

# AMBASSADORS for JESUS CHRIST

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."

2 Cor. 5:20



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We started the month of May by receiving a nice group of managers and some members of the Board of Directors of a Credit Union we have worked with since 2009. After their three-hour journey, they enjoyed a stretch in our fresh mountain air before settling into a two-hour presentation on character with Art. They were very attentive and extremely appreciative.



We have been praying for years for a Guatemalan to work with us on the Character Initiative, a person who would eventually take it over. We hoped for someone who would have the same passion as we do to see character taught throughout Guatemala. God brought that person forth. Luis is the General Manager of another Credit Union we have worked with for over ten years. As pictured here in 2007, Luis opened a "School of Character" at the Credit Union's main office and has actively taught how to develop good character ever since. We look forward to watching the Character Initiative carried on through Luis' efforts and our help.



Mother's Day this year fell on a Thursday, always May 10th in Guatemala. So that mothers could be with their families on Mother's Day, we moved up our celebration. We had a nice sunny day for our outdoor event. We sang, prayed, ate, played games and listened to a great message about mothers in the Bible. We also celebrated the birthdays for the month of May which included a Quinceañera (turning 15), twins turning six and our ministry employee, Augusto. It was a joyful day filled with lots and lots of fun and laughter.



Three generations.



Racing to finish their baby bottle.



Celebrating birthdays for the month of May



Birthdays are a blessing!!! In March, the Lady's Bible Study prepared Art a favorite meal and presented him with roses, a cake and a large fruit basket. Some of the ladies were in our kitchen early in the morning to start the food preparations while others came the day before to decorate. The Men's Bible Study also celebrated with him during their Tuesday night Bible Study.

The Lady's Bible Study celebrates birthdays once a month. These two sisters were particularly grateful to be celebrating their birthdays. They both separately had a brush with death the previous year.

We recently said "good-bye" to a significant public figure in Guatemala. Alvaro Arzu was President of the Republic of Guatemala when we arrived here in May of 1996. He was the President responsible for signing the Peace Treaty on December 29th of that same year bringing a 36-year inhumane civil-war to an end. We worked with First Lady, Patricia, who sent delegates with us to a Character Conference in Indianapolis in 1999. We gave a four-day seminar on Biblical Principles to her staff that same year. Alvaro served as Mayor of Guatemala City prior to his presidency then again following. He was in the fourth consecutive four-year-term when he had a fatal heart attack at age 72 the end of April. Of all the Presidential administrations we worked with, this is the one we worked with the most. May the Lord comfort the Arzu family.



← We were attending a military promotion of a friend of ours. President "Arzu" and Art were also in the same Rotary Club.

(1997)



← This group picture was taken at Santo Tomas (similar to the U.S. Camp David) where the Rotary Club was invited for lunch.

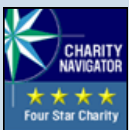
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This was taken in → First Lady Patricia de Arzu's office at the Presidential Palace.



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