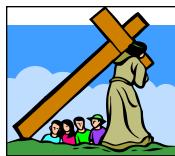


# AMBASSADORS for JESUS CHRIST in Guatemala, Central America

*"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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"On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." Luke 24:1-3

"If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Romans 10:9-10

Jesus not only died for the sins of the world, but He rose again and lives today. We wish you a very **HAPPY EASTER!!!** Christ has risen!

## CHARACTER INITIATIVE

The first months of 2012 have brought us numerous opportunities to set the ground work for various Character Initiative activities later this year. We have also made several presentations and had meetings with those we are currently working with. In January, management and the new "Character Committee" from the Credit Union Guyacán came to our home for a half day meeting. Their offices are 2 and 3 hours away. We have also made presentations for some local private schools who are interested in using our materials to teach their students how to develop good character as part of their curriculum. Art met recently with a local government official to reinitiate work we had done with them a few years back. We remain available to the opportunities the Lord puts before us.



## TRIP STATESIDE

Thanks to the generosity of a family member, we were able to spend the month of February in Arizona. The objective was to be there for Lisa's sister, Melanie's, milestone birthday. Lisa had spent many hours preparing a video on her sister's life as her gift to her sister. The trip took on a different flavor when we were notified a day before our departure that Lisa's mother had fallen and broken her other hip. By God's grace and intervention (our flight out of Guatemala left late), we were able to be with her the night of arrival and the day prior to her surgery. We are very grateful for the Lord's hand being upon her. She came through the

surgery just fine. A good bit of our time was spent with her throughout our stay, seeing her through her surgery, then on to a rehabilitation center. She is now finished with her rehab and settled in her "forever home" in North Scottsdale. We continued with the birthday party the following week. Three of her grandchildren surprised us all and flew in from Florida for the event. Since "L.J." couldn't come to the party, we took the party to her the following day. On Valentine's Day, we attended the activity at her rehab center. After enjoying the chocolate dipped strawberries, we took her out on the "dance floor" in her wheelchair and kicked up our heals. It was a wonderful time with our family in Arizona.



Above: Valentine's Day, Upper rt.: The party at the Rehab Center, Middle rt.: Tami & Manuel Oviedo & Craig Winebrener, (nephews and niece from Florida) Lower rt.: Art with granddaughter, Sidney.



time with many of our friends. We were blessed by their hospitality and love toward us. We are thankful for each one of them.

While stateside, we were able to attend the annual Reliv winter Conference in Reno. (Reliv Int. is the Food Science Company we are affiliated with as distributors) As an extension of our ministry, it has been an absolute privilege to help many people with their health and wellness and/or establish their own Reliv distribution home-based business. At the conference, we enjoyed time with long time friends and Art's two sisters, Rachel and Lupe. We have had such incredible results from our own life-threatening health issues that we were asked to speak at various meetings, including the Sunday morning worship service.



## FROM PARTY TO PARTY

Since our return to Guatemala the end of February, it seems we have gone from party to party. The Lady's and Children's Bible Study continued in our absence. They celebrated Valentine's Day with a party, as they do every year. However, they felt it wasn't the same without our presence, so they celebrated again the day after our arrival. There was delicious food and lots of loving hugs. March seems to be a month of birthdays, so we had two small parties during the week (Art's being one of them) and one big one on Saturday the 24th,



celebrating 7 birthdays. The Lady's and Children's Bible Study was also celebrating 15 years since its start in 1997, only 10 months after our arrival to Guatemala. One of the women we had met in our community stopped us on the road as we drove in from the remote villages and said, "The ladies in the area have been talking. We want to know more about the Bible, so we are coming to your house every week." THAT is how the Bible Study began. They first met outside in the garden, then moved to the living room while we finished out the ministry rooms upstairs. Some ladies have been coming the full 15 years while some have moved away and yet others have been added along the way. At the party, the kids had a blast bobbing for apples and playing on the newly painted playground. One of the lady's husband brought a great message and again, we ate and had lots of fun.



*Upper: Claudio sharing a message*



*Middle: Some of the group attending*



*Lower: Little Lisa got her apple!*

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

- We **praise** the Lord for using an 18 year old godly young woman to supply our need for a vehicle the entire time we were in Arizona!!!
- We **praise** the Lord for the opportunity to spend the month of February with much of our family and many of our friends in the states.
- We ask you to **pray** about your support to this ministry, be it a one time gift or monthly support. Donations can be given in various fashions. You can go to [www.RipeForHarvest.org](http://www.RipeForHarvest.org) for more specifics. Click on "donations". Be sure and select our names on the drop-down.
- We also **pray** for educational funds to be able to support various children and young adults through their education, most of which would not get an education otherwise. Some are in grade school while others are studying at the university. Please make your desire known that your donation be used toward education.
- We would love to supply the Reliv nutrition to some of the impoverished families we work with. If you would be interested in sponsoring a person or family with the Reliv nutrients, contact us at Arizona number 602-388-8584 or by e-mail at Camarena@afo.net.

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*Rt: Lisa with Helen, the one responsible for the Lady's and Children's Bible Study getting started 15 years ago.*

