



The Beacon
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Scripture Memorization,

Galatians 5:16

“I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

Florida Baptist Children's Home – Orphan's Heart

At 44 days old and weighing merely 3 pounds, Carlos Alexander was helpless when he arrived at the Malnutrition Center in Jan Juan, Sakcatepequez. After he was abandoned by his mother, the government placed Carlos at the center. He was struggling to eat, gain weight and sustain body temperature. The Malnutrition Center successfully intervenes in the lives of hundreds of malnourished children each year, but Carlos' circumstances were so grave that even a doctor at the center found himself shaking his head in concern.

More than 3,500 miles away, three young women from Boston boarded a flight headed for the Malnutrition Center. One of the women, 30 year-old Briana Spohr, was a return mission trip participant with Orphan's Heart. Two years earlier, Briana fired up a Google search for “orphan's in Guatemala.” Her search produced Orphan's Heart. Briana quickly signed up for a trip, venturing to Guatemala for a life-changing experience. This time she is returning with her younger sister, Felicia, and her cousin.

Twenty-four hours later, the team attended orientation. Carlos' grave situation was explained to the team for the first time. When group assignments were determined, Felicia was assigned to Carlos' group.

Among the supplies the women from Boston brought was formula designed specifically for premature babies just like Carlos. Approximately five days after Carlos' arrival, hope emerged in his solemn situation.

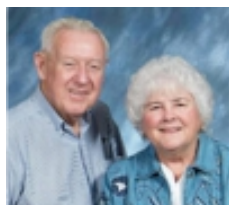
Felicia, alongside Orphan's Heart staff, worked extensively with Carlos during a critical time. Every bottle, every cradle and every prayer mattered in the most critical moments of Carlos' life. A few ounces at a time, Carlos began gaining weight, growing in strength and becoming more responsive every day. Within a few months, Carlos had more than doubled in weight. Today, mission teams and staff at the Malnutrition Center continue to be part of a story that God is scripting beautifully through faithful servants from all over the world.

August's Deacon of the Month

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SUNDAY SERVICES

August 20, 2017

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Sermon:

God's Blessing on the Journey

Ezra 7:6-10, 27-28; 8:21-31

Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Children's Sunday School 10:00 am

Nursery available for children 3 1/2 and under

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Prayer Meeting at 7 pm

Your generous giving helps supports these ministries, selected by The Island Chapel Outreach Committee:

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>2016/17 Monthly Amount</u>
LOCAL	
Suncoast Association	\$ 1,035
Manna on Wheels/Lighthouse Ministries	\$ 250
The Next STEPP Pregnancy Center	\$ 250
Florida Baptist Children's Home	\$ 250
D & D Missionary Homes	\$ 225
InterVarsity Christian Ministries	\$ 100
S.T.A.A.R. (Human Trafficking Rescue)	\$ 100
NATIONAL	
Military Ministry/Campus Crusade	\$ 225
Jesus Project Ministries	\$ 100
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	\$ 1,000
INTERNATIONAL	
FL Baptist Convention Cooperative Program	\$ 2,368
North India Christian Ministries	\$ 125
Rafiki Foundation	\$ 125
New Hope Ministries (Haiti Orphanage)	\$ 100

Schedule of Events

This Week		
Aug 20	Haiti Mission Trip Information Meeting	5 pm
Aug 21	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34th Street South	8 am
Aug 23	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	7 pm
Coming up...		
Aug 29	Primary Elections	7 pm
Aug 30	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	7 pm
Sept 4		Office Closed
Sept 5	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34th Street South	8 am
Sept 6	Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer Service	7 pm
Sept 7	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
Sept 13	Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer Service	7 pm
Sept 14	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm

Announcements

Prayer Breakfasts

Ladies' Prayer Breakfasts

1st and 3rd Monday of every month – 8:00 AM
Skyway Diner
4000 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

Men's Prayer Breakfasts

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month – 8:00 AM
International House of Pancakes
4199 34th St. South, St. Petersburg, FL

PLEASE JOIN US



PRAYER MEETING
Wednesday at 7 pm

August 20th @ 5pm



HAITI
MISSION TRIP
Information meeting

Bible Studies are Resuming

Wednesdays – Starting September 6th
(at The Island Chapel)

Thursdays – Starting September 7th
(at The Riley's house)