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Hello. My name is Jacob. I live in Guatemala.

I think that Guatemala is a great country because of all its cool nature and awesome views. My family has been serving here for two years. The people are very nice. The kids love to play soccer, and I love to play with them! It's also really fun to talk to them in K'ekchi' and Spanish.

This year I started school all in Spanish! My favorite subjects are P.E., English, and math. In math we studied Mayan numbers. We tend to eat a lot of corn and black beans because a lot of people here are very poor. My favorite food is *caldo* (a chicken broth soup with a chicken leg). I have also learned to play the marimba — Guatemala's national instrument!



Jacob with his friend Nelson. Photos provided by the Smokers.



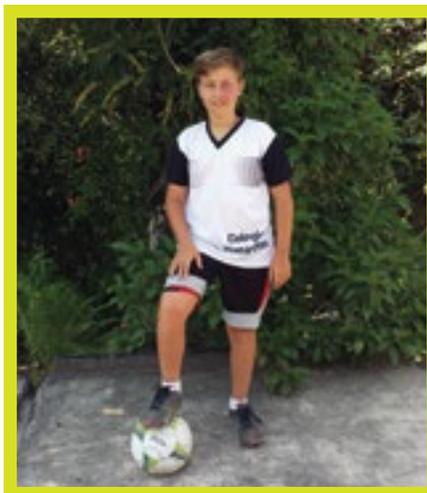
Guatemala

Cool facts from Jacob

1. There are 21 Mayan languages spoken in Guatemala.
2. Blue denim was first created in Guatemala.
3. The first ever chocolate bar was invented in Guatemala during Mayan times.
4. Guatemala's Lake Atitlán is the deepest lake in Central America. Some say it is the most beautiful lake in the world.
5. Despite its small size, Guatemala is home to 33 volcanoes.



Green iguanas live in Guatemala. They are big — growing up to 6 feet long and weighing up to 20 pounds! They mostly stay in trees, and can fall 40 to 50 feet without hurting themselves! When they swim, their legs stay still and their tails propel them. In some countries, green iguanas are endangered because people like eating this “chicken of the trees.”



Jacob loves to play soccer! Soccer is the most popular sport in Guatemala.

Moxie, the missional pup, says ...

be kind!

“Can you think of ways to be extra helpful? What about doing a chore for your parent or sibling? Being kind is very cool!”



