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All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. Psalm 25.10

We returned to Guatemala at the end of May to spend time with the girls, encourage them and assess how they are doing.

We now have 14 active participants. We have some who have been in the program for 6 years and others who have just started.

In many ways it was the best visit we have ever had with the young ladies. As one would hope, those who have been in the program longer are maturing and making better decisions.

One is having significant physical struggles. With another young lady, God has divinely intervened as only He can do and has begun a healing process of some very deep emotional wounds that have caused her great pain for many years.

For confidentiality reasons this will not be discussed but words cannot express the profound joy in our hearts as she shared what God was doing. Then and even now it brings tears to our eyes to see this loved one intimately touched by the loving, tender hand of the One who created the heavens and the earth and who promised to never leave us nor forsake us.



Joselin,
Lisdenia,
Maricruz, Deisy
and Kay,

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Some of you will recognize the photo on page one from June 2017 when we reported that four of our young ladies, Joselin, Lisdenia, Maricruz and Deisy were living together in an apartment. It has been a very good year for them. They have been able to encourage one another, help one another and in some instances correct one another. But that time has come to an end as their paths have begun to diverge. We will now update you on each one of them.

Lisdenia and Joselin

Most of you will remember Lisdenia and Joselin as the twin sisters who lived with us for 6 months in 2016. They came to work on their English language skills which improved significantly. For over one year both sisters have had stable employment in a call center. It is a high stress job as every call is timed but has been a very good growing experience for them. They are now prepared to seek better employment.

Something that we are emphasizing more is that the girls must have stable employment and a stable living situation before starting school. The twins have completed additional English classes in Guatemala and are now prepared to return to the university.

Lisdenia has now been accepted into ISTMO University to study International Business with an emphasis in Marketing. She is scheduled to begin classes in July. It will be a four-year program. The first two years she will have classes in the morning and in the last 2 years classes will be in the afternoon. She will be working full-time while attending school.

Joselin had hoped to attend a university in Kentucky and to continue to study to be an English translator in Guatemala. However, she was not able to secure sufficient funding and has now decided to pursue a different career in Guatemala. She will be applying to the same university where Lisdenia has been accepted. Joselin currently is looking at the various careers being offered and seeking God as to what her course of study should be.

Both of these young ladies continue to make very mature decisions. Because the school is located a great distance from where they are living, they will be moving out of the current apartment and seeking housing much closer to the school. We had an extended visit with them while in Guatemala and it is such a joy to our hearts to see them pursuing God and walking in a manner that brings glory to his name.



Lisdenia, Kay, Joselin, Jim

Maricruz

We also had an extended visit with Maricruz. In August 2017 she lost her job at Prince of Peace Home for Girls. It was a traumatic time for her but as always God is sovereign and provided better employment with another ministry.

Unfortunately her health has also been an issue. She has been sick for over a month with severe cough and congestion. She has been to the doctor and received medication but is very slowly improving. Some of this is being complicated by her very long days that begin at 5 a.m. and end at 8 to 10 p.m.

She continues to study psychology at the University. She has now begun to do her clinical hours and needs 270 counseling hours to graduate. She shared with us the stories of some of the people that she is counseling and God clearly has given her not only the desire to help people but also the gifting. She had hoped to finish in the current year but probably will need next year to complete all of the hours as she will continue to work full time.



Deisy and Kay



Maricruz and Kay

Deisy

Deisy has been working in a call center for more than one year. In January she began classes at the University studying to become a Physical Therapist. She enjoys the classes but currently she leaves her apartment at 5.00 A.M. is working from 7 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. and then goes to school to study and attends classes from 6 p.m. until 10 P.M. By the time she gets home she's so tired she has difficulty doing her homework.

Unfortunately, the schedule has greatly affected her grades and she has decided to withdraw from school and will attempt to switch to a Saturday school program. She will also be moving out of the apartment and hopes to be able to share a small apartment with her sister Adella who previously was part of GGLP.

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As you can see, the ministry continues to grow. Without your faithfulness to God and to these girls, we would not be able to continue. On behalf of each young lady, we say thank you, thank you for your prayers and financial support.

GREAT NEWS

We now have a web site, Lynda one of our supporters has donated her time and talents to construct a website for us.

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We will continue to update the website and hope to soon add a blog. Your feedback is always important to us. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A LOGO FOR THE MINISTRY, Please send us your suggestion.

Hines Family Update

At the beginning of March, Kay became suddenly very ill with severe abdominal pain requiring immediate hospitalization for emergency surgery to remove a portion of her colon because of a perforation secondary to her first episode of acute diverticulitis. Unfortunately the surgery required her to have a temporary colostomy. It has been a challenge but God has been very gracious and she is doing well. She is scheduled to have surgery again in September to remove the colostomy and reconnect her colon. We are always grateful for your prayers.

On the brighter side, we are in process of purchasing a home in Burleson, Tx which is just south of Ft. Worth. There we will be much closer to our two grandsons. Once the move is complete we will change the mailing address for Hesed.