

JIM AND KAY HINES

HESED LIFE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL



JIM, KAY, AND JENIFER'S SISTERS

As a reminder, *Hesed* is the Hebrew word for loving kindness. It is used about 250 times in the Old Testament. It means, loyal, steadfast, or faithful love, and it stresses the idea of a belonging together of those involved in the love relationship. In the Old Testament, communion, deliverance, enabling, enlightenment, guidance, forgiveness, hope, praise, preservation are all based on God's *Hesed*.

As we have completed the 12th year of the Guatemalan Girls Life Project, God has demonstrated his great steadfast, undeserved but faithful love to us many times in many different ways. We thank each one of you for your faithful support of these young ladies. Without you, it would not have happened.

GUATEMALAN GIRLS LIFE PROJECT

But the **loving kindness** of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.

Psalms 103.17

January in Guatemala is not only the beginning of a new year but it is the beginning of a new school year. As you are aware, last year we had three girls graduate from the university. We will have one new participant this year, and that is Jenifer. We will also have two girls who have been part of the program before who will return. They are Nincy and Reina Emelia.

NEYDI



Neydi joined the program in January 2020. She is studying criminal justice at the University. Last year she finished her FORENSIC AUDIT TECHNICIAN IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, which was three years. This year she began studying for her BACHELORS'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, which will be 2 years. This year she will also be required to submit her thesis. Once she completes that, she will need to do 3 to 4 years of practice to become fully licensed. This past year was a good year for her. Her grades were very good. Her home situation seems to be stable with her husband Wilson, and her son Austin is 1 ½ years old. He has remained healthy and has been cared for by a neighbor, which has been good for Neydi and her son. She always has a good attitude with a big smile, and she is always prompt in sending me her receipts when I send her money for payments of school expenses.

MAFER

Mafer, as she is known to her friends, continues to be a delight to have in the program. She began at the university in January 2024. It was a major change in her life. She had not been in school for at least five years. It was a huge challenge for her, and though she was very apprehensive, she was grateful for the opportunity and was diligent in her studies. When we were in Guatemala in November, she had not yet received her final grades, and she had some apprehension that they were not going to be as good as she wanted, and that we would be very unhappy with her. We explained to her that we understand that beginning the university for the first time is always a difficult proposition, and that if her grades were not as good as she wanted, that they would definitely improve since she was working so diligently. Fortunately, as it turned out, all of her grades were good. She was so excited when she sent the grades to us. We believe that this year will be an even better year for her. She's a very diligent worker and student with a great attitude and a very generous heart toward helping other people. She is a joy to be around.



REINA EMILIA

We rejoice in being able to share the success stories, but of course some of the participants are a much greater struggle. Reyna Emelia is one of those. Reyna initially began in the program in 2015. At that time, she had 1 child but had not finished high school and asked us for help. We were able to help her and she was able to complete high school.

She re-entered the program in January 2018. At that time, she had two children. She wanted to attend the university to study to be a social worker and so again we began helping her. She is very smart and normally does well in school.



Unfortunately, her personal life became more and more complicated. Multiple issues developed in our relationship and she was not doing well in school. At this point, we had no choice but to release her from the program. It was a very difficult decision because she was in her last year of school to graduate with a degree in social work. Life has been very difficult for her since that time. She has not been able to find steady employment. She did ask if we could again help her. After multiple conversations with Soledad, who is our Guatemalan advisor, we made an offer to Reyna for her to be able to return to school to finish her thesis. Soledad will control all of the finances and monitor Reyna closely. Reyna is currently working in a factory and will continue to do that. We are praying that she will be able to continue to work and go to school with a goal to graduate and be able to adequately provide for her family.

RAQUEL

Maria Racquel joined the program in January 2022. We were able to help her complete high school, and then she began the university. She has now completed two years of studying education with an emphasis on helping those who have disabilities. She herself has severe congenital hearing loss. Her grades have always been good. Last year we reported on the great turmoil that had been in her family since childhood. She has been talking with our psychologist and this past year has definitely been an improvement. Her husband's work has been more stable. She currently does not have hearing devices and we've asked her husband to get some information about possible programs or other ways that we could help her obtain hearing devices.

JENIFER

Jenifer is the younger sister of Yojana with whom she lives. She was part of the program in 2022-2023. At that time, she was studying English and achieved a degree of proficiency that she was able to secure employment. She initially worked in a restaurant but now she's working for Walmart on a regular basis. She has asked that we would help her to attend the university to study to be a teacher. She is a delightful young lady who is very responsible.

During her time, living at Prince of Peace, there was a conduct program and the girls were evaluated each week. It was very clear and fair. Level one was the highest and level four was the lowest. If you were on level one or two, you had more privileges. Jennifer was the only girl that we ever saw who went an entire year on level one! We anticipate her to do very well in the university.



HER WORK



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ESTUDIANTEL**



DULCE

Dulce remains our youngest participant at the age of 25. In January 2020 she began a five-year program at the university studying graphic design. She has continued to work full-time and is able to use some of what she is learning at the university in her employment. There have been times when she could not take all of the classes that she needed. But she anticipates finishing her academic classes this year, and then she will have one or two years of supervised internship. She really enjoys what she does and is good at it. Dulce has a boyfriend that she met at the university in graphic design classes and they have been together for several years. William had to drop out of classes to work, but Dulce was able to continue due to Hesed. Dulce and William always come together to see us in Guatemala and we enjoy them. He has no macho attitude and is always attentive to Dulce and they laugh a lot together. Dulce has a side business doing graphic design jobs in the evenings and on weekends and is paid well for these. She uses this money for supplies at school, but often needs our help also. The supplies are expensive!

There had been issues in the past of domestic violence in her grandparent's home where Dulce lives. Although she lost her grandmother this past year, we are not aware that the violence has recurred. We pray not!

Here are some examples of her work.

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