

# Blessing the Nations

In you all the nations shall be blessed

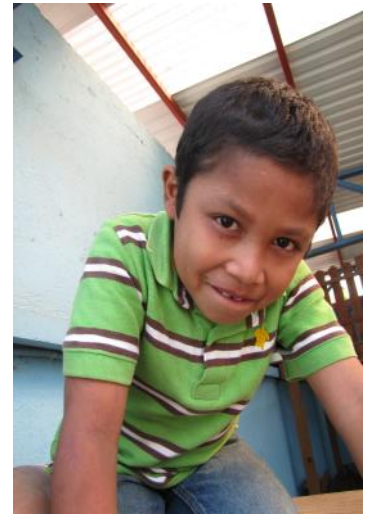
In February, we received 3 of 7 siblings. Their story is sad but their future is bright. Donal, Maryori (pronounced Margorie) and Estiven came to us in a very bad state. They all had lice, scabies, stomach parasites and were suffering from severe malnutrition. God is good and we were able to enroll Donal and Maryori into school and they are thrilled about learning. All three children came to us scared, scarred and feeling unloved, but the love of God they receive with us will change their lives.



Estiven



Maryori



Donal

66% of Guatemalan children 3 months to 5 years old are malnourished (Prensa Libre 2016)



Last month we told you that Iris may go to live with a neighbor or family member close to her mother. We believe God worked everything out in Iris' favor as she came back to live with her brother and us at House of Destiny.



All of you are cherished by us and our prayer is that somehow God shows you how precious you are to us and to Him.

Last year was a very difficult year for Valerie and me. At first, Valerie's retina in her left eye detached and we had it surgically reattached twice. At times, it was hard not being a bit afraid for her sight but a close friend sent us this scripture; Matthew 13:16 "But blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear." Now, a year later, Valerie's sight is coming back and we have a potential fifth surgery scheduled for next month.

In June, I was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. The diagnosis was horrible but God's prognosis is awesome! He says with long life He will satisfy us. Valerie and I have tried to follow peace in every step we take during this ordeal. I have taken 6 different types of chemo therapy, been stuck with more needles than I can count, made numerous trips to Houston and I still have most of my hair! It hasn't been easy but we see victory ahead.

Meanwhile, we continue here in Guatemala loving and raising some wonderful children. God has shown Himself real to us and the children and despite the things that are trying to get us, we are all excelling! Love **always** wins, and when love abounds so does winning!

Love,

Jay & Valerie Ranton



Look for the group "Casa Del Destino and the page "Going Into All the World Ministries.

