



## November 2023

**A Time of Protests:** During this past month, the country has been brought to a standstill due to protests following the elections in August. According to the protesters, the current president is doing everything in his power to prevent the elected president from assuming office in January. To demonstrate their frustration with the current president, the protesters took to the streets, blocking nearly every major highway in Guatemala for nearly two weeks. During those weeks we were not able to leave our village and we struggled to find gas for the car. Thankfully, the protests have calmed down during the last week, and we pray that there will be no more blockades on the major highways as they put a strain on all of us and the economy.

**A lesson about spiritual warfare:** Towards the end of August, I had the privilege of continuing the training concerning Spiritual Warfare with our pastors. This is a topic that is relevant to most of the pastors as they deal regularly with demon possessions and a culture that is saturated by the fear of spirits and shaman. The pastors were particularly blessed by the study of Ephesians 6:10-18 (the spiritual armor of God) as it gave them confidence knowing that in Christ they have been given everything necessary to confront and defeat the enemy. Our next session will be on Biblical worship and how to run an orderly church. I hope that we will be able to have this training session in December



**Upcoming opportunities:** During the next few weeks, I will be teaching Synthesis to Pastor Francisco and his son Diego. They have been very successful in teaching Synthesis in their community, and I am honored to be able to come alongside them to teach through poetical books, specifically the books of Song of Songs, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. Additionally, I have been invited to speak at the graduation of Pastor Manuel's students in

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December. These students have completed their four-year training which includes studying Panorama, Synthesis, and Analysis. I pray that my sermon will serve as a challenge for the graduates so they may be inspired to serve their local churches.

**Pray Requests:**

1. Please pray for my back as I have been dealing with a lot of pain during the last week.
2. Please pray for my sermon in December. Please pray that the Lord will use it to encourage and challenge the graduates.
3. Please pray for the political situation in Guatemala that the protests will continue peacefully without devolving into violence.

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