

# 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 Cor. 5:20*

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As we enter the fall season and the holidays it holds, we pray this finds your heart centered on the One who makes it all possible. Here our hearts are filled with gratitude this year as we make our plans to host a team the week of Thanksgiving. We know it will be an unforgettable holiday season for us. We pray it is for you, as well.

This last quarter has brought us a lot of change. Someone once said the only thing that is **constant** in life is **change**! How true that is.

## NEW MISSION ORGANIZATION

After nearly two decades with the same mission organization, we are proud to announce we have made the decision to join **COMMISSION TO EVERY NATION (CTEN)** in their efforts to share the gospel message around the world. We prayerfully made this change for various reasons, mostly having to do with high administrative costs and cumbersome monthly reports. We continue to have a good relationship with Ripe for Harvest. Like RFH, **CTEN** is a well respected organization with high standards and accountability. Founded in 1994 by an ex-missionary to Guatemala, Pastor Rick Malm, **CTEN** is ECFA accredited and maintains a 4-star rating with Charity Navigators. We will continue to operate as "Ambassadors for Jesus Christ" in Guatemala under the covering of CTEN.

[www.cten.org](http://www.cten.org) (see page 2)

## HERE COME THE HALLETTS

On June 1st, we were excited to receive long time friend, Diane Hallett and two of her seven children, Charla (17) and Cherman (10). They came to live life with us for six weeks and to study Spanish in the colonial town of Antigua, just down the mountain. Charla was only five when they were here last and it was Cherman's first time. He and Bret Jr. became best of buddies helping each other in their second languages. Charla became known as "Barbie"



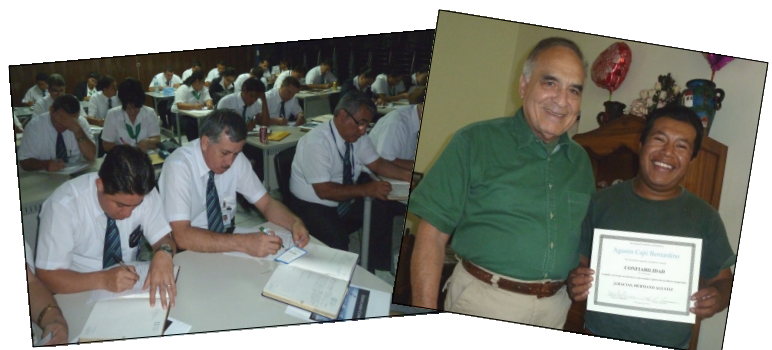
when we visited various Guatemalan families we reach out to. Diane brought some dynamic and challenging messages to the Lady's Bible Study, while Charla filled their tummies with delicious homemade

cookies. They enjoyed hugging babies (including newborn twins), praying over the sick, encouraging the down-trodden and loving on dozens of ladies and their children. They found warm welcoming smiles wherever they went, no matter the poor economic circumstances.



While the Halletts were here, we got together with long-time mutual friends, Mark & Ligia Walker and family, visiting from Scottsdale. Ligia, being Guatemalan, was the original Spanish teacher for both of our families in Arizona 20 years ago. Most weekends, the Halletts and we were found in different parts of the country touring world renowned Spanish colonial ruins, exploring dark damp caves, hiking famous Mayan ruins, boating a river or a lake, 4-wheeling roads not made for cars or swimming in the pristine waters of natural lagoons. We made great memories together!

Not long after the Halletts' arrival, the two of us took off for the interior of Guatemala to do a Character Presentation for a credit union. We recently recognized and appreciated our ministry employee, Agosto, for





demonstrating the character quality of "trustworthiness". We celebrated his fourth anniversary working in the ministry.

## CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

In July and August, we spent three weeks in Arizona. We went for Mom's burial and Celebration of Life. Lisa's mom, L. J., was a month short of 92 when the Lord called her home in May. She lived a very full and eventful life, overcoming many odds. So many people told us they were inspired by her Celebration of Life. If anyone had lived life to the fullest, she had. Two years ago Lisa had invested many hours creating a video of her life, for this very day. Each of the four daughters gave their tribute. Lisa honored her as a "Proverbs 31 Woman". (Proverbs 31:10-31) We miss her presence here on earth, but have the assurance we will be together again. She lives on in our hearts as we continue to walk out the many things she taught us throughout her life, mostly by example. The four girls wept together and laughed together as we gathered for various family events. Family and friends traveled from Florida, Colorado, South

Carolina, California, other parts of Arizona and of course, Guatemala. While in Arizona, we also celebrated Lisa's life. This was the first birthday she had celebrated on US soil in 17 years. Friends and family gathered to bless her and share stories of great memories of the past. We enjoyed time with our Calvary Church of the Valley brethren and with family and friends throughout our visit. Upon our return to Guatemala, the Lady's Bible Study also threw a birthday and welcome home party! We are blessed with so many wonderful relationships. We cherish each and every one of them.



*L. J.'s parting words were:  
"Be happy! I want you to be happy!"*

*Top: Bob & Ruth Huyler's 52nd Wedding Anniversary  
Rt: Lori Boyd, at Flagstaff home  
Above: Bob, Barbara & Rebekah Keats, out for lunch together  
Rt: Nephew Sean, Gina, Areya and Hunter the ham*



*Deena Rae, Melinda Kay, Melanie Faye & Lisa Renée*



*Niece, Mary, Amy, Tom, Victoria and grand-daughter, Sidney*

### PRAISE AND PRAYER

- We give **praise** for all the support through cards, letters, e-mails, calls and donations to us and other entities during the time of our loss.
- We **praise** God for those who rallied around us on this trip by loaning us their cars, giving us a place to sleep and often delicious meals.
- We **praise** God for putting the purchase of our much needed laptop on the hearts of a precious couple. We are up and running again!
- We continue to **pray** for the ability to purchase a newer used vehicle. It is time to replace our 1998 Mazda. If you would like to contribute specifically for the vehicle, just indicate "**car fund**" when you give. We trust in the Lord for all our needs!

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