

# Kay and Jim Hines

## Guatemalan Girls Life Project

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**Ps 33:18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His lovingkindness...**

Guatemalan Girls Life Project began in January 2013 and we now enter our 6<sup>th</sup> year. We initially began with 5 young ladies. In 2017 we were able to assist 16 young ladies in their pursuit of education and self-sufficiency. For 2018 we will begin with 15 ladies which will include 5 new students. Our basic agreement with each one is that they work full time to pay for their basic needs and we will pay for school and help them in times of crisis such as illness and loss of employment. We will now introduce the new participants.

Yojana was 12 years old when she and her younger sister Jenifer came to Prince of Peace Home for Girls. On two occasions Yojana's father had thrown hot cereal on her face causing significant enough burns to require hospitalization. During her second hospitalization she had to make the difficult decision not to return home. She came under the protection of the courts and was then received at Prince of Peace. By God's grace her face healed without scarring. She has a radiant smile that reflects not only her external beauty but an internal beauty which is a manifestation of her love for God. It has been a joy to observe and participate in her development into such a mature young lady.

After finishing high school, she went to the states to work on English. She speaks three languages, her native Mayan dialect, Kaqchikel, Spanish and now English. She is working in a call center and started at the university in January.



Yojana

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Nincy

Two of the new girls to the program are Nincy and her sister Helen. We knew Nincy when she was part of Prince of Peace. We had not heard from her for several years and then last fall she learned from some of the other girls that we were helping young ladies with educational expenses. Nincy is now married and has a 3 year- old boy but she never finished high school and wanted to return to school.

In January she began a GED type program. Upon completion of her GED she will be able to attend technical school. Nincy has been the most excited and most demonstrative of all our students. Whatever information Kay ask for she sends immediately. If Kay tells her that she needs to go to school and do this or that, she is there the next day.

She sends Kay volumes of texts, video clips, smiles, hugs and kisses. If you are feeling stressed out or discouraged, she is your cure.

Helen was at Prince of Peace before we were there. She is a single mom with a 6 year-old daughter . She works with her mother cleaning houses. She initially came and talked with us in October 2016 at which time she wanted us to pay for her daughter to go to school. We explained to Helen that it is better for her to go to school so that then she would be able to provide for her daughters education. She was very disappointed but with time she did come to realize the benefit of her own education and has now started school to study to be a baker.

Helen with her daughter



The forth new student is Deisy, sister of Adela who has been in the program for 3 years. Last year we shared that Deisy, sponsored by individuals in the U.S., had been attending a university in KY but had returned to Guatemala to finish school.

As noted she works full time in a call center but in January she started at the university in Guatemala to study physical therapy. She asked for the help of GGLP in doing this. She is always a happy person and a delight to be around.



MariCruz and Deisy

### Helen Fabiola Barrios

The last new student is Fabiola Barrios. She met with us when we were last in Guatemala but did not know that we were helping with education. She had graduated from a special high school that was geared toward teaching Physical Education. She now wants to continue that training. She has experienced difficulties in her marriage and has a son who is 4 . It is hard to describe the look that these young ladies present after life has repeatedly beaten them down.

Although still smiling, she was more pensive and hesitant and slow to believe that anyone might want to help her do anything. She was hurting emotionally and very thin physically. She related that her husband has not worked for a time due to the fact that he is a helper on a bus and the drivers and helpers are currently being shot if money is not paid by the owners to the extortionists. Fabiola will take tests this year to be able to enter the University next year.



## Reina Elizabeth

Reina Elizabeth was one of our original participants. She has not been participating for the last 2 years because of the birth of her son, Sebastian in October 2015.

She is working full time at a call center and has restarted at the university to study business. We are pleased that she will continue her educa-



Sebastian and  
Reina Elizabeth with Kay

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Her desire is to be a social worker to be able to help other young ladies whose family situation necessitates living in a children's home like Prince of Peace. She will be outstanding.

**Brief note:**

Karina, one of our young ladies who is studying Computer Science Engineering is now working on a web page for Hesed. One goal is to have on-line donations and to be able to post activities of the ladies in a more timely fashion.

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