

AMBASSADORS

for

JESUS CHRIST

In

Guatemala, Central America

Holiday Season
2014



"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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It is hard to believe we are already closing out another year. Meeting these holidays with gratitude and joy in our hearts, we will soon be saying "good-bye" to 2014. The only thing left will be the memories we made.

DIA DEL NIÑO—DAY OF THE CHILD

We have already celebrated many festivities and are only just beginning! With four weekly Bible Studies, we do not lack for activities. October 1st was the Day of the Child, a day highly celebrated here. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day in the midst of the rainy season so we could all be together outdoors. The children enjoyed the savory food and fun prizes for the winners of the races. The day was colorful with two clowns, Lisa and one of the girls from the Señorita group. Every child from months-old to sixteen, received a goodie-bag with a hug from the clowns and children's teacher.

Here are some (but not all) of the children that were prayed-for by their mothers then fed before they participated in silly but fun games.



This señorita brought joy and laughter to the younger ones as they participated in various races like..... "who can eat a banana fastest".



Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14



CEREMONY FOR THE SEÑORITAS

Eufy has a passion to work with these young ladies and teach them how to walk in purity and trust the Lord for their future mate. She meets with them at our home every other week during the school year and weekly during school vacation time (October through December). She has spent the year teaching them practical things, like how to make special Guatemalan dishes, how to sew and make crafts. They have livened up the Lady's Bible Study activities with beautiful hand-made decorations to go with each occasion. In October, we hosted a special ceremony for the girls and their parents. Wanting accountability for their decisions, they signed a Declaration. First they eloquently recited by memory 1 Corinthians 6:18. Then they signed the Declaration. Lisa prayed-over them with scented Israeli anointing oil and gave them their new tailor-made blouse with the ministry logo on it. They received a rose from Art and pictures with their parents or representative. We are proud of these young ladies! We stand by their side as they walk through very vulnerable years in their lives.



"Flee sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body."
1 Cor. 6:18 (NIV)

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 31st. Online credit card donations must be posted through the CTEN website no later than December 31st. 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 31st. Call 800-872-5404 for more information.

HOUSING PROJECTS

Along with the growth of the men's Bible Studies, Art has been kept busy with housing projects. Thanks to some generous donors, this year we were able to make a huge difference in the lives of two families. Two sisters escaped from the war-torn area of the Ixil Triangle with their children during the years of the inhumane civil war. They settled in San Lucas. One of them was widowed due to the war, now remarried. The two sisters and their families live on the same property with a dozen or more family members and share the same outhouse, which we were able to redo a few months ago (see Sept. newsletter). One of the sister's house was made of nylon pieces (see May newsletter) and the other was made of old corrugated tin. Both had dirt floors.



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Here you can see some of the "before" and "after" pictures of the most recent project, the second house. Upon finishing the primary construction of the houses and bathroom, fellow missionaries installed new wood-burning stoves in their kitchens. Health conditions have been dramatically improved for these three-generation families. We still have some improvements pending due to lack of funds, but the families are delighted with the changes thus far!

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The rebuilt bedroom for two boys now has a concrete floor instead of dirt. →



Both kitchens were blessed with new wood-burning stoves. They use less wood and are safer for the children. Their kitchens are now smoke-free.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

- We continue to **pray** for the funds to attend an orientation with CTEN (Commission To Every Nation) in Kerrville, TX. We are planning to attend the orientation the early part of 2015. We are praying for enough to cover our travel and housing expenses.
- We are also **praying** for the ability to replace our old vehicle. **Praise** God, the car-fund is off to a good start. We are still in need of adding to it. If you would like to participate in that specific need, please indicate as such when giving. Send us an email informing us your gift is for the car fund. We have been blessed receiving such notifications and are very grateful to those participating.
- We are in need of monthly financial support to fund the additional new branches of the ministry. Along with the new Señorita group, we are also forming a group for the young men. Guidance is vital during the most vulnerable years of their youth.

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Checks should have a note attached with our name on it.