

# Kay and Jim Hines

## Guatemalan Girls Life Project

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Psalms 37 (KJV)

<sup>4</sup> Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

The fall semester began in August and will continue into October for most of the students but some will not finish until November. Rainy season begins in May and usually ends in October. This year so far has been one of unusually strong storms. One of our young ladies said she had never seen it rain so hard and so much in Guatemala. Because of the mountainous nature of Guatemala, with heavy rains come mudslides which destroy highways. At times villages of several thousand people are submerged under 20 ft of mud killing everyone.

In an effort to give you more insight into the individual lives of the girls, we asked several of them to tell you about themselves. Following are their stories with very little editing.

### *Catty*

*Catty* graduated in December last year with a university degree in Industrial Psychology (Human Resources). As many have discovered, everyone wants to hire someone with experience, and she had none.

However, her God is greater than all of that! He provide employment for her at the church that we all attended when we were at Prince of Peace. It is a very large church with two campuses, their doctrine is sound and they set a very high standard for whatever they do. We were so excited and grateful to God when *Catty* gave us the news. She will be well cared for without fear of sexual harassment and will receive excellent training. What she wrote is on the next page.



Catty at her desk

*Catty's story*

"For I know very well the plans I have for you, the Lord affirms, plans of well-being and not of calamity, in order to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Since my childhood I have seen how God has acted in my life, I know that God somehow let me know that He was with me despite difficult situations, the abandonment of my mother and the abuse of other people. On many occasions I questioned why these events happened; then I came to understand God's purpose and how great and merciful He is, that there was hope for me.

When I began to live alone, I noticed how difficult it is, many times with a feeling of loneliness and with the deep desire to continue growing professionally, a little complicated since I did not have enough resources to study a career, however, I always thought that God had been faithful at every stage of my life and I identified with Jeremiah 29:11 because He has wonderful plans. God put Dr. Jim and Miss Kay who have made me feel part of their family, and feel that I belong. Through the help of them and many people whom God has touched the heart, I managed to graduate as an Industrial Psychologist.

I am very happy for that achievement and for having come this far. During my training in the industrial psychology career, I was working as a primary school teacher, I had no experience in the business field, for that reason I felt frustrated because I thought I would not find a job since I did not have the experience and in Guatemala it is difficult to have a job opportunity.

God once again working in my life and gave me the opportunity to work in one of the largest Churches in Guatemala "Christian Fraternity of Guatemala" in the area of human resources, every day I learn new things and put into practice what I studied throughout my career.

I have a nine-year-old daughter, her name is Sophia and she has been my inspiration to continue growing and be an example and witness for her life.

I still need to continue learning and fulfilling myself as a person, but I keep in mind that God is my dad and that He has a very special purpose. Thank you for being a part of my life and my achievements.

Kind regards  
Catterin Cifuentes

*Lisdenia & Joselin*

By the grace of God and many loving people, Lisdenia and Joselin have continued to progress on their journey of recovery following the tragic death of their sister Majorie in January 2021. They are doing well in school and in December Lisdenia should complete all of her studies for a university degree in International Business. In July their school was requiring more in person classes and they needed to move much closer to the school. Following an introduction by the Director at Prince of Peace, is a letter they wrote to the staff and supporters of Prince of Peace Home for Girls.

Joselin & Lisdenia, along with their sister Majorie, grew up at Prince of Peace. They graduated and moved out on their own, however, after losing Majorie in January 2021, they came back "home" with deep emotional wounds.

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It has been amazing to see them wrestle with God & faith over the last year, to go from anger to trust.

We were blessed to step in as their family, and walk with them in this difficult time.

*A year and a half ago, our life changed, so much that we did not know how to handle the situation. We are never prepared to lose a loved one; losing our sister in January 2021, was a very hard blow for both of us, we were so locked in our grief that we did not know how to handle the loss. We had sunk so deep and so deep that sometimes we thought we were not going to get out of it.*

*However God surrounded us with wonderful people who have supported us during this process, using different means and channels that gave us their unconditional love and reminded us of the great love that God has for each one of us.*

*In the middle of this hard process, Prince of Peace was the place that God used to heal us and re-center us with ourselves, so we can say that Prince of Peace transforms lives, because through the smiles of the girls we can see the beauty of God.*

*Returning to POP during this time of loss also allowed us to relive happy moments that we shared with our sister Marjorie who is in the presence of God. As she grew up in Prince of Peace, when we think of her we only see a kind girl, with a big heart and able to share with others the little she had, an extraordinary mother and an exemplary daughter, friend, and sister.*

*We would like to thank Prince of Peace team for their love, support, time, dedication, and advice during this time.*

*It has been a privilege to belong to Prince of Peace, which will always be our home.*

*When we think of Príncipe de Paz, we can only think that it is and will continue to be our home, "our house". Not only because we grew up there, but because we have great memories, teachings, and life lessons.*



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### *Yojana*

I am the older sister of 3 sisters, and 3 brothers, for me it is important to be an example for them and, always trust in God to achieve all goals and dreams. I am grateful to God because my parents in their time taught me to be a responsible, humble, respectful, punctual woman and to continue fighting in life, but the most important thing is to be grateful to God.

I am studying at the University the career of Social Work, I chose this career because my goal is to fight for the laws of children and adolescents, also for the laws of women / indigenous peoples. One of my goals is to found my own Association to support children and women who need to continue their education.

*After she wrote this her father died. Please pray for the family.*



### *Reyna Emelia*

Hello good day blessings in your work to all I tell you that it has been a process this year due to the pandemic but we are in good health my family is fine my children are growing and I continue studying very hard I want to thank you for all the support you have given me they have provided in my education they are great blessings for my life and I tell you that I am looking forward to being a distinguished social worker for societies to set an example and help people who need my support God bless you

One of my challenges is to study the English language and fulfill a dream of graduating, my successes have been good results, thanks for everything, I have no words to thank you for everything you have done for me, I keep dreaming for a better life for my family, thanks to God and my sponsors who have supported me so far and may God multiply them.

