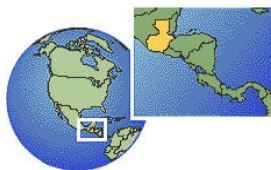


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The Spring Valley / Everett Guatemala Mission Team landed at their first destination on schedule! Robert Gross and Frank Andersen have offered the initial on-location journal reports from Casa del Rey in Chichicastenango, Guatemala.

DAY ONE, SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008

SPRING VALLEY / EVERETT GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM

Robert Gross:

Greetings from Chichicastenango,

All arrived safely without incident.

Due to construction the roads are better in part, but much worse for the most part.

Some year when the work is complete the trip will be much faster and easier.

Tomorrow we go to the Chichi market and then on to Cunen where the real work begins Monday.

Health and Peace,

- Robert



Greeting old friends and new friends at the Guatemala airport as we wait for the bus.

Frank Andersen:

Saturday, July 19, 2008

We're back!



Daniel Ixtuc and his family

Daniel is our trilingual interpreter. He has been with us every year.

Fifth year for us and sixth for some of the Spring Valley group and brand new experiences for four more folks.

There is something special about landing in Guatemala City, seeing Daniel, driving the windy road to Chichicastenango.

It's seeing a lovely and now somewhat familiar country, seeing old friends who we see only once a year, seeing familiar and comfortable places like the Casa del Rey in Chichi; and it's a whole lot more.

It is a special privilege to be able to come and serve these wonderful people and we are especially grateful to all of you who help make that possible.

It was raining when we landed and I suspect we'll have a cool and wet week like we did last year.

But I know we'll enjoy the work. We have a dentist

with us this year, so we'll be expanding our services.

When we stopped at Camanchaj to pick up dental supplies and an ultrasound machine for the medical work we got a chance to see the new preschool.

The building is done and the furniture is in. The preschool should open in January.

Only a quick note for now. We'll send more pictures from Cunen.

Yours in Christ,
- Frank Andersen



Pastor Sebastian's daughter was at the Camanchaj clinic to greet us. This picture is in front of the new preschool building.