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Psalms 62:8 (ESV)

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. Selah

As we begin 2021, recovery in Guatemala from the Covid 19 pandemic continues to be very slow. Some businesses have reopened but public transportation remains very expensive and food supplies, especially for the poor, remain dangerously inadequate. Fortunately, most of our participants have been able to return to at least limited employment.

We again say “thank you” to each of you. Without your help, many of our young ladies would have been in desperate situations and some homeless.

We had really hoped to return to Guatemala in the spring but that does not seem likely at this time. The girls keep asking when we are coming. Our last visit was in October of 2019. We continue to communicate with them but we have had some difficult situations that probably would not have occurred if we had been coming on our regular schedule of every May and October. When the young ladies do graduate, we will make every effort to be there.

January in Guatemala brings a new school year. All of our young ladies were able to resume online classes in January. As previously noted, several should have graduated in 2020 but still have no date because of the need for in-person exams.

Nincy

2020 was very difficult for Nincy and her husband. Fortunately they have a stable marriage. Her husband still has only intermittent work.

Their only son Jonathan has struggled with multiple health issues. They were forced to move to a more dangerous area where the rent is lower.

Nincy has worked very hard on her English classes and is improving. Her goal is to secure employment in an English speaking call center. Then she would like to attend the University.

Most days she will call Kay and they will talk and have class for an hour to work on pronunciation.



Adela & Deisy

Adela (on the left) previously was part of GGLP but she stopped attending school because of the need to care for her son. She now has stable employment and will attempt to finish her last year of high school.

Deisy is Adela's sister. **Deisy** has completed 2 years of a 4 ½ year University program to be designated an official translator. She continues to work from home for UPS but things have slowed down and she is concerned she will not earn enough to pay her bills.



Joselin & Lisdenia

Joselin and Lisdenia had an excellent year in school in 2020 and with great anticipation had just started classes in January when tragedy struck. Their younger sister Marjorie, was killed in a motorcycle accident. She was one week shy of her 25th birthday. She left 2 sons, ages 5 and 6. To say that Joselin and Lisdenia were overwhelmed with grief would be a great understatement. For the first 3-4 weeks all they could do was cry. We initially believed that they would not be able to continue with school.

We continued to listen and encourage them. Then their university reached out to them in a most generous and affirming manner, which we very much appreciated. However, we were not surprised as they are excellent students and individuals of very high character. They have now resumed classes but are 3 weeks behind. Please pray for them. Their wound is very deep but their God is far greater and His love is infinitely greater than their wound. They know this but right now the darkness is so great, they cannot see it. You can go to our webpage for more information.



Mayra

Mayra's husband has returned to work as a waiter and she continues to look for employment. Her high school degree enables her to teach elementary students. Mayra is studying Law and has 2 years left on a 6-year program.

They and their 5 year old son Dylan, have remained healthy.

Both Mayra and her husband spent most of their childhoods in institutional homes . (They were not in the same homes) They are very committed to each other and to giving their child a stable loving home.

They have always been very grateful for all the help they have received.



Catty, Maricruz, Judith, Yojana & Fabiola

Catty-we gave an extensive update in December. She believes it will be at least 6 months before she will be able to have her university degree. We asked for prayer for a new place for her and Sofia to live and God provided. She will be living with Carol who she knows from their time together at Prince of Peace.

Maricruz-as noted in December, has completed her course work and written her thesis for her Bachelor's degree and will work this year to complete her counseling hours and her course work for her Master's Degree in counseling.

Judith- no significant change from our December report. She is waiting on the school to conduct her final oral and practical laboratory exam. She is trying to find a position to work until she has her final certification as a medical laboratory technician. She has not yet moved to a larger city.

Yojana-continues in her studies to be a social worker. She works with a Guatemalan Ministry that focuses on teaching and feeding children. With the pandemic the feeding program has greatly accelerated and is consuming much of her time. Her grades last semester were not as good as she wanted and she hopes to have more time for her studies this year.

Fabiola-is still a major concern because she has been so deeply wounded. She continues to share a small house with her siblings who do not want her there. She is doing English classes online and is talking by telephone with our psychologist Ninoska. This does seem to be helping her and she is moving forward albeit very slowly. Please pray for her.

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Reyna Emelia, Neydi Lizet and Dulce Jasmin



Reyna Emelia continues to study to be a social worker. Her grades have always been good. She was teaching English to elementary children but that ceased when everything went online. A situation arose and we realized that she was not being completely honest with us. With much prayer we were able to directly address the issue. She accepted responsibility for her breach of honesty. We believe our relationship with her is now much stronger

Neydi Lizet began last year to study criminal justice. She does well in school. Because of the pandemic, her employment ceased in June but she was able to secure another position. She is very stable and a diligent worker and student.

Dulce Jasmin has finished one year of a 6-year program studying Graphic Design. She is gifted in what she does and enjoys her classes. She recently returned to work on a part time basis. She lives with her dad and has good support from a Christian mentor.