

## **2013 FCCV Wider Mission Our Hearts Will Build New Hearths**

This year Our Church's Wider Mission Project is International. We are pleased to welcome guest speaker **Dr. Adam Daniels** of Vernon. For the past four years Dr. Adams has worked with Missions in Guatemala to offer dentistry and Onil cooking stoves to the families in several communities of Guatemala.

One of the biggest problems in Guatemala today is their current cooking methods. Unsafe cooking stoves are the leading cause of death in children under the age of 5 in Guatemala. Traditional cooking stoves are flat sheet metal or barrels that ventilate the smoke directly into the family's homes. Carbon monoxide levels are twice the level considered dangerous in homes. Inhaling noxious fumes without the ventilation leads to acute respiratory problems. Children are falling into the fires when walking or playing near the open flame. House fires are relatively common and often cause death.

Our FCCV Mission Goal is to purchase 30 stoves for the communities in Guatemala costing approximately \$100 each. This small change will drastically alter a family's lifestyle. It will provide them with a safe alternative to cooking their food as well as a more sanitary means that will allow them to create more nutritional meals. The impoverished homes that these people live in are not made of materials that are conducive to an open flame. Along with improving their immediate lives, the cook stoves will have an important impact on the environment. These stoves require only 1/3 of the typical wood burned in an open fire, which results in 2/3 less time gathering the wood needed.

Please join us today in Fellowship Hall and on Sundays, March 17 and the 24 to find out more about the Guatemala culture and this important Mission Project. Envelopes labeled "**SPECIAL OFFERING**" are included in today's bulletin. Your donation will clearly benefit many families who are living in a very different world from the majority of Americans in the United States.