

# AMBASSADORS for JESUS CHRIST

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*Guatemala, Central America*

“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 seems like summer skipped by us rather quickly and now we find ourselves in the midst of fall. Our summer activities culminated when long time friend, Lynn Sperry, from Gilbert, Az., came to be here for Lisa’s milestone birthday. The celebration went on for days with various groups of friends and branches of the ministry, only some of which included her English-speaking Bible Study, Spanish-speaking Bible Study, Children’s Bible Study, Señorita Group and a grand fiesta in the garden on the special day. Lisa is grateful for every year God has given her. She is grateful for a wonderful husband, a supportive family and for every friend the Lord has brought by her side.



Along with all our special activities, we have four weekly Bible Studies, the ladies, the children, the men and the young lady’s group (Señorita Group). In each one, we are studying something different. The ladies have been studying the character qualities of **DILIGENCE** and **AVAILABILITY**. All 49 character qualities can be found in the Bible either by word or by description. The children are memorizing scriptures and enjoy various amusing activities together. The men are in the midst of an eight-week in depth course on “Anger Resolution”. The señoritas have been learning many practical skills and studying what the Word of God says about purity. We celebrate the girl’s birthdays with a special lunch and cake. Many of them do not get recognized for their birthdays at home, so it is a special treat.

*Left:* Augusto celebrated six years laboring along side us as a vital part of our ministry team. He was recognized in the men’s group for demonstrating the important character quality of **FLEXIBILIDAD**: *Willingness to change plans or ideas according to the direction of my authorities. (definition per Character First)* Congratulations, Augusto!



The girls in the Señorita Group enjoy celebrating their birthdays. Every one of these girls are such a blessing to us. They often serve at our various events, learning to have a servant's heart.



## LANDSLIDE

The same day we gleefully celebrated the Day of the Child, October 1st, hundreds of children and adults were buried alive by a landslide that covered an entire neighborhood outside of Guatemala City. The landslide occurred that same night while most people were home. In some homes, children were gathered together to celebrate their special day. Over 30 people were rescued alive while over 260 bodies were recovered during the days that followed. There may be up to 300 still missing. We ask your prayers for the families that remain. Some lost their spouse and all their children, children lost their parents, parents lost their children and over 20 members of one family were reported perished in the tragedy. Ages of the deceased range from 3-month-old twins to elderly.

## Día del Niño Day of the Child



The children relished in the celebration of their special day with food, fun races, a drama performed by the Señorita Group and a piñata full of candy. They also each received a warm, loving hug and a little bag full of goodies to take home.



A child's doll found in the rubble.

This is a story about four people named, **EVERYBODY**, **SOMEBODY**, **ANYBODY** and **NOBODY**

There was an important job to be done and **EVERYBODY** was sure **SOMEBODY** would do it. **ANYBODY** could have done it, but **NOBODY** did it. **SOMEBODY** got angry about that because it was **EVERYBODY'S** job. **EVERYBODY** thought **ANYBODY** could do it, but **NOBODY** realized that **EVERYBODY** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **EVERYBODY** blamed **SOMEBODY** when **NOBODY** did what **ANYBODY** could have done.

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