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For several years we have been advocates for the folks here in Central America who have fled the violence that has become commonplace in everyday life. There is a family that has a special place in my heart; Jose, Maria, and their infant son who fled the violence in their neighborhood.

After the scholars were gone, God's angel showed up again in Joseph's dream and commanded, "Get up. Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt. Stay until further notice. Herod is on the hunt for this child, and wants to kill him." Joseph obeyed. He got up, took the child and his mother under cover of darkness. They were out of town and well on their way by daylight.

(Mat 2:13-14 MSG)

By today's standards Mary, Joseph, and their infant son, Jesus, would be labeled "Undocumented". Just something to think about.



We work daily sharing God's love with folks "at risk" in Xela and the surrounding region through the feeding program, children's ministry, medical, education, and microbusiness projects. Together with your help we are making a difference in people's lives which is an encouragement to them to persevere through the violence and poverty.

The children's outreach to the kids who participate in the feeding program has been a blessing to the kids and the mothers who send their kids. Presently Edna is opening up the

mission three afternoons a week where she conducts bible lessons, has crafts, sings songs, serves snacks, and helps the kids with their school homework. It's a neighborhood safe-house where Jesus is lifted up.



The feeding program continues, but not without its struggles. There have been occasions this year when we have had to suspend meals because there was no money to purchase food.



We are back on track with meals for now, but we constantly need help.

The new school year starts in Guatemala for most of the kids the third week of January. For several years the mission has helped the kids

who attend the feeding program with their school supplies. With donations from friends of the mission in Canada and the U.S. we were able to help again this year. About 20 of the kids came by the mission recently with their mothers and their supply lists.



Kathy and her buddies.



Edna has been helping us with the mission for over ten years. She first started helping us with the children at Las Nubes when she was only fourteen. Kathy was honored to be Edna's padrona, (sponsor), at her wedding in November. I was at the Missouri house recovering from knee replacement surgery.



She and her husband Luis, are a sweet couple.



As I mentioned earlier, I had a total knee replacement on my left knee last fall.



The surgery was a great success. I have nothing but good things to say about the medical, nursing, and rehab care I received at the Kansas City V.A.