

# AMBASSADORS

for

# 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 Corinthians 5:20

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We pray this finds you enjoying summer fun and maybe even some vacation time. We have had a busy quarter between ministry activities and our own vacation. We recently returned from the interior of Guatemala where we did a Character Presentation for one of the Credit Unions we work with. They have been actively teaching the Character Initiative since we did a two-day seminar for their managers and Board of Directors in 2008. They ask us to come to their region of the country periodically to share new ideas. Those attending were managers, the General Manager and members of the Board of Directors. This particular Credit Union is celebrating 49 years of existence while another one we work with just celebrated 50 years. It is a privilege to be part of the support team of these Credit Unions of good character!



We were grateful to take a month off to travel in May, first to NYC, then to Ireland, where we celebrated our 30th Wedding Anniversary. On the way back, we met up with sister, Mindi and bro-in-law, Embe Kugler in the Washington D.C. area and spent a week together at their timeshare. Being from the west, it was nice to visit significant and historical U.S. sites such as NYC, D.C. and Gettysburg in the east. Ireland was a dream come true and part of Lisa’s heritage. We are grateful to the four people that made this special and memorable trip possible.



*Character:  
the internal values that  
determine your external  
actions.*



*“Work is a blessing. God has so arranged the world that work is necessary, and He gives us hands and strength to do it. The enjoyment of leisure would be nothing if we had only leisure. It is the joy of work well done that enables us to enjoy rest, just as it is the experiences of hunger and thirst that make food and drink such pleasures.”*

Elisabeth Elliot  
1926-2015



*They are a great group of men  
and women who are out to  
make a difference in their  
communities.*



*Picture taken with Elisabeth Elliot at a conference in 2003. Elisabeth Elliot was one of the most influential Christian women of our time.*

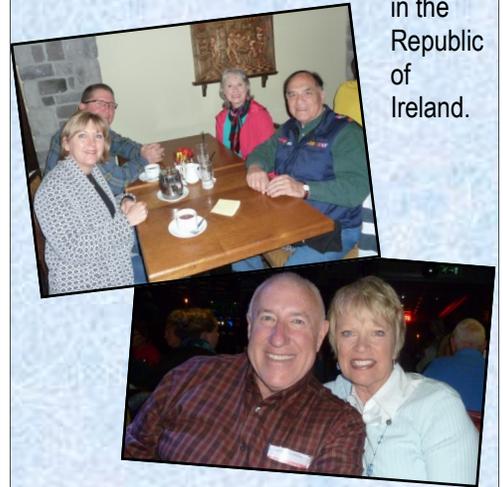
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The day we flew out of Guatemala, there was a Mother's Day party for the Lady's Bible Study in our garden. The ladies were sad Lisa was not going to be present, but had fun none-the-less. The following Saturday, the Señorita Group also hosted a lunch for their mothers in the "Upper Room" followed by fun games and activities in the backyard. The Men's weekly Bible Study continued to meet on Tuesday nights, ladies on Thursdays and the Señorita Group continued to meet on Saturdays. Upon our return to Guatemala, we were surprised and blessed by a string of events put on by the various groups to celebrate our Wedding Anniversary and then Father's Day.



↑ While in Baltimore, we were able to meet up with Carl Schell and his two boys. We have known Carl, now 40, since he was 8 years old, but hadn't seen him in at least 20 years. It was a "crabby" reunion! (love that Baltimore crab!)

↓ While in Ireland, we were able to meet up with CTEN missionaries, Robert and Joanie Willis, and long-time missionaries, Tip & Laurie Killingsworth, both serving in the Republic of Ireland.



**Tidbits about Guatemala:** The earliest human settlements in Guatemala date back to the Paleo-Indian period and were made up of hunters and gatherers. Sites dating back to 6500 BC have been found. The Mayan civilization (2,000 BC - 250 AD) was among those that flourished in the region. Guatemala was part of the Captaincy General of Guatemala for nearly 300 years; this Captaincy, included the territories of Chiapas, Mexico, and the modern countries of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The size of Guatemala is currently 42,042 square miles, slightly smaller than the state of Tennessee. Guatemala is bordered by Mexico, Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador. On the southwest coast is the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea is on the east coast. Though Spanish is the official language, there are 25 other indigenous languages spoken. In the Mayan language, Guatemala means, "land of many trees". The population of the Republic is approximately 15.8 million, the most highly populated country in Central America. From 1960 to 1996, Guatemala underwent a bloody civil war. The Peace Treaty was signed six months after we moved here.

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