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For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness (Hesed) is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations. Ps. 100:5

A New Project at Prince of Peace School

Last year Catty returned to teach at Prince of Peace where she had lived from the age of ten. She was teaching the five to seven year-olds as we noted in our Newsletter of September 2016. This year she is teaching a group of 12-14 year-olds with whom she has developed a very good rapport. In addition to the normal academic classes, they have begun a new project of teaching practical skills to aid the girls in their transition as they eventually leave the home.

Currently they are growing vegetables both to eat and to sell. They are growing some in the traditional manner of planting in the ground and others that are being grown “hydroponically” in which the roots are exposed to water containing the necessary plant nutrients. Ultimately they hope to develop an ecosystem in which they will grow food to feed fish and then use the waste-containing water from the fish tank to aid and fertilize the plants.

When we were in Guatemala in May the enthusiasm of the school girls was remarkable and very encouraging. In addition to the growing of plants and the raising of fish, they have begun making crafts which they can sell in the market.



Catty and Kay



Catty (in the red shirt) discussing with her students the “hydroponics” project and the plants in regular soil.

Life in Guatemala

We desire to continue to share with you glimpses into the daily lives of our girls. They live in a country plagued with daily violence all around them. In addition, most of them have no real support system other than Hesus. This is one of the reasons they are so grateful for the generosity of the people in the United States who help them even though most of you have never met them. Three of our young ladies recently went through crises and we want to share their experiences with you.

Carol’s Medical Emergency

The first crisis involved Carol. We received a message from Carol that she had been having severe abdominal pain and had gone to the emergency room during the night and now was being prepped to have surgery for probable appendicitis. Fortunately her sister was there with her. The cost of the operation was approximately \$650 and we were able to send the funds that day so that she could have the surgery. That was 2 weeks ago and she has continued to recover. Unfortunately she has missed a considerable amount of school. This is especially significant because Carol is on schedule to graduate from the University in October.

We are hoping that her illness and absence from school will not force her to drop out and restart in January. The school has told her that if she does bring documentation from her physician regarding the surgery, they will work with her. We pray for her recovery and the opportunity to continue in school.



Kay and Carol

Mayra's Husband Received a Phone Call.....

The next crisis involved Mayra. Mayra has been in the program since the beginning in 2013. She married in 2015 and then in June 2016 gave birth to a beautiful little boy. When we were in Guatemala in May this year we had dinner with her and her husband Edwin and their son. She seemed to be very happy and we were impressed with Edwin's commitment to Mayra and their son Dylan.

Then, at the end of July, we received a message from Mayra asking for prayer. Someone had called her husband demanding a large sum of money or he would be killed. He did not know who the person was but made the decision to destroy the chip in his telephone so that he could not be traced. We are grateful that no harm has come to him and continue to pray for the safety of their family.



Myra with her husband Edwin and their son Dylan
Ezequiel

The Third Crisis....Catty was robbed

Two days after Kay had sent Catty her money for the month she was robbed. Fortunately she was not harmed and we were able to send her additional funds. This is her story.

"I went to the cashier of the same grocery store to get the money I was going to give Elma to take care of Sophia (Catty's daughter) and the money would also be used to make purchases. I put my cell phone and the money into my purse which also contained my wallet, bank cards and my personal identification documents. I went to choose things and buy food. Someone then grabbed my purse, knocked me down and ran."

"I immediately went to the bank to block the card because I had money on both cards, one for college and another for my payments. I was very sad but I had hoped I still had money on the cards."

"The next day I went to the bank to get cash but I was told that neither of the two cards had money and that the day before the person had spent all the money at a pharmacy. They moved very fast because I blocked the cards immediately but they had already stolen all my money." (In Guatemala the bank assumes no responsibility for stolen cards)

"I really am very grateful for the help that you gave me because literally I was left with no money and was very concerned with payments that I had to do and also with the need to buy food for Sophia."

Sandy and Alejandra joined the program in January of this year. Sandy continues to study nursing and has found it most rewarding and is doing well in school. She will continue to study nursing next year.

Alejandra is returning to school in an effort to complete the ninth grade and then will study accounting in high school. She has significant issues with her back and frequently is in a great deal of pain. When we were in Guatemala in May we were able to take each of them a computer. Now, even in Guatemala, you need a computer as you enter the higher grades.

Sandy and Alejandra were very happy with their new computers



We are very proud of these young ladies who have worked so hard but none of this could happen without you! Thank you for believing in these girls.

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