

# Martinez Missionary Mail (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024)

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## Intermissions Conference- Guatemala

This time of year, missionaries from across Guatemala gather for a weekend at the picturesque Lake community of Panajachel. Missionaries, the not-so-young and those just getting started, will share resources, tricks of the trade, and experience.

Servant teams from the U.S. bring worship music, special teaching, encouragement, counseling, treats, and gifts, for the purpose of ministering to the ministers.

For many missionaries and missionary families this will be the only refreshing and encouragement experienced during the year as they labor and minister across Guatemala.



*Spiritual refreshing and ministry collaboration.*

## International Association of Missionary Aviation (IAMA)

C&R /SGSP attended the 53rd annual IAMA conference in Boliver, Missouri, for three days of intensive networking with organizations that specialize in the support of mission aviation across the globe. Learning from those who have founded, operated, and expanded aviation ministries was humbling and exhilarating at the same time.



*Skyler & Nicki Redding (back), candidates with SOAR Aviation, a delightful and committed couple training for a career in missionary aviation service.*



## A Host of Hosts

Our personal thanks and heart-felt gratitude go out to the many who opened their homes to receive us and arranged shelter care, meals, and funds for medicines while we traveled, including a vehicle loaned to us for almost two months.

## The Road to Recovery

It was unexpected, but no sooner did we arrive stateside, both C&R fell critically ill with flu-like symptoms (not covid) causing us to be bedridden for days at a time. We missed a few appointments in the Dallas and Tulsa area because of this, yet still confident that our steps were ordered by God.



## Generations Pt. 1

As career missionaries in Guatemala, we often miss out on stateside family events and happenings and accept that it “comes-with-the-territory”. March is Robin’s birthday month, and she was determined to pull the throttle back and spend quality time with her mom, Barbara, who is 91 years young.

## Generations Pt.2

We also determined to spend some quality time in south TX with our daughter Rachael and granddaughter Lylah who is 11 years old. The eclipse was a no-go because of cloud cover, but beach time under sunny skies was a joy to remember. Shepherding Lylah around to activities like “cheer academy” (yes, it is a thing) was a special treat. It was fun to join with all the “cheer-parents” watching their little star. We thought Lylah our granddaughter outperformed all the others...just saying.

