

Our team of six went to Guatemala November 11-18 to help finish a house and lead VBS.

We arrived in Guatemala City Saturday afternoon. A few hours later, we arrived at our hotel in Zacapa, Guatemala. Sunday morning began with a short bus ride to the village La Trementina where the house to be finished was located. We met with the workers, the contractor, and the engineer to get a better understanding of what work was left to be done. We then met and had lunch with the family who would be moving into the home; a single mother with four children at home. Later in the afternoon, we visited a family whose home was built during a prior trip. It was a joy to see them greet members of our team who had helped with their home. We finished the day worshipping with villagers at the church where we would be holding VBS.

The next several days consisted of helping with what we could on the house in the morning and having VBS in the afternoon. Our last day included more than 160 children! On Thursday, we had a beautifully moving ceremony dedicating the new home to the family, praying blessings over them and the home. We said our goodbyes and started our nine hour bus ride to Antigua, Guatemala, which included long periods of time stopped on the road due to construction.

Friday was a day of rest, exploration, and fun. We arrived safely home Saturday afternoon, tired and blessed by our experience!