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# JESUS CHRIST

in

*Guatemala, Central America*

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*"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" II Cor. 5:20*

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## NEW WEBSITE

Greetings from the wet and mountainous region of Guatemala! We pray this finds you well and enjoying your summer activities. We are proud to announce our new website. If you haven't already, please take a moment to visit us, watch a 2 1/2 minute video, listen to the typical Guatemalan marimba music and meet some of the precious people we have the privilege of ministering to. Go to [www.CamarenaGuatemala.com](http://www.CamarenaGuatemala.com). If you are not currently on e-mail with us and would like to receive notice of our updates on the website from time to time, please send us your e-mail address. (be sure Camarena@afo.net is cleared on your spam program) In an effort to save on paper and expenses, our quarterly newsletters will be posted there on PDF form. If you are internet friendly and don't need to receive a hard copy of our quarterly newsletter, please pop us an e-mail w/ subject heading: "No newsletter." The newsletter can be read and printed from the website. If we don't hear from you, we will send the hard copy. The newsletters are just a smattering of what has taken place over the previous three months. It would be impossible to cover it all. Many, many things go unmentioned. They are just considered part of the daily activities of a missionary. We deal with many crisis' and emergencies here, a great way to see the Hand of God.

## ABUELITA (GRANDMA) TINA

Anyone that has visited us here in Guatemala has had the joy of knowing Grandma Tina. She lived on our property with us and was part of our family. After having a stroke on Art's birthday, she passed away two weeks later in April, just days short of her 91st birthday. We miss her!



## SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

As a result of a Rotary International Conference many years ago, students of a school in Iowa have worked every year to raise funds for a Mayan school in Guatemala. The students made their own crafts and had a "Guatemalan market day" to raise the funds. Funneled through us, the funds have benefited schools in various villages throughout Guatemala. This year, the funds were donated to a special-needs school in a village located on the side of a volcano. This school was established by a missionary friend and reaches the lives of little ones often rejected in the Mayan culture. These beautiful kids would not receive an education if it were not for this school. This was the last year the school in Iowa will be making their annual donations after 10 years. We were thrilled to see it go to such a worthy cause.

*Special needs children in the Mayan village of Santa Maria de Jesus*



## MOTHER'S DAY-BABY SHOWERS

In May, the Lady's Bible Study had a combined Mother's Day activity and Baby Shower for 5 expecting mothers. Seventy women and children participated in lots of fun activities and enjoyed breaking bread together. Some expressed their praise to the Lord through a gentle sweet dance. Gift exchanges included anything from a plant from their garden, fresh organic eggs from their chickens, a hand made craft or a store bought gift. The activity was two days before Mother's Day. The first baby was born right on Mother's Day. A week later, another mother's joy was turned to mourning when her baby died 30 minutes after he was born. The grieving mother called Lisa only minutes after he died following the home-birthing. The father of this impoverished family made a little casket with wood planks they had on hand, then covered it with white lace. The wake was that night and the burial the following day under heavy rains. We spent many hours by their side. We have seen far too many little white caskets since we've been here.

*One gal wears a "live hat" as she carries her plants to the party.*

*New mothers racing to dress their babies (dolls) blind-folded.*





## SEMINAR FOR SAN LUCAS

The end of June we did an all-day Character Seminar for the Mayor's office of San Lucas at the Marriott Hotel in Guatemala City. The Mayor, City-Council members and top supervisors of the Mayor's office were present. San Lucas, now a booming little town up the mountain thirty minutes outside of Guatemala City, is where we have lived for the last 12 years.



*Mayor of San Lucas,  
Sacatepéquez,  
Yener Plaza*

For more pictures, go to [www.CamarenaGuatemala.com](http://www.CamarenaGuatemala.com) and click on "Character Seminars". It also explains what is taught in a Character Seminar.

### PRAISE AND PRAYER

\* We praise the Lord for the recent prison outreach, for the healings that took place and for those who committed their lives to Christ. We also give praise for the Lord's mercy over Chaplain Holyfield. Please join us in prayer for his healing from the quadruple by-pass.

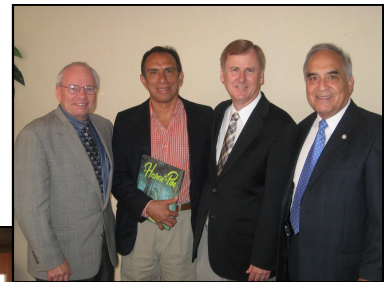
\* We give praise to the Lord for each and every person that contributes to this ministry. We are grateful for your participation whether it be financial, prayer, sponsorships or meeting specific needs.

\* Please pray the Lord provides for us to update our computer system. Our computer crashed recently when attacked by a virus. We are in great need of updating our technology.

\* Please pray for us as we plunge into the second half of 2008! May we be yielded to the Lord's will and may He guide our every step, that we would be a sweet savor unto Him. All to the Lord's glory!

## PRISON OUTREACH

Countless hours and numerous meetings went into the preparation of what turned out to be an action packed week in July! U.S. I.B.L.P. (*Institute of Basic Life Principles*) Prison Chaplains, Bob Holyfield and Jim Ruehmann, with their wives, Betty and Nancy, stayed with us 10 days. We had never met before but God knit our hearts together in a special way. We worked well as a team. We took seminar sessions by DVD and live to the National Penitentiary System offices 2 days and to two different prisons the other 3 days. Art & Chap. Bob were at the men's prison with over 100 inmates participating. Lisa and the rest of the team were at the women's prison with 150 women participating. The seminar teaches how to resolve conflict. It talks about the importance of asking forgiveness and also forgiving others. It expounds on the root causes of bitterness, anger and resentment, among many other topics. The Spiritual warfare was very strong. Satan did not want us to do these seminars, but the victory had already been won! Many people received inner healing. Quite a number turned their lives over to Christ. By the end of the third day in the prisons, inmates and staff, including guards, openly expressed their gratitude to us for having brought the seminar to them. Various ones shared about how it changed their lives. We give God all the glory! What little time we were not in the prisons or with penitentiary staff, we were sight-seeing. It was exhausting, but well worth it!!! Forty-eight hours after returning to Arkansas, Chaplain Bob Holyfield underwent emergency open-heart surgery. We truly have seen the Hand of God throughout the recent months. For more pictures and info. go to [www.CamarenaGuatemala.com](http://www.CamarenaGuatemala.com) and click on "updates".



*(top left) Art, Lisa, Dora (Prison System Coordinator) Bob & Betty Holyfield, Jim & Nancy Ruehmann*



*(top rt.) Jim, Dr. Jacobo (Prison System Programs Director), Bob & Art.  
(lower left) Men's prison, "Pavón"  
(lower rt.) Women's prison, "C.O.F."*



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Blessings from Guatemala,

*Art & Lisa*

