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Colossians 1:15-17 (ESV)

The Preeminence of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

The young ladies are now approaching the end of the first semester of school for 2022. They will be receiving their grades in June. The majority of their classes are still online but we anticipate there will be more in person classes when they return to school in July. Guatemala continues to slowly emerge from the Covid 19 pandemic but is now struggling with the increased cost of almost everything, especially food and transportation.

Joselin and Lisdenia

Both girls did very well this last semester in school, which is a huge praise. They are BACK again after suffering the tragic loss of their sister in January 2021. Even though the pain continues, they are each learning how to deal with loss in positive ways which takes a lot of work.

Joselin has learned to work on stress in her life after learning that stress can and did cause her much pain and anxiety. She is doing well and learning scriptures that deal with whatever emotion she is working on.

The successes of the last semester helped teach her about resilience and strength that she did not know she had. Joselin lacks 1.5 years to graduate.

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Lisdenia, Kay & Joselin

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Lisdenia worked this past semester on a course in which she wrote her thesis. Due to her major, her thesis was presented as a business plan including everything about how to execute the plan. It was a lot of work but she passed where many others did not. She has a positive attitude and trust in herself and that is good. Lisdenia will finish the University in December of this year with a major in International Business.

It is so good to talk with the girls via Messenger and see their faces and see a smile that is not just pasted on but genuine. It has been a long while since their countenances have exhibited peace but it is there now and we are grateful! Thanks to each of you who have prayed for them in their struggles.

Adela & Deisy, sisters

Adela rejoined the program in January 2021 and was able to complete the 8th grade in October. This was a major victory for her. School has always been a challenge.

Last year she was in a modified home school program and was able to receive extra help from one of the teachers. This year she is in the same program and will be doing 9th and 10th grade which will allow her to finish high school.

This is important because it will allow her to go to technical school and study some form of culinary arts. Without the high school diploma, she cannot enter any technical school. Adela did marry in July 2021 and seems to be very happy and stable. She has an 8 year-old son from a previous relationship and he is benefiting from the stable home. She has committed to no more children until she finishes school. We had that discussion with her before agreeing to help her with school for this year.

We asked Deisy to write about herself and this is her response in her own words.

Hello my name is Deisy Ical, I'm 26 years old. I'm studying to be an English translator; this major is for four and a half years. I have completed already two years and half. I have two more years to complete my degree.

I really like this degree because I can see myself helping international people that comes to my country to help my people and I feel like I can use this to help them as well. *Continued on page 4*



Jim, Deisy, Kay and Adela

Soledad de Velasquez

Soledad was our educational director when we were at Prince of Peace Home for Girls. Since we began GGLP she has given counsel to us and we always meet with her when we go to Guatemala. In March we learned that she had experienced symptoms of a major stroke. At 42 years of age, the doctors are unsure why she would have a stroke but she is currently dealing with almost total loss of function of her left arm and leg. Thankfully she is able to speak. She is working hard in physical therapy and having some success with improved movement but the progress is very slow.

Then in early May we learned that Soledad's father passed away. They were a very close family and he had been on dialysis for several years.

Soledad continues to help us with understanding of the educational system in Guatemala and with speaking to the girls who are struggling or who need counsel.

Below is a photo of Kay and Soledad taken in October 2012. Both are crying. This was our first visit back to Guatemala after having gone through a very painful departure from Prince of Peace Home for Girls in May 2012. Soledad had been very encouraging to us through the whole process and was again expressing her love for us.

We have now been deeply involved in Guatemala for 18 years. I hope our relationship with Soledad will give you a small glimpse into the love that God has given us for Soledad, for many other Guatemalans and for their country.

Please pray for Soledad and her family. They are very precious to us.



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It's been a challenge for me to continue my studies since I have a full-time job and I been growing at this company a lot and I have more responsibility this past year, I work at the call center for UPS. I'm been working for them for five years already. I live by myself because my family lives 8 hours away from the city. One of the things that I enjoy when I go to visit my family is to talk my first language which is "q'uechi", a Mayan language that we have every town have in Guatemala.

Neydi Lizet

Neydi Lizet began the program in January 2020 when she began to attend the University to study to be Forensic Audit Technician in Criminal Investigations. She will have 4 years of college and then 3-4 years of practical experience to be fully licensed. She is now in her third year, she really enjoys the courses and has done well. Last year she had some medical issues that we were able to help with.

She recently asked for help to attend a weekend getaway that focused on her area of study. We paid for half of the expense. Below is a photo the group. She is on the front row, 5th from the right end.

