Kay and Jim Hines Guatemalan Girls Life Project

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Just a reminder for the origin of our name.

The Hebrew word for *Lovingkindness is HESED*. It is used about 250 times in the OT. It means loyal, steadfast, or faithful love and stresses the idea of a belonging together of those involved in the love relationship. In the OT, communion, deliverance, enabling, enlightenment, guidance, forgiveness, hope, praise, preservation are all based on God's *hesed*. (*Rhyrie study Bible*)

Since the beginning of GGLP in 2013, God has remained steadfastly faithful to these young ladies. What a privilege for us and you to be chosen of God to be a part of what he desires (and will) accomplish in the lives of these young ladies. All of the glory belongs to HIM.

Silvia

In January Silvia began to attend IGA (Instituto Guatemalteco Americano) to study English. It is well known in Guatemala as an excellent Institute to study English. Her schedule requires her to get up at 4 AM to do chores to be at school at 6 and then finish at 11:30 AM. She has studied very hard and has done very well. She recently completed a 2- month section where only 5 of 18 students passed and she had the top average!

The first part of May she also began to attend technical classes to acquire more skills in use of the computer. Her son Ian is 1 1/2 years old and doing well. She has very good support from Ian's father, Ramiro. She is working very hard she is happy and content with her family.

She is most grateful for the support that she receives and to be able to continue her education. Her current plan is to continue to study English until the end of this year and then seek employment in a high-level call center.

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Kay, Silvia, Ramiro With their son Ian

Silvia Continued from page one. She repeatedly tells us what a great blessing it is to have someone helping her with education and also just to have someone to talk to about issues that are occurring in her life. Her childhood was a very difficult one because of her mother's alcoholism. Sylvia understands the blessing that she has in a stable family.

Life in Guatemala

On an additional but sad note, Silvia's success in school has been dampened by the hard reality of life in Guatemala. Ramiro has his own business repairing air conditioners in automobiles. He has been working and saving for 10 years to buy all the necessary equipment. He had been working out of their home but believed that he had enough business to move to an actual business location. However, 2 weeks after the move he was visited by several men who presented him with a cell phone so that they could contact him directly for the extortion payments that he would be making to them. He declined their offer. A few days later when he went to work, everything in the shop had been stolen. Police are not called because they were probably in on the deal. So, one just starts over.

Adela

Adela is the older sister of Deisy. Adela was in the program before but because of a very unstable relationship with the father of her son she was not able to attend school. Two years ago she and the father separated and she began working three different jobs and homeschooling to be able to complete her education at the high school level.+

Like her sister Daisy she always has a big smile and a great attitude. Adela and her mother and her sister are all very good cooks and when Adela finishes high school, she wants to attend Technical School to be a chef.

She was recently robbed of her phone and money and we were able to help her with this so that she could continue to go to school.

Also, recently one of her employers left the city, consequently she now only has 2 jobs. We will help her with the rest of this year and anticipate helping her on a regular basis next year when she begins school to become a chef.



Adela, Kay and Deisy

Joselin and Lisdenia

In June 2019 we reported that Lisdenia had very successfully completed her first year at a new university known for its very high academic standards. However, it had been a difficult year for her sister Joselin because she was not in school. This was the first time that the twins had actually been on different life paths.

Joselin was not in school because she was very conflicted as to what to study. However, she made good use of the time out of school, sought counseling, did some testing and came to a confident conclusion to study International Business.

She applied and was accepted to the same university that her sister Lisdenia is attend-



Lisdenia, Kay and Joselin

ing. Joselin actually began classes in July. Both of the girls will continue to work full time and attend school. It is a very demanding schedule.

Joselin's good news was in addition to <u>Lisdenia being honored as one of the top 3 students in her class at the university.</u> It was even more significant to us because the majority of the students in her class attend school full time and do not have to work as does Lisdenia. We are very proud of both of these young ladies.

Reyna Emelia

We last reported on Reyna Emelia in December 2018. Shortly after that things began to change drastically for her. The father of her two daughters filed a complaint with the court claiming that Reyna was abusing alcohol and becoming abusive to the children. Even though none of this was substantiated, the court decided to remove the children from the home until the true story could be determined. The judge sent the two daughters to live with their father's sister.

Unfortunately, Reyna was not allowed access to them and did not know where they were. *Continued page 4*



Kay and Reyna Emelia



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Finally, after several Court hearings we obtained the services of a lawyer and with his efforts the two girls have now been returned to joint custody with Reyna and the father. She and the father will be attending parenting classes and will have visits with a psychologist over the next three months before returning to court for a final disposition. The final outcome is certainly not determined, but she is very hopeful and is glad to have her daughters back.

Despite all of this she continues to do well in school and now has a part-time job teaching English at a private school. This year she will complete the second year of a five-year program to be a social worker. As we said before her relationship with God is strong and we believe that God will continue to work these things out for her good.

Guatemalan Girls Life Project

Some of you have asked for list of all the young ladies who are part of GGLP. Here is a list, with ages, of those currently active and the ones we expect to begin participating in January 2020. As you can see, there continue to be many needs. We are very grateful to each one of you for your prayers and financial support. With more participants and more of them attending the university, our needs have increased.

Adela	26	Jasmin	25	Neydi	24
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