

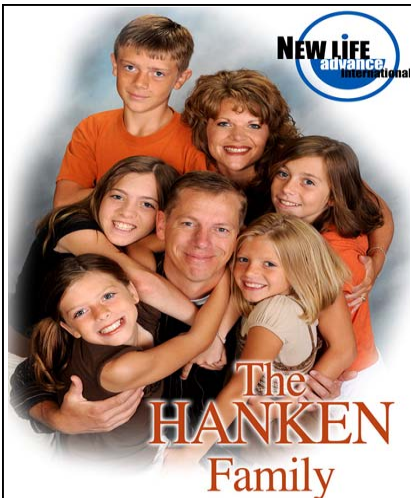
Hanken Missions

February 2009

SERVING IN GUATEMALA



"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10



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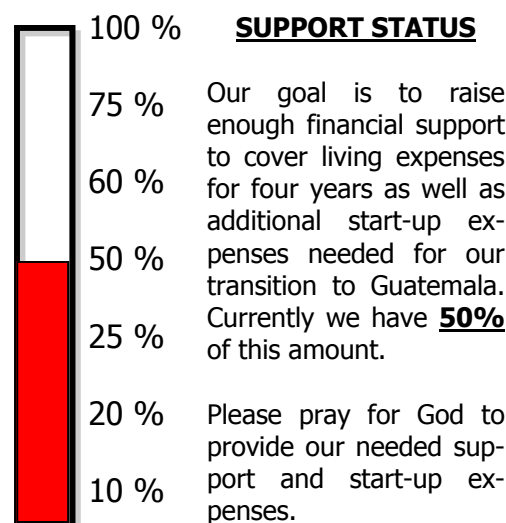
Greetings from the Hanken 7!

Dina and I are totally convinced that the Christian walk is an active cooperation between God and man. Man's part is to respond in obedience to God, adjust our lives to His will, and to move in the direction we that believe He is leading us. Meanwhile, God will be at work behind the scenes and in ways we do not know, see, or even understand; He will guide us to where He wants us to be and He will do it in His perfect time.

We believe God has called our family to serve in Guatemala. Sometimes we wonder why, but never the less, we believe it to be true, so we are adjusting our lives and moving in that direction. Currently we have mailed out over one thousand letters, visited several churches, traveled many miles, created a Facebook group that has nearly six hundred people praying for us regularly and received 50% of the necessary support and pledges to serve for four years in Guatemala.

From a human perspective it seems as though God is setting things up for us to be in Guatemala in February. A big reason is that CAG wants us to begin teaching in August, but we need six months of language school. That means February. There have also been several other smaller advantages and reasons to be in Guatemala during February. Yet, here it is February, we are still in Iowa freezing our tails off, and we still have a big chunk of support needing to be raised.

Fortunately we know God is at work in ways we do not see. His timing is perfect and we are continually encouraged by how He communicates His plans and purposes to us. On February first Dina and I were discouraged because we hoped that by this date we would be able to notify our employers of our resignations. That did not happen, but we did receive an awesome e-mail from a couple serving with Wycliffe Translators in Papua New Guinea. While we have never met this couple, they heard of our desire to serve in Guatemala and wanted to let us know that they were praying for us! They encouraged us that while the preparation process we are now engaged in can seem very lengthy at times, that God's timing is always perfect. Proverbs 25:11 says "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver,". Truly these word were aptly spoken to us this week by our new friends from Papua New Guinea. We continue to rest in the truth that God is always at work as we move forward in our preparations to serve Him in Guatemala. Thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers!



February PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for God to provide opportunities for us to speak at new churches about our mission to Guatemala
- Pray for God to sell some cows on our behalf.
- Pray that we will be in Guatemala by February to April 2009.
- Pray for God to prepare our family spiritually and physically for this mission.
- Pray for our good friends, the McCauley's who are also raising support to serve in Guatemala
- Pray for CAG and NLCH.