

# Great Growing in Guatemala

Use this resource to reinforce what your child is learning every month in missions.

## NOTES FROM YOUR CHILD'S LEADERS

It's growing season in Guatemala! This month, children will discover how missionaries are helping meet both physical and spiritual needs for the people in Guatemala. Farmers in rural Guatemala are growing food to support their families with the help of an agricultural ministry. Also, people who have never heard the familiar stories of the Bible are growing in their knowledge of God's greatness.

### **BIBLE FOCUS**

April's featured Bible passage is John 20:1–18, the story of Jesus' Resurrection. Talk with your child about the disciples' reluctance to believe that Jesus was alive (you can read more in Luke 24:36–43). With your child, create an Easter wreath, window decoration, or outdoor display with a "Jesus Is Alive!" theme.

### **MINISTRY FOCUS**

Missionaries in Guatemala are planting seeds of faith and helping them grow. For many years, Gary and Lily Stone worked with the Tajumulco [TAH-who-mul-co] Mam people to help meet their many needs. To show people God's love, they provided dental and medical clinics for the Mam people. They also helped plant churches and train Mam Christians to be leaders. As their responsibilities grew, the Stones moved to another city in Guatemala and continue to share the love of Jesus with the people there.

David and Regina White, along with their young sons Benjamin and Cruz, work among the Chorti people in Eastern Guatemala. The whole family takes time every day to make sure the Chorti people know Jesus. When the Whites teach them about God's Word, they start at the very beginning. Many of their Chorti friends have never even heard the familiar Bible stories like creation, Moses, Noah, or Jonah. The Whites love getting to share these stories with the Chorti people for the first time.

As we focus on Guatemala this month, introduce your child to the culture by learning about its cuisine. The Guatemalan diet is heavily comprised of fruits, vegetables, and items easily found at a Mexican grocery store (black beans, tortillas, tamales). With your child, search online for Guatemalan recipes such as *atol de elote*, a sort of sweetened corn milkshake. As you cook together, pray for the Stones, the Whites, and the people in Guatemala.

### **WEB FOCUS**

Visit these websites as a family to learn more about this month's emphasis:

- [wmu.com/ThisMonth](http://wmu.com/ThisMonth)
- [facebook.com/pages/Baptist-Rural-Life-Ministries/210903605590058](https://facebook.com/pages/Baptist-Rural-Life-Ministries/210903605590058)
- [britannica.com/topic/Chorti](http://britannica.com/topic/Chorti)
- [davidandregina.blogspot.com](http://davidandregina.blogspot.com)

### **MISSIONS FOCUS**

#### ► **Eggs In A Basket**

Fill empty plastic eggs with small treats and a fortune cookie-sized invitation to join you for Easter Sunday worship at your church. Deliver to neighbors, or leave a basket (with permission) in a local coin laundry or waiting room.

#### ► **Mission Plants**

If growing season is upon you, allow your child to help plant and tend in-ground or potted tomato plants. Reserve the produce all summer for gifts to neighbors or a donation to a church food pantry (coordinate delivery with days the pantry is open for business).

#### ► **Yardin' & Gardenin'**

As a family, "adopt" an unchurched single mother or senior adult who needs strong arms and backs to help around her house. Offer to assist with spring weeding, pruning, trash pick-up, and general outdoor maintenance.