

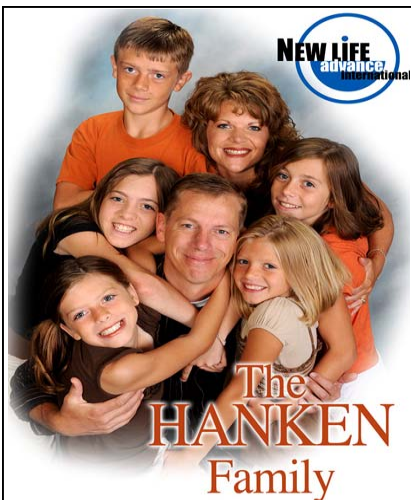
Hanken Missions

April 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!

Thank you once again for your prayers this past month. God has answered them in SO many ways...and in ways we didn't even know to ASK you to pray for one month ago! We are so glad to serve a God who sees the BIG picture.

Our latest big news is that as of last Friday we are home "renters" in Guatemala City. TJ went down last week for five days and on the last day and the last appointment (naturally!) found us a home that will fit our family wonderfully. We are so thankful for this answered prayer. It is a townhouse in a secured neighborhood with enough room to host YOU when you come to visit us!

TJ was also able to spend some time at the Christian Academy of Guatemala (CAG) while he was there. He enjoyed meeting more of the staff and even a few students. We are so anxious to begin our work alongside these fine people.

TJ and I both finish up our American jobs by the first week of May. We plan to have our household sale on May 9 and use our last few weeks to close up shop here and finish preparations for our move. We have a LONG list of "to-do's" as you can imagine. Our financial support is hovering around 65%. We are so thankful for all who have supported us in this way and are praying for God to bring in the final 35% before we leave.

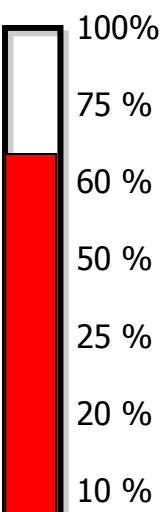
Everyone is asking about the kids...having a date set and a home secured has been very encouraging to them. They are keeping track of "days until we move" on a whiteboard in the kitchen. This morning they changed the number to 62! Can you believe it? Neither can we. I think Sydney said it best last week when asked how she felt about the big move. "Some days I am happy about it and some days I'm not." I think that is pretty accurate for all of us. Please pray for peace and harmony in our family as the countdown continues.

Praise: Our two dogs have a new home to look forward to. Good friends of ours have agreed to be their new owners. Thank you Adam and Annie!

Praise for a great Missions Conference at the congregational church of Parkersburg.

We will be visiting Dina's home church in Nebraska this month and also celebrating her grandma's 95th birthday with the Gurneys.

Pray for a successful household sale and for wisdom as we sort through and decide what to get rid of.



PLEASE READ

All financial support must be mailed to below address. NLAI will mail further support info to you after that. Please make all checks out to NLAI and do not put our names on check. Thanks!

NLAI
P.O. Box 35857
Houston, TX 77235

SUPPORT STATUS

Our goal is to raise enough financial support to cover living expenses for four years as well as additional start-up expenses needed for our transition to Guatemala. Currently we have a little over **65%** of this amount.

APRIL PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for God to provide the remaining 35% of financial support needed by JUNE 3rd..
- Pray that God would provide a reliable vehicle for us in Guatemala.
- Pray that God would continue to spiritually, physically and emotionally prepare for this experience.
- Pray for TJ and Dina to be able to learn Spanish quickly and easily.
- Pray that God would provide a godly and committed person to takeover the Student Connection youth ministry.
- Pray for a successful garage sale on May 9th.