

AMBASSADORS

for

JESUS CHRIST

Sept. 2014

In

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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Autumn greetings from Guatemala, Central America.....the “Land of Eternal Spring”. The only two seasons we recognize in Guatemala are “wet” and “dry”. We have six months of rainy season and six months of dry season. This year, however, has been quite different. Due to the “El Niño”, we have had dry weeks during our rainy season. Though it makes for beautiful spring days, it has affected the crops and the farmers have suffered. Hopefully, the rain will now continue until the end of October, as it generally does.

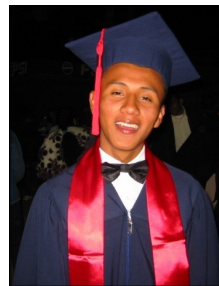
FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

This quarter has brought us North American fellowship and fun. In July, Lisa’s niece, **Tami** and husband, **Manuel Oviedo**, came from Florida to spend a week with us. They brought a suitcase full of toys and beanie babies to share with our Children’s Bible Study and the children on the street as we toured the fascinating historical sites in the famous colonial town of La Antigua. We made a 3-day trip to Lake Atitlan and also celebrated their 17th Wedding Anniversary in the short time they were here. It was an action-packed week!



Twelve days after their departure, we welcomed **Bob & Barbara Keats** from Arizona. Barbara and Lisa have been good friends for over 30 years. Bob & Barbara spent two wonderful weeks with us. It had been 16 years since they were here last with three of their children. They were shocked by the many changes that have taken place around us and thrilled to spend time with some of the people they have been helping through their support to this ministry. Again, we enjoyed the splendid landscape of Lake Atitlan, known as one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. We later headed the other direction and took a 26-mile boat ride down Rio Dulce (known as the “Amazon of Guatemala”) to the Caribbean Sea. Heading further into the interior,

we hiked the famous Mayan Tikal Ruins in the jungle. We were surrounded by monkeys swinging in the trees overhead and sighted lots of other wildlife. During their visit, the Lady’s and Children’s Bible Study and the Señorita group threw a big party to welcome Bob & Barbara and also to celebrate Lisa’s birthday. Lisa dressed in the Mayan outfit the ladies had given her and was humbled by the outpouring of love expressed that day. The Señorita group (a new branch of the ministry) decorated the carport and had hand-crafted dolls that represented various stages of Lisa’s life. They sang songs and recited poetry after we savored a delicious meal together. Cake seemed to flow like a fountain feeding all who were present. The ladies presented Lisa with a basket of colorful fruit representing the fruit of her lady’s ministry.



← David’s graduation 2005

→ Bob, Barbara & David 2014



Bob & Barbara sponsored David through his higher education. He graduated with a teaching degree and went on to teach in a Christian school. Now a businessman, he is very grateful for the opportunity given to him. He desires to turn around and help others in the same way.



MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

While Lisa ministers to the women, Art, with his two weekly discipleship meetings, generally spends his time with the men. However, this year, the ladies threw a party for him during the weekly Bible Study, honoring him for Father's Day. After celebrating with food and fun, he shared an impacting message with them. The following Saturday, the Señorita's group also prepared a delicious meal and honored him. It was surprising to find out how many of the young ladies do not have a father present in their home. Art does what he can to fill-in, however, we always direct them to our Heavenly Father, who will never leave us or forsake us.



Women's Bible Study ⇨



⇨ Señorita group

In addition to the four weekly meetings in our home, we also stay busy doing a lot of one-on-one counseling, discipleship and visitations to the families we minister to. Within that community, we deal with a lot of crisis and tragedies. We are alongside them to rejoice in their joys of a new marriage or new baby added to the family. We have helped a number of couples that were living together to get married, making their vows before God and the authorities of Guatemala.

Thanks to some generous donations, we are able to assist in some people's medical needs or education or even housing. We generally wouldn't put pictures of a "bathroom" in our newsletter, but that just happens to be one of the projects we recently finished. Only pictures can describe the improvement. This outhouse is shared by two families comprised of about a dozen members. The two mothers come to the Lady's Bible Study. They are so thankful for the outreach of "dignity" through this ministry, meeting basic needs. The families still have to cart their water a couple of blocks every day. A new dry hole was dug and we added a separate room with a drain designed for "showering", crude at best, but still a great improvement. Most North Americans have better facilities when they go camping. Sometimes it takes so little to make someone's life a little easier to live.

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." Psalms 82:3



Before



After

PRAYER NEEDS

- We continue to **pray** for the funds to attend an orientation with CTEN (Commission To Every Nation) in Kerrville, TX. The orientation is given four times a year. We need to attend only once. We are praying for enough to cover our travel and housing expenses.
- We are also **praying** for the ability to replace our 1998 Mazda. We are looking to get a more recent model vehicle. If you would like to participate in that specific need, please indicate as such when giving and send us an email informing us your gift is for the car fund.
- 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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