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In His Time...

Do you ever find yourself running around in a frenzy or, as some people may say, like a chicken with its head cut off? We need to get this finished by this time so we can go here at such and such a time...rushing, hurrying, and scurrying all day long. We pray for answers when, in fact, we think we really needed them ten minutes ago. Do we sometimes say things in haste that we later wish we hadn't said? I can certainly relate to these situations—perhaps you can, too. We tend to put ourselves (and God!) on a busy schedule or into a time frame that is too hectic and short.

In Ephesians 5:15-16, we read, "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." (NIV)

Colossians 4:5-6 instructs us to "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." (NIV)

Finally, in 2 Peter 3:8, we are told, "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." (NIV)

To reinforce the above scriptures, Psalm 27:14 (NIV) says, "Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."

*In His time, in His time, He makes all things beautiful in His time.  
Lord, please show me everyday as You're teaching me Your way  
That You do just what You say in Your time.*

Knowing this promise is true should help us in our daily activities when we are feeling stress and everyday pressure. Just stop and think about the words to the little chorus above and wait for God to act in His time...the only real time that counts.

Dan Ross, MF News editor

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## MF Prayer Ministry

Just a reminder that Mission Fiesta has a very active prayer ministry. If you would like to be a prayer partner or if you have a prayer request you would like our prayer partners to be praying for, please contact [intercessors@mfiesta.info](mailto:intercessors@mfiesta.info). Janet Hall leads this ministry, ably assisted by Claudia Stapleton, Judy Peters, and Dan Ross.

## Mission Statement

Mission Fiesta is dedicated to helping organizations that provide services to the poor and needy as well as those who work with them. In keeping with our vision, "Celebrating Life," we hope to help everyone realize that they are special in God's sight.

## Comments or Suggestions

If you have any comments or suggestions, please submit them to:  
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## Director's Thoughts...

### Time to Sit

In Guatemala, when we visit Fermin and his family (Dan's former sponsored child), we are always asked to come into the house and everyone sits down. In the little shop where we purchase soccer balls, basketballs, etc., we are also invited to sit down before we do the business of purchasing. I wondered why it was necessary to sit. I was told that it is part of the Mayan culture. Basically 'if you didn't have time to sit then why did you come?'

I am planning a trip to Guatemala in November 2011. I will not be traveling with the Mission Fiesta team. I am going alone. My sponsored child, Franklin, will graduate from high school in November and he invited me to attend his graduation. I will be there for three weeks. After much prayer about what to do while there, I feel that God is asking me to find a seat(s) and sit down for awhile.

Things were different when I, along with the other founding members of Mission Fiesta, stayed at a children's home. We had time to sit with the children and staff. Yes, time to listen, time to share, and time to laugh. As Mission Fiesta became a reality we had less time at each of the homes/schools. Now we share God's joy through 14 fiestas not just 1 or 2. As God works through Mission Fiesta to bless others with His joy, we are also blessed in uncountable ways. I feel that Mission Fiesta is doing what God has called, and is continuing to call, us to do. However I have missed having the time to sit for awhile.

So, I will go to sit for a while in November. I will sit with children, adults, friends, strangers and God and we will have a great time. As I sit in Guatemala, I challenge you to take the time to sit for a while and listen, share and laugh. I think it could be a great time for you also.

I ask for your prayers as I prepare to go to Guatemala. November 3 - 22, 2011.

Gary Baker, MF Director

## Condolences & Memorials

Mrs. Lear Baker, mother of MF Director, Gary Baker, passed away after an extended illness on August 24, 2011. Our condolences go out to Gary and to the rest of the Baker family.

Memorial contributions to Mission Fiesta in memory of Mrs. Baker have been given by:

"Friends" of Gary Baker  
Mrs. Janet Hall  
Mrs. Judy Peters

## Mission Fiesta Loses a Good Friend

Dave Ross, brother of Mission Fiesta team member, Dan Ross, passed away unexpectedly on September 16, 2011. Dave served as a Mission Fiesta Volunteer in both 2010 and 2011. He very much enjoyed his trips with our team and had said after this year's trip that he would like to do more of that type of work when he retired.

Dave's wife, Cathy, passed away in December 2008. He is survived by his two college-aged children, Matthew and Taylor. Please keep them and the rest of the Ross family in your prayers.



## Odds and Ends

### Mission Fiesta Fall Conference

The Mission Fiesta Team will be having its fall conference on October 19-21, 2011 at "The Dwelling Place" in Martin, KY. During the visit, we will take care of business matters and discuss the 2011 trip as well as beginning to plan for the 2012 trip to Guatemala. Please keep the team in your prayers during this time. Pray that our business meetings will proceed smoothly and that we will be all in one accord in our decision-making.

### Prayer List

Please remember to pray for the Guatemalan children and the adults who work with them at the following places:

Agua Viva  
Amor del Nino  
Asociacion Salvando Vidas  
Casa Aleluya  
Casa Shalom  
Castillo  
Colegio Cristiano Kairos

Nuestro Pequeños Hermanos  
Nuevo Vida y Paz  
Rehoboth Home for Children  
Santa Apolonia  
Santa Maria de Jesus  
Transitions

# Six Fun Facts About Guatemala

1. The official name of Guatemala is the Republic of Guatemala. The name, "Guatemala," comes from the Maya-Toltec language and means "land of trees."
2. The country is 108,889 square kilometers and is ranked as the 106<sup>th</sup> (out of 251) largest country by the CIA Factbook, falling between Cuba (105) and Iceland (107).
3. Spanish is the official language of Guatemala, but there are more than twenty different Mayan dialects that are spoken throughout the country, especially in rural areas. Some of the dialects are so drastically different from each other that people speaking in those dialects might not even be able to communicate with each other, even though they are considered to speak the same language.
4. The Guatemalan currency is the Quetzal, named after the Resplendent Quetzal, which is a fragile and rare bird that happens to be the national bird of Guatemala. It is thought that in the time of the Mayan Empire, the birds' tail feathers were actually used as currency.
5. A scene from the original Star Wars movie, "A World of Hope," was shot in Guatemala in the Tikal National Park.
6. The eleventh season of the television show, "Survivor," was filmed in the Yaxhá -Nakú m-Naranjo National Park, near the more popular Tikal National Park, located in northern Guatemala. That season, the show was known as "Survivor: Guatemala–The Maya Empire."



## Autumn Family Fun Page

Here are some fun autumn family websites to find:

[www.familyfun.go.com](http://www.familyfun.go.com)  
[www.kidzone.ws/plants](http://www.kidzone.ws/plants)

[www.kaboose.com](http://www.kaboose.com)  
[www.akidsheart.com/holidays/fall](http://www.akidsheart.com/holidays/fall)



There was a lot to be thankful for . . . There was plenty for all.

[RaisingOurKids.com](http://RaisingOurKids.com)

Use beautiful fall colors to decorate this seasonal cornucopia!

### Juicy Party Punch

1 bottle (64 oz.) Punch Flavor NESTLÉ® JUICY JUICE® All Natural 100% Juice chilled

1 can (6 oz.) frozen lemonade concentrate slightly thawed

2 cans (12 oz. each) lemon-lime soda chilled

**COMBINE** Juicy Juice and lemonade concentrate in large punch bowl. Gradually stir in soda. This punch is also good with raspberry sherbet spooned onto the top.

For a quick sweet & salty treat, pop a bag of popcorn in the microwave and cool, then mix in some candy corn—YUMMY!

**Genesis 1:14 (New Century Version-NCV)**

Then God said, “Let there be lights in the sky to separate day from night. These lights will be used for signs, seasons, days, and years.”