

## RicknRuth Odess March 2023

## Shalom!

We are getting ready...

March 25-April 2 sees us working with West Church from Haverhill, MA and Pastor Nelson Juarez in Acajutla, El Salvador continuing to work on the church building there. We will be building walls (the good kind) and the roof to the church, as well as conducting a VBS and soccer camp. This church is located right at the beach and is in a prime spot to share the Gospel with the people of the area.



Our home church, **Eliot Baptist**, is sending a team to **Guatemala April 25-May 1** and Ruth & I will be joining them as we work at a school there. We will also be working at a school and building homes and ovens. We are very much looking forward to this trip, where we can join our church's history of service in a land we love. Eliot Baptist has a long history of serving in Guatemala (and beyond) so it will be with great expectation that we join in this endeavor. Special Thank You to those who contributed to our expenses on this one 🗐

**Missions Door** will be celebrating 75 years of ministry with a Missions-Wide conference in the **Dominican Republic June 10-16**. This will be the first time in many years that the whole MD family will be all together in one place. We look forward to meeting with, and in some cases meeting for the first time, many of our Missions Door family and renewing & energizing our commitment to His call.

We have carved out **July 1-15 and July 29-August 12** for any team that may develop and be led to join us for a short-term mission trip to a destination of their choice. If you are interested in one of those times, please let us know ASAP.

Our trip to Israel has been postponed to 2024, as we were unable to find appropriate accommodations for our large Eliot Baptist group.

January '24 see us joining with 5 college campuses served by MD's Campus Ambassadors on mission trip to San Salvador, El Salvador to work renovating a home into a church building. This may prove to be the largest team we've had the privilege to lead.

Lots going on here, Praise God! Please pray for all the details involved, as well as the spiritual preparation and development for all involved, most of all, us!

Thank you so much for your love and support. You go with us every time.

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