

Kay and Jim Hines Guatemalan Girls Life Project

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At the end of October we again returned to Guatemala to visit the young ladies in the program. In addition we were able to spend time with the Guatemalans who help us solve issues and resolve problems as they occur with the girls.

Most of the girls are doing well, some are doing very well. We are always grateful for our time with them. Seeing what God is doing in their lives affirms to them and to us the goodness and greatness of our God. Above all He is to be praised.

Neydi Lizet Santiago Grávez

We would like to introduce to you Neydi Lizet Santiago Gráves.

During our visit to Guatemala in May 2019, we met with Neydi for the first time. She like all of the other girls is a young lady that we knew initially at Prince of Peace Home for Girls. The company that she was working for downsized and she lost her job. She quickly found a new position as an administrative assistant with a company that sells auto parts. It has been a good position for her and will allow her to attend school on Saturdays.

Neydi completed high school with a curriculum to prepare her to attend a university. She would like to study criminal justice. She has been accepted at the The University



Kay, and Neydi Lizet

of Mariano Galvez. We have 2 other young ladies also attending this school. Neydi will begin classes in February. It is a 7-8 year program to become fully licensed. She will have 4 years of college and then 3-4 years of practical experience. She has always been a very good student. She is a mature 24 year old with much self-discipline and we expect her to do well.



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Dulce Jassmin Tobar Barrios

In addition to Neydi Lizet we would like to introduce to you another young lady from Prince of Peace Home for Girls. We initially met with Dulce in May and October 2018. In the beginning she expressed a desire to be an architect. However, Architectural School in Guatemala requires a full-time commitment and students are not allowed to work. Because of this she began to research doing graphic design and has decided to switch to a course of study in graphic design. She has a close friend Gladys Francia, who previously was a psychologist at Prince of Peace Home for Girls. She has been a big help in assisting Dulce with



Gladys and Dulce Jassmin

her research. Gladys told us that Dulce has a real talent for creating and designing visual presentations.

She has decided on a university and will attend school Friday afternoons and all day on Saturdays. She approached her employer about having time off to attend school. Almost always the employer refuses to make any changes in the schedule. Apparently, Dulce is such a good employee that they agreed to change the schedule so that she can attend the university. Praise God for His favor and for Dulce's hard work. She will be our youngest participant at the age of 20.

She's always been a very good student and we anticipate that she will do well. She will begin a five year program in January 2020.

Joselin and Lisdenia

In September we reported that Joselin had been accepted into the same high quality university as her sister Lisdenia. We are most happy to report that these young ladies have continued to work very hard and have done well. *Continued on top of next page*

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Joselin's success has greatly increased her confidence and she is very comfortable at the school. The difficulty is that both girls are realizing that they cannot work full time and be successful at this University. They are now looking for part-time employment but this is very limited in Guatemala. We are asking anyone, but especially those who know them well and understand the quality of their character, to consider a 7-month commitment to help them with their living expenses. Seven months will get them through the next semester and then we will re-evaluate. They each need approximately \$250 per month.

Hesed will continue to pay for their educational expenses. They are both very mature



Lisdenia, Kay and Joselin

young ladies who make good decisions. It is a joy to be with them.

Yojana Ramón Samol

Yojana was attending the University last year and was part of our program. However, her job schedule changed and she was forced to withdraw from school. The decision was made for her to seek other fulltime employment and when she had a stable schedule, then return to school. We're very happy to report that in October of last year she began to work with a Guatemalan ministry. Her studies in the University center around becoming a social worker and so this is a very good experience for her. She is teaching hygiene classes to children in very underprivileged areas.

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Yqjana

Continued from page 3 In addition the ministry works with residents in homes for senior citizens. Yojana is also working with teams that come from the United States to Guatemala to construct small homes, for very disadvantaged families. She is busy but is enjoying her work. She has returned to the University and again we are helping her.

Life in Guatemala

In our last newsletter in September we reported that Sylvia was attending school to learn English. She has continued to work very hard. She and Kay have frequent nighttime conversations reviewing grammar rules and pronunciation. Her plan is to complete this school year and then seek employment in an English-speaking call center. We are most confident that she will be ready and will do well.

We also reported in September that her husband Ramirio had been approached by men demanding extortion payments. When he refused to pay all of his equipment was stolen. How could he possibly pay anything then? Unfortunately, 2 weeks later the men again contacted him demanding money. This time they told him that they knew where is wife and son lived and called them by name. If payment was not made, they could be harmed.

Sylvia and Ramirio were terrified. Again, the police are no help. Their church was praying for them and with extra help from HESED they moved to a different part of the city hoping the men would not be able to find them. Please continue to pray for their safety.