

AMBASSADORS for JESUS CHRIST

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Guatemala, Central America

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf; Be reconciled to God."

Corinthians 5:20

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STATESIDE VISIT

After quite some time of not being in our home towns together, we spent the month of March in California, Arizona and Oklahoma visiting family and friends. The trip was planned around Lisa's sister's 50th Wedding Anniversary and family reunion. We went from event to event, celebrating Art's birthday in both Porterville, CA and Scottsdale, AZ, attending a special baby shower in Newport Beach, CA, and the family reunion in Scottsdale. We basked in the time we were able to have with each family member and each friend. Unfortunately, there is never enough time to see everyone.



Top left: Celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mindi & Embe Kugler

Top right: granddaughter, Sidney. Center: the 4 sisters, Deena, Mindi, Lisa & Melanie.

Below: Mariachis surprised Art at his birthday party.



Bottom left: grandson, Lance & son, Lance.

Bottom right: 6 of the 12 brothers & sisters; Art, John, Lupe, Joe, Rachel & Rudy.



IT'S A BOY!!!

Chris & Melissa Kane were married 20 years when they came to visit us in Guatemala last August. They had not been able to conceive and have children, but had settled into the life God had given them. When they shared their testimony in the Lady's Bible Study, the ladies, with all the faith they could muster, laid hands on Melissa's womb and prayed over her. Not long after that, we were joyfully informed.....they were expecting!!! Their son was conceived in Guatemala. We were privileged to represent the Lady's Bible Study group by celebrating this pregnancy at their international baby shower in Newport Beach, CA while in the States. Twelve countries were represented at the event. Caio Thomas was subsequently welcomed into the world on April 30th. The theme of our Bible Studies this year is "GOD IS ALL POWERFUL", "For nothing is impossible with God!" Luke 1:37. Amen!



Chris & Melissa pointed at Guatemala on the map, where their precious son was conceived. They loved all the Guatemalan baby gifts from the ladies and ourselves. Top right, Lisa, Melissa and good friend and mother-in-law, Judy Kane.

← Introducing Caio Thomas Kane

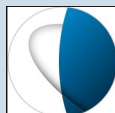
In addition to our weekly Bible Studies, we have had numerous events over the recent months. In February, our Pastoral Care Couple with CTEN was here and Janice spoke in the Lady's Bible Study. We also celebrated Valentine's Day that month with short-term missionaries, Bob & Marla, who brought lots of puppets for the children. As a Jewish woman, Marla then shared how she came to know Jesus Christ as the Messiah. All three Bible Studies continued to meet in our ministry rooms in our absence the month of March. In April, the ladies threw a belated Birthday Party for Art combined with a Welcome Home Party. They presented us with a beautiful basket of fresh fruit and a bouquet of bright yellow sunflowers. In May, joy was in the air as we celebrated our annual Mother's Day event where Art shared a meaningful message.



- ◆ We want to thank everyone who made the effort to be at Art's Mexican Fiesta birthday party in Scottsdale (or sent him a note). We enjoyed seeing so many people we have known over the years. Special memories were made. We are grateful for each and every one of our family and friends.
- ◆ For more updates and pictures go to: www.CamarenaGuatemala.com/blog.

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