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Ephesians 1:17 (NASB)

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

It is springtime in Guatemala and Guatemala is known as the Land of Eternal Spring. It is a time of new beginnings with great excitement as the young ladies begin a new school year. Some are hoping that this will be their last year while others are beginning a new course of study.

Unfortunately for some, it has been a difficult time and we will share more on that. All of the classes are now in person which is a good thing.

Caterin Alejandra Quijada

Three years ago Alejandra was a part of the program when she completed high school.

She has been working in the business office of a large automobile dealership and decided that she wanted to attend the university to obtain a degree in Business Management.

She began school in January and we expect her to do well. We emphasized that this is a 5-year commitment and she understands. We will help her but she will pay most of her expenses.

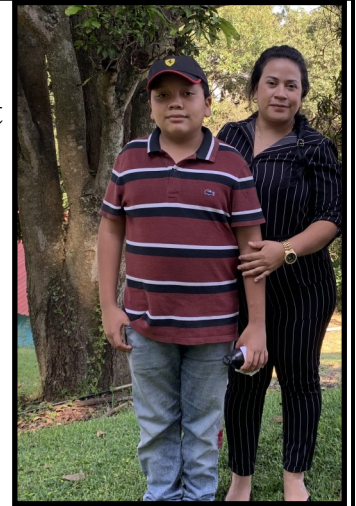


Alejandra & Kay

Nincy Castillo Mendoza

In addition to Alejandra, Nincy has also rejoined the program. She had a very difficult childhood with a mother who was very neglectful and abusive to her. She has a son and husband but as with most mothers wanted more for her son Jonathan.

She asked us for help and was in the program for 2 years to complete her GED equivalent and then 2 more years studying English. She worked very hard and last summer she finished her training and began working in a call center that has callers speaking both English and Spanish. She now realizes the need to further improve her English and we are helping her pay for English classes and Kay is working with her through the internet.



Nincy with her son Jonathan

Lisdenia

Hi, I'm Lisdenia, At this time in my life, God is being good to me by having the opportunity to almost achieve one of my dreams, to graduate from a university and I will be the first person in my family to graduate from a university.

My graduation will be in July, and I will be a Finance and International Business Administrator. In January I received a call from a precious professor who was starting a new business and who wanted me to be a part of it because he remembered the high quality of my work and character. I am helping him to generate strategies to keep growing, have more clients, and have a recognized brand among other things. I am very happy with the new opportunities I am having and after the internship, I will stay working with him.



Lisdenia

Thank you very much for everything you do, for helping me and helping more girls like me to have the opportunity to continue studying, because in Guatemala if you don't have a higher education, you don't have access to good job opportunities.

May God fill you and your homes with many blessings and may everything you do for us be multiplied.

Reyna Emelia

Reyna Emelia was one of our greatest challenges this past fall. She has been in the program for 5 years and lacks one year to graduate with a degree in Social Work. She has completed all of her courses but must now write a thesis.

As the last school year ended in October, I asked each of the young ladies to send me an estimate of their fees for registration, monthly expense and supplies/material that will need to be paid in January 2023. Reyna clearly altered a receipt and then sent me multiple expenses, some of which were not valid and many with exaggerated values. After consultation with Soledad, we wrote Reyna an email with our findings.

We could have simply released her from the program but we wanted to show her that this is not an honorable, Godly way to live her life. It will always end in destruction. She seems to understand that now. We will continue to help her but she will bear more of the cost and we will require validated receipts for every expense before any new funds will be dispersed. Any suggestion of misbehavior will result in immediate and permanent release from the program. Reyna now has a job teaching English in an elementary school.



*Reyna Emelia, her son,
with Kay & Jim*

Emely Yessenia Beteta

Emely joined the program in January one year ago. As a child, her mother was a resident at Prince of Peace and she is the granddaughter of Desi, who has been the cook at Prince of Peace for over 36 years.

She is studying Dental Hygiene in high school and has one year left. She is an excellent student and is always very prompt in sending me her receipts and grades. When she finishes High School, she wants to enter dental school. Her goal is to be able to provide services to very poor people. She will also begin to formally study English this year and we will help her with that.

She is a delight to have in the program.



Emely & Desi

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Brief follow ups

Mayra

We reported in December that Mayra and Edwin had become victims of a scam that had cost Edwin, her husband, a year's salary. At the time they were devastated and saw no hope. However, they have had great encouragement. Through the government, they filed a complaint against the company and they now believe that they will be able to recover half of the money. Myra has started working and has also started back to complete her last year of law school. Please continue to pray for her.

Catty

Catty has been working at Fraternidad church for about 9 months now. But January through March is the beginning of a new fiscal year at the church and its school and bookstore. This has meant a lot of work for Catty and she is overwhelmed at times but she has a kind boss (a woman) who leads her and encourages her. Catty was told that if she can make it through March, everything will be much better. Catty is also juggling being a single Mom and all that that entails. She finds cooking difficult after working all day. Kay is trying to help with ideas for simple meals.

Yojanna & Jennifer

Yojana continues to be a great joy and encouragement to us. For five years she has been working full time for Provee (a ministry funded and run by Guatemalans) and going to the University. It has been a real challenge but she is moving forward and ALWAYS has a big smile and great attitude. She should graduate from the university either in October of this year or spring of 2024. She will receive a degree in Social Work.

Jennifer is one of Yojana's younger sisters. She began in the program one year ago and has been studying English. She has made great improvement and this year should obtain a level of proficiency to work in a call center. Once that happens, she would like to begin the university to study to become a teacher.