airport in Chicago. We were accompanied by Leanne's parents, Earl and Helene Talen. It was a highly emotional moment as Leanne and I were about to embark on a move to the Dominican Republic. We would be working with CRWRC (World Renew), to engage in Community Development work among the Haitian migrant



Caspar, Leanne and their friends at the airport for their final farewell in Honduras.

community in the Dominican Republic. We had made a 6 year commitment to CRWRC with the idea of returning to North America afterwards to resume our careers there.

On January 12, 2023, Leanne and I once again stood in a departure lounge, this time in the Palmerola airport in Honduras. This time we were accompanied by friends with whom we had worked for the past 14 years. We were returning to North America, not to resume or continue our careers with World Renew and Resonate Global Mission, but to begin a new life, in a culture we no longer understood, and as retirees. 40 years ago, the adventure began, and now the adventure continues. When Tevia says goodbye to the butcher (Fiddler On the Roof), he says, "see you next year in Chicago." In Latin America, goodbyes are, "Until the next time." These are sepa-

rations based on hope. Hope is like being blessed by God; there is a destination, and the destination is a celebration.

Leanne and I, as we take our leave, say, "We'll see you next year, in Jerusalem."

## MEET OUR PARTNER CASA ADOBE & A ROCHA

After several years working towards this, the Casa Adobe Association has recently become a Friend of A Rocha!

A Rocha "is a global family of conservation organizations working together to live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise." They focus on nature conservation, church engagement, and environmental education so they are a great fit for Asociación Casa Adobe! Now they have big plans to strengthen Casa Adobe operations, run a rainforest educational center at the recently acquired Casa Nube, and establish an urban reserve and park near the river Virilla. This will enable Casa Adobe and A Rocha to study and care for the river along its path from source to destination. Pray for human and financial resources to fulfill these big projects.

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