

# Kay and Jim Hines

## Guatemalan Girls Life Project

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Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,  
to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.      Jude 24-25

We begin 2019 with grateful hearts for all that God has done in the lives of these young women since GGLP began in January 2013. To date, nineteen young ladies have participated in the program and there are currently twelve active participants including one who is new this year.

God as always has been more than faithful. Many of these ladies have in recent years walked through very dark times relating to a history of sexual and other physical abuse when they were much younger. Walking with God and being in community with His people has helped to begin a healing process in them. Several have also benefited from professional counseling.

By God's grace and through the provision of educational opportunity, they now have hope. Not the hope of "I wish" but Biblical hope of a joyful conviction on the basis of compelling evidence of God's unconditional love and provision. As Christians, they have a hope that enables them to face the future.

We are pleased to introduce ,

*Joselin Jasmin Retana Cuellar*

*Jasmin* is the younger sister of Carol who has been part of GGLP from the beginning. As with all of our young ladies, we knew Jasmin through our work at Prince of Peace Home for Girls in Guatemala City. She came to the home at the age of seven and finished high school while still living there.

Jasmin is now in a stable marriage and the mother of a son named Ian Emmanuel, who is 1 1/2 years old. She seems to be very happy.

She has been working in a retail business but wants to improve her English to have greater opportunity in employment.

Kay remembers from her time teaching English at Prince of Peace, that Jasmin was always her best student. In January she began classes at a technical school whose emphasis is to prepare the students to work in a call center. We anticipate that she will do very well.



Mario, Ian Emmanuel & Jasmin

**Sylvia** returns to the program after a one year absence because of the birth of her son in December 2017. His name is also Ian Emmanuel, the same as Jasmin's son.

Sylvia, Ian and Ian's father, Ramiro, live with his mother. Ramiro has a business working on car air conditioners and is helping to pay for Sylvia's school expenses. When we were in Guatemala in November 2018, we met with them. They appear to be very happy together and stable. When Sylvia is in school either Ramiro or his mother will care for Ian.

Sylvia is a good student who has spent some time in the United States and has a good foundation in English. Therefore we expect her to do well in school.

In January, she began classes at IGA - Instituto Guatemalteco Americano, which is an excellent school to study English. She anticipates attending for two years. She gets up at 3:30 AM to be able to attend classes from 6AM to 9AM, Monday through Friday. She wanted to attend the night classes but there were no busses to ride home when the classes were over. She has been studying very hard and on most days calls "Miss Kay" to speak English with her for an hour!



**Ramiro, Ian Emmanuel & Sylvia**

**Sandy** continues to do very well. She works at Prince of Peace and has a very stable home life. In December she graduated the equivalent of High School and in January began at the university to study Business Administration.



**Maricruz** continues to work toward her degree in professional counseling. She has completed 5 years and should finish all of the required supervised counseling this year and graduate in December.



It was October 2017 that *Judith* graduated from high school with an emphasis in medical assistant. In October 2018, she completed her first year to become a laboratory technician. That year was all lecture. The second year will be lecture and practical and the 3rd year mostly practical.

In January, because of her schooling she was offered a position working in a pharmacy. The pay is low but she thought it would give her some practical experience. Unfortunately in Guatemala it is very common to offer especially women, a low paying job and then not pay them at all or pay them much less. This is happening to Judith and she will have to resign. She was hoping to use part of the money to buy school uniforms for her two sons which she now cannot do.

She remains focused on school and committed to caring for her two sons, Alexander and Fernando, ages 9 years and 6 years.

We are very proud of her. When she began with GGLP 4 years ago, she had not finished the 8th grade and had 2 small children. She had never been a good student and we were concerned. But she assured us that she would study hard in order to provide for her 2 sons and she has done that! Since she joined the program in January 2014 her motto has become, "single forever-no more men," and she is making it work.



Fernando, Judith, Kay

## You speak what language, Q'eqchi' ?

*Deisy* returns to the program after an absence of only 6 months. In 2018 she was in a program to study to be a physical therapist. She has a very good job in a call center but her hours were changed and it became impossible for her to keep up in school.

Another big change for Deisy in 2018 was her living arrangements. She had been living with three other GGLP participants ( Maricurz, Lisdenia, & Joselin). Because of changing work schedules and new schools the girls had to separate. Deisy is now living with her older sister, Adela, and their mother. When we were in Guatemala in November we had a meal at their house which was a very special occasion for us. They are very happy to be living together.

In January, Deisy enrolled in school to be an official translator. It will be a four year intense program. She and Sylvia both have spent some time in the United States and have good foundations in English. The amazing thing is that this will be Deisy's third language. Her native language is a Mayan dialect (Q'eqchi'), her second language is Spanish and now her third language is English. We knew her when she spoke no English. It is still a surprise to see this Mayan face, always smiling, speaking English so clearly and well.

She is a very special young lady, a very good cook, a hard worker with a great attitude and always a joy to be with.



Adela, Kay, Deisy

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### *Hines Family Update*

As you may remember, in July 2018 our family moved from Corpus Christi to Burleson, Texas which is just south of Ft. Worth. We are enjoying being closer to our sons, 2 grandsons and daughter in law.

On September 10, 2018 we returned to Corpus Christi for the follow up surgery for Kay after her emergency partial colectomy and colostomy placement that had occurred in March.

The surgery was longer and more difficult than the original surgery but went well. Kay was very glad to no longer have a colostomy bag but the recovery was slow. She does not recommend having two major surgeries in the same year. After 2 months she began to recover her strength and is almost 100 % now.

All of our sons and grandsons and our daughter-in-law were here for Thanksgiving and Christmas, which we greatly enjoyed.

