

# Kay and Jim Hines

## Guatemalan Girls Life Project

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1Ki 8:23 He said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing *lovingkindness (hesed)* to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart,

We just returned from a visit to Guatemala and were very encouraged by how the young ladies are doing. We will again attempt to give you some insight into what their lives look like as young Guatemalan women who have minimal or no family support.

For some of the girls this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year to be in the program. Although they have gone through many difficult situations there has been a very definite maturing process. We will start with what is certainly a great but not typical success story. Then we will share another story more typical with significant pain in the struggles.



Joselin, Lisdenia, Maricruz, Deisy, Kay

In February, after months of planning, four of our girls were ready to find an apartment and live together. They have wanted to do this for some time but wisely waited until well-known friends were all available at the same time. They believed if all were compatible, things could work well. In addition, they delayed implementation until they all had jobs and would be able to pay their share of expenses. All of these criteria were difficult to arrange. The girls found a place with very strict security where they feel safe. This is very important for them as security is a BIG issue in Guatemala. They invited us to their new place and prepared a delicious meal for us. Hesus purchased the stove and refrigerator for them. Maricruz, Joselin, Lisdenia, and Deisy are all so happy.

## MARICRUZ



**Maricruz** has been in the program since the beginning; initially she was studying law but then changed to psychology and has been very happy. She will finish her course work this year and in 2018 will need to perform 400 hours of supervised counseling to complete her degree. She has had a very challenging but relatively stable job at Prince of Peace Home for Girls.

## JOSELIN AND LESDENIA



**Joselin and Lesdenia** are the twins who were with us from Feb to August 2016. Although not successful in obtaining a student visa to officially enroll in school, the girls were able to use the language lab at Del Mar and that combined with just being here caused their English to improve greatly. It was also a time of maturing as they were away from Prince of Peace Home for Girls where they had grown up and worked and been dependent for many years. They are now working in a call center for Sears speaking both English and Spanish. It is a very demanding and stressful job as every phone call they receive is timed with 4 minutes being the average goal. As you can imagine, some North Americans can be very wordy and v rude. Their schedules are now stable enough to allow them to enroll in classes to learn more English and GGLP is covering that expense for them. It was very gratifying to see the maturity that has taken place.



ADELA AND DEISY

**Deisy's** path has been different. She also had been part of Prince of Peace for many years but she has not been part of the GGLP program. She was sponsored by others, went to Kentucky, and attended college for 1 ½ years which included significant amounts of English. She was not able to continue in school and returned to Guatemala where she is now working in a call center for T-Mobile doing tech support. Deisy always has a great big smile. Her first language is a Mayan dialect, her 2<sup>nd</sup> is Spanish and her 3<sup>rd</sup> is English. She knew very little English when she went to Kentucky. We continue to be amazed every time she opens her mouth and out comes very good English. As we said she is doing Tech Support for T-Mobile. She had one caller who was unhappy with his picture on Facebook. She had a difficult time trying to convince him that this was not a tech issue with T-Mobile and that he would have to contact Facebook. *We are very proud of all these young ladies. We have had the privilege of being a part of their lives for more than 10 years. It has been marvelous to see them grow from young teenagers to mature young adults. ....Adela story on page 4*

## ADELA

We have written often of the struggles of **Adela**, the older sister of Deisy. Adela had a very difficult time in school and after being 18 and still not completing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, she left Prince of Peace. She became involved with a young man and quickly became pregnant. She moved in with his family but it was very difficult from the beginning. He was physically abusive to her and the family abused her verbally. When she started a small business making tortillas, the family eventually started demanding all of the money. Finally in February she made the decision to leave. She took their 3 ½ year old son and moved eight hours north to live with her mother. An opportunity for better work opened up in Guatemala City and she has returned. She has started back to school to complete the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is also taking English classes. It is significant thing that when the father of her child told her that she was shaming him by not coming back to him, she replied, “No you shamed me because when you hit me, everyone would see the bruises”. Her self-esteem is beginning to return, which is essential to on-going success. What a joy to see her smile again. Her current goal is to study hard to secure a better future for herself and her son.

HINES FAMILY UPDATE,..Spring 2017 is bringing major changes to our family. In February our oldest son David moved to Austin to seek employment there. Jim has made the decision to retire from medical practice on June 30, 2017. Our house is for sale and we plan to move to the Ft. Worth area to be closer to our youngest son Mark, his wife Lindsey and their two sons: Jake age 3 1/2 years and Joseph age 1 1/2 years. You grandparents will understand this. Our middle son Benjamin has completed his MBA and is actively seeking employment in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Any leads or contacts would be greatly appreciated. It will be a new season in our lives and we are most excited to see what God has for us.

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