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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 Cor. 5:20*

Heaven's gates were opened on May 8th to Lisa's mother, L. J. Stalcup, just a month short of turning 92. She impacted countless lives throughout her lifetime. It is our loss and heaven's gain. L. J. dedicated her life to the Lord, Jesus Christ, at a young age. She played piano on Sundays in various churches in a small town in Texas where she grew up. She went on to be an accomplished musician, a faithful wife for nearly 58 years and a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. After Lisa's dad passed 14 years ago, L. J. was kept busy traveling by her four daughters. She came to Guatemala on two occasions for a total of four and a half months. She fell in love with the people and the culture. She said, *"I don't speak Spanish, but I know they will understand my smile!"* And that is just what she was known for....her smile! L. J. was a "giver" all her life and even after death. She was a registered organ donor. We invite those who are able to join us at L. J.'s "Celebration of Life", Saturday, July 27th, 2013. ➔

If there was ever a Proverbs 31 woman, she was it! Even to the point that her favorite color was purple. (All pictures taken in Guatemala)



As "Cloey the Clown" her smile was painted on.....but it was genuine, as well. She was very loved here and known by everyone as "Abuelita" (Grandma). She will remain alive in all our hearts.



Celebration of Life for

L. J. Stalcup

**Saturday, July 27th, 2013
2:00 p.m.**

**It will be held at:
Fellowship North Church
8584 E. Dynamite Blvd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85266
(480) 419-0375**



The day after Lisa's mom went to be with the Lord, the Mother's Day events began. It was a bitter sweet time. Around 30 ladies gathered together for the Thursday Bible Study to celebrate Mother's Day and a Baby Shower for one of the ladies expecting twins. The day started out rather solemn. The ladies traditionally called "Abuelita" during the annual Mother's Day event to sing her a special hymn. The call was still made, but it was received by Lisa's oldest sister, Deena. The day wound up in laughter with lots of funny Baby Shower activities. (rt.) Friday, May 10th, was Mother's Day in Guatemala. Lisa had been asked by the Mayor's office to be the speaker at the City of San Lucas' Mother's Day event. There were about a thousand people present. During Lisa's talk, she gave a tribute to her mother and donated a



ficus tree to be planted in a public area in San Lucas. As a ministry, we also donated 15 large packets of flower seeds for the raffles and some beautiful petunias. L. J. loved flowers. Lisa's spiritual message was related to plants and trees and quoted various scriptures. It was only by God's grace and the prayer of many that Lisa had the strength to carry out the mission, despite the recent loss of her mother.



Mayor Yener Plaza and Lisa

Amongst our many ministry activities throughout the last quarter, including Character presentations, we also enjoyed celebrating Art's birthday. Along with the party the Lady's Bible Study had for him and our own family celebration, we also enjoyed a birthday fiesta time with Dr. Laura and long time friend, Dr. Doris, who also have March birthdays. Dr. Doris' mother passed away a couple of weeks before Lisa's mother passed away.



Felipe and Eufy walking their daughter, Imelda, into the sanctuary. (left)
The happy newly-weds, Cristobal and Imelda. (right)



One of the more happy occasions we participated in was the wedding of a young lady that grew up here on our property. First, we hosted an engagement party where family and friends gathered to counsel the couple with godly advise. An elder from their church ministered the Word of God to them. Imelda, now 20, was then wed to Cristobal on April 20th. Lisa had the privilege of dressing the bride in our home and praying over her. She attached a scrolled paper to Imelda's bridal bouquet with the scripture of Matthew 6:33 written out, "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*" Coincidentally, the first scripture the pastor spoke about in the wedding ceremony was the same.

Praise and Prayer

- Despite our grieving, we **praise** God that He has seen fit to take Lisa's mother home. It brings great peace to know where she is and that we will all be reunited one day. She definitely left her footprints here on earth.
- We **praise** God we have had the blessed opportunity to serve the Lord in Guatemala as full-time missionaries for 17 years now. We arrived here under a torrential downpour in a 1989 Chevy pickup on May 18, 1996. We consider it a privilege to be His vessels.
- We **pray** for the provisions to purchase a more recent model vehicle. It is time to replace our 1998 Mazda. We are also in need of a laptop. If you desire to make a tax-deductible donation by credit card to our car-computer fund, you can do so by going to www.RipeForHarvest.org, click on "donate", then click on "donate via C.C." (at bottom), click on "give now". On the drop down, look for "Camarena Special Project #86" or checks may be mailed to RFH specified for Camarena #86. (previously it was 41B)
- We are also **praying** for the financial provisions and various needs in order to make this unexpected trip to the states in July. If you are so inclined, donations can be made to our general ministry fund #41. Amongst other things, we will be in need of a vehicle in Arizona.
- We **praise** God for every American soldier, but most especially for those who have given their lives so that we may have our freedom.

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MONUMENT, CO. 80132

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L. J. Stalcup was a great supporter of our U.S. soldiers. She wore red, white and blue every Friday in their honor. She also loved the people of Guatemala and our ministry here.

If you would like to make a donation in her name, you could donate to the Veteran's organization of your choice or to this ministry for our outreach work here in Guatemala.

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