

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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Autumn greetings from Guatemala! We hope you enjoyed your summer. What an active and exciting summer we had. In July, Amy, Conner and Sophie May visited us from Tennessee. Amy and Conner (along with other son, Jackson and husband, Phil) served this ministry on teams on two previous occasions. It was great to have them back as a family, at least in part. This was Sophie's first trip to Guatemala. This was her "Heritage Trip", her first trip to Guatemala since her adoption as a baby. She is now eleven. She enjoyed seeing the beauty and participating in the culture of her birth-land. While they were here, we visited several families, viewed various projects, toured Antigua and made a trip to Lake Atitlán. On Thursday of that week, Amy, Conner and Sophie were honored with special food, prayer and words of gratitude by the Lady's Bible Study. Amy shared an emotional testimony of their journey, which included the death of their third son, Dylan, and the adoption of their daughter, Sophie. It was a powerful and touching message that was at times hard to translate.



Special projects: As a result of donations by our donors, Art has been overseeing numerous projects. A family we have reached out to in the past gave one of the volcano victims a place to put up their corrugated tin home. This family narrowly escaped the volcanic lava flow in June with just the clothes on their backs. We had two septic wells dug and two corrugated tin outdoor bathrooms installed, one for the volcanic eruption victims and one for the family who gave them a place to live. The picture below captures just some members of the four families that live on that land together. On another site, we were able to lay concrete floors in two corrugated tin rooms where two adults and three children live. Prior to now, they were dirt floors.



The last couple of months have been filled with a lot of joyful celebrations. Amongst them, through the support of this ministry, was the church wedding of one of the ladies in the Bible Study. We also celebrated Lisa's birthday, Nery's birthday (the Boy's Club leader), a "Quinceañera" (señorita turning 15) who was named after Lisa AND we recognized Augusto for celebrating nine years working in this ministry. Art praised Augusto for demonstrating the character quality of HUMILITY. In early September, we made a one-week trip to central California. We joined Art's ten brothers and sisters in celebrating their sister, Alice's, birthday. Alice, who turned 77, is in an Alzheimer's home.



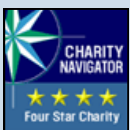
Above: Nery, Lisa & Alice's birthdays and Augusto's employment anniversary.

Below: Ana's wedding, MeLisa's 15th birthday.

- ◆ We **praise** the Lord for the generous responses to the needs of the volcanic eruption victims (see July newsletter). We still have various projects pending both with them and with others in our Bible Study community. We also need to expand our all-purpose court for sports, games and outdoor activities. If you would like to participate, please indicate "**project**" with your donation. Every little bit counts.
- ◆ We **praise** the Lord for putting on the hearts of fellow believers to provide us with a new laptop. When we are able to update our technology, our older equipment gets passed on to bless others.
- ◆ We continue to **pray** for the need of raising our monthly ministry support to keep up with the cost of living. We had to bring a suitcase full of car parts back to Guatemala from California. Our car needed major repair, but the parts could not be found in Guatemala. If you are currently a donor and able to increase your giving, that would be greatly appreciated. If you are not yet part of our ministry team and would like to join us, see how you can do that below.

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