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Even if you do not get the opportunity to go to Guatemala, you can still help the children of Guatemala. The Bible tells us that by praying for other people, such as the girls at the Manchen Orphanage, you are serving our Lord. *"As you help us by your prayers, then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many."* 2 Corinthians 1: 11. Specifically you could pray for their salvation, peace, health, family, school, friends, and teachers. Also pray that God would comfort them as they have gone through so much in their lives. Take some time between you and God and pray for the orphans all over the world and also ask God to be with the people who he sends to Antigua, Guatemala.

You can write down your prayer, if you'd like to.



Monday

Guatemala is a country in Central America, located just south of the continent of North America. It has a population of 14,655,189, of which most people are Hispanic and 60% speak only Spanish. Many people in Guatemala do not know Jesus Christ.

"Declare His glory among all the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples." Psalm 96:3 Please take some time to pray for the children of Guatemala, that they would come to know Jesus' love for them.

Explain how you would tell someone about Jesus who has never heard of Him:



Tuesday

Buckner Orphan Care International is one of the largest private social-care ministries in the nation, serving approximately 70,000 people each year. It is a ministry that is focused on the care and healing of children, families and senior adults. This ministry seeks to provide care to everyone, no matter what their race, religion, economic status, or social circumstances.

Buckner seeks to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by ministering to orphan children throughout the world. As a church we partner with Buckner in making bi-yearly trips to Guatemala.

Write down some ways you could help Buckner Orphan Care International. -



Wednesday

In Guatemala, like other parts of the world, there are many orphans, or children without parents. Most have a very difficult past and desperately need to know how much God loves them, just as much as he loves you. Imagine if you were in this position, it would be really hard. The specific orphanage that 121 is connected with is the Manchen Orphanage for girls in Antigua, Guatemala. These girls range in age from 9-17.

When they turn 18, the government won't allow them to live in the orphanage anymore, so we want to make sure they know the truth about Jesus before they go off and live on their own. Buckner celebrated the grand opening of its first transitional girl's home in Guatemala City on January 7. Unlike any orphanage, the transitional home will provide a place for girls age 18 and older to live as they continue their education and learn life skills.

Write down some ways you could pray for these girls in the Manchen Orphanage.

Thursday

The team who is in Antigua, Guatemala at the orphanage has a great time building friendships, having vacation Bible school, Bible studies, playing fun games, singing songs and eating great food with the girls. Christ is definitely shared through all those activities and some of the girls come into a relationship with Jesus. You are probably wondering what happens if all they speak is Spanish? Well, there are wonderful translators there to help you talk to the girls if they don't know English. It's really cool to worship the same God in a different language. 121 helped raise money at Vacation Bible School this past summer to fix showers in the orphanage so the girls could stay clean. The girls loved the goodie-bags that were made at VBS. Even if you're not in Guatemala you are still serving and worshipping God by participating in special events like that.

If you had the opportunity to talk to the girls, what would you say?

Down:

1. _____ is the name of the country we are learning about this month
2. _____ is the name of one of the largest private social-care ministries in the nation
3. 121 kids raised money for these at VBS last summer.

Across:

1. 60% of the population speaks only _____.
2. Guatemala is located in Central _____.
3. Everyone, even kids like you, can _____ for kids in Guatemala.
4. _____ are children who do not have any parents.

