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Guessing Game

Drum roll, please... Sandy and Steve were the winners of our guessing game! If you are curious, during that short stretch last fall, SMI received orders for use in Thailand, Dominican Republic, Bangladesh, Ivory Coast, Ecuador, Haiti, Papua New Guinea, and Uganda. Steve and Sandy guessed 3 of the 8 countries correctly. [And the fun dispersal of diagnostics continued with tests heading to Indonesia, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Panama immediately after that.]

Guatemala

Speaking of Guatemala...my trip to Guatemala to serve with Potter’s House Assoc. is run through my church - not Science with a Mission. But since several of you have been asking about it, I wanted to share a little bit. Projects included programs for women who live in the dump community, painting desks to be used for after-school programs, ESL classes for PHA staff members, visiting with students we personally sponsor, prayer visits with families, and my favorite...building a 4-part hygiene unit.

Two more families now have: a new wood-burning stove – which not only requires less wood for cooking, but vents all smoke out through the roof (thus decreasing respiratory illnesses among family members); a new catch-basin (to store water that only comes for 1 hour, 3 times per week) and filter (for drinking/cooking water); a private place for washing up; and a new bathroom.

Right: Deep material poverty / deeper joy



True North Missions

And hey – let's continue to talk about Guatemala. The goal of True North Missions is to improve community health in Mayan Indian Villages in Guatemala. You may recall from past newsletters that this ministry utilizes boats to reach the communities they serve. They had two trips in February and March – during which they did primary **health exams on over 900 children and their families**. Here are some photos:



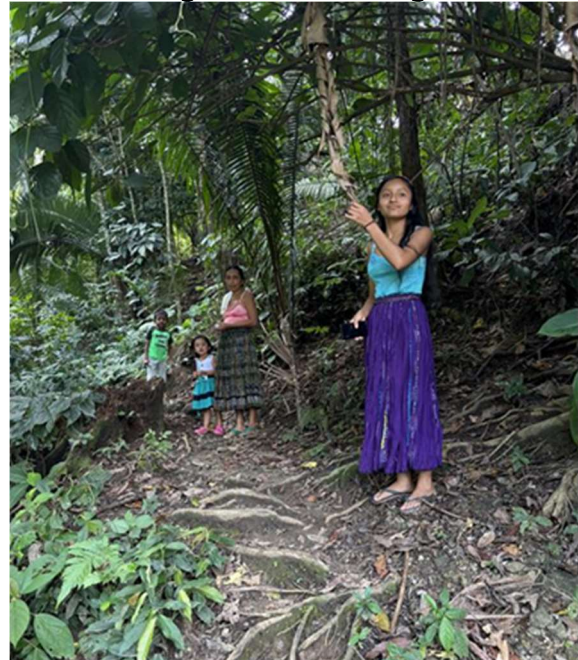
Team in a launch heading to the village



Kids lined up for their physical exams



Sonia running health screenings



Path up the mountain for a house call

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Prov 31: 8-9

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