

# AMBASSADORS for JESUS CHRIST

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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**As** we prepare to celebrate our 20th Christmas since moving to Guatemala, we give God the glory for all the experiences, joys and even the trials and tribulations the last two decades have brought us. We know the Lord brought us here in 1996 to serve the Guatemalan people, but we feel we are the ones who have been so blessed by their friendships. Serving on the mission-field has caused us to grow and mature in our own Christian faith and in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**2016** has brought us many memorable experiences, all for which we give God the glory.

**Thanks** to our supporters (individuals and churches alike), this year we were able to:

- ◆ Sponsor a number of impoverished children in their education
- ◆ Run three weekly Bible Studies
- ◆ Celebrate various group events throughout the year
- ◆ Respond to various invitations to speak
- ◆ Advance the Character Initiative in Guatemala
- ◆ Host various houseguests
- ◆ Supply medicine for a young man who has seizures
- ◆ Update our old vehicle and
- ◆ Share the Gospel message wherever we went

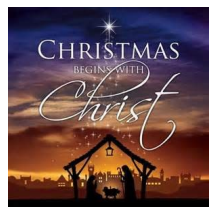
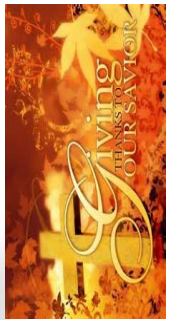


...amongst a host of other things. The grand event of **2016** was in May when we celebrated 20 years of ministry in Guatemala. If you have not seen our 20 year ministry video, go to:

[www.CamarenaGuatemala.com/videos](http://www.CamarenaGuatemala.com/videos)

We are still in need of raising \$1,800 of monthly support in order to keep up with the cost of living. If you are currently a donor and feel you can increase your giving (no matter the amount), that will help greatly. If you have not yet joined our ministry team and would like to join us, see how to do so on page 2. Please pass our newsletters on to your friends or at your church.

**Taxes!** Each year many folks are looking to give end-of-year gifts as a possible way to help reduce their tax liability. If you are one of those folks, here are some things to keep in mind. Contributions mailed to CTEN must be postmarked no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>. Online credit card donations must be posted through the CTEN website no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>. CTEN is also able to receive contributions of stocks, bonds and mutual funds, which are then sold and the proceeds provided to the missionaries. Remember that any year-end gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds must be received in CTEN's brokerage account by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Call 800-872-5404 for more information.





Dayana grew up in our weekly Children's Bible Study. She then participated three years in our Señorita Group. Having been abandoned by her alcoholic father, she is helping her mother raise her two younger brothers. In addition, Dayana has worked very hard in her studies to get a high school education. She was amongst 31 predominately Mayan Indian students in her graduating class. It was Art's privilege to stand-in for her father and put the class ring on her finger during the graduation ceremony in November. It was an emotional event where grown boys cried and melted into their mother's arms expressing their gratitude for their sacrifice. Dayana, a benefactor of this ministry, is the first in her extended family to receive a high school education and has aspirations to go to university now. We are very proud of her. *(more pictures on our website)*

*"With more than half the population of Guatemalans living below the poverty line, it is hard for children going to school, especially indigenous children, to afford the rising cost of school uniforms, books, supplies and transportation, none of which are supplied by the government. This is exacerbated by the fact that, for poorer students, time spent in school could be time better spent working to sustain the family. It is especially hard for children living in the rural areas to attend primary school and most drop out due to the lack of access and largely inadequate facilities."* (Wikipedia-Education in Guatemala)

**Like** you, we are in the midst of our end-of-the-year activities. We close the year off with a Christmas party in each of our Bible Study groups. It is also a time we get together with friends we don't see during the year. We hope you are doing the same. Reflecting on 2016, we are humbled as we contemplate how many ways God has manifested Himself to us throughout this year by protecting us, healing us and guiding us. We can't imagine life without Him at the throne.

**To God be the glory!**

**We** thank each and every person who has partnered with us in this ministry. We are grateful for your financial support, prayers and/or words of encouragement. A special "thanks" to those who donated to the car fund. If you have not yet partnered with us financially and are interested in being the hands and feet of Jesus on the mission field, there is still need for monthly support to meet our expenses, as well as, special needs and projects. There is no greater feeling to us than when we are able to meet someone else's need. We pray it is the same for you. We appreciate those who give and understand not everyone is called to do so. God is ultimately our provider, using His people to accomplish His purposes.

**Merry CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. "

Hebrews 10:25-26



"For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his  
shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. "

Isaiah 9:6

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