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Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 1:24-25

Catty continues to do well. She is in her 3rd year of teaching at Prince of Peace Home for Girls and enjoys her students. The school has adopted a “team approach”. Rather than having one class and teaching all the subjects she has four groups and teaches language and math. The difficulty is that there is a wide range of ages in each group. This is because when the girls come to Prince of Peace their educational backgrounds are very different. Consequently, an 8 year-old and a 14 year-old can be in the same reading group.

Catty is half way through her 4th year at the University studying Industrial Psychology which is referred to in the U.S. as Human Resources.

In January 2019 she will begin her final year at the University which will include a “practicum” where she will work at a company for 6 months. The company must have at least 50 employees. When we were there in May, Kay and Jim met with Soledad and her husband Herbert. Soledad continues to be a great help to us as our “boots on the ground” in Guatemala. Her husband will see if he can



Catty with her daughter, Sophia

assist Catty in obtaining a position with his company to do her “practicum”. She is concerned because she is not sure how she will continue her full-time job and work at another company and still care for her 5 year-old daughter. We will see how the Lord provides .

Carol has had significant progress in several areas in 2018. Physically she has had more energy and strength this year. (You may remember that she had an emergency appendectomy August 2017)

She completed all of her course work at the University but was also required to write a thesis. In typical bureaucratic fashion there were multiple delays in being able to meet with the appropriate people. However, she finally had a meeting and learned that her thesis has been accepted. That should allow her to graduate in the fall of this year. We are so excited, she will be our first university graduate!!!

The other really good news is that she now has a new job in a call



Kay and Carol

center which will increase her income significantly. She has been teaching art classes and Pilates classes but never had steady income.

Cookie or cake anyone ?

We introduced Helen, also known as *Adrianna*, in March 2018 and will give a brief update. She is a single mom with an 8 year-old daughter. Daily existence is a significant struggle for her and her daughter. In January she started a 1-year program to learn how to become a baker primarily of desserts, pies, cakes, & cookies. She seems to be really enjoying and growing in it. She attends school all day three times a week and then cleans houses three days a week. The cost of the school is minimal but the cost of the supplies for the bak-



Adrianna with her "baked goods"

ing is about \$200 monthly. She is now trying to save enough money to buy an electric hand mixer and a small oven so that she can make and sell some of the things that she is learning to bake in school.

Alejandra and Sandy

Alejandra has had a very difficult 6 months with multiple medical problems. She has scoliosis of the spine and is in various degrees of pain all of the time. She also has ongoing issues with her thyroid gland and has not responded well to treatment. Over the last 2 months she has had abdominal issues with increasing pain and disability. All of this has been exacerbated because she works six days a week with only Sunday off. Her employer will not allow her any time off for medical exams and doctor visits. Medical testing and office visits are limited on Sunday so she has been greatly handicapped. After having a sonogram one Sunday, it was several months before she could manage to return for the results, also on a Sunday. She began a program in June that will allow her to receive her high school diploma in October 2019. We are praying for her healing and for better employment.



Sandy, Yojana, Kay, Alejandra and Catty

In November 2017 *Sandy* finished a one-year program to be a nurse assistant but discovered that because she did not also have a high school diploma she could not obtain employment. She has now enrolled in a program to finish her high school work at the end of the current school year in October. Sandy is a very good student and has a very stable home situation with her husband and their son Marcos.

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In November 2017, *Judith* graduated from high school with emphasis on working in the medical field as a nurse or lab assistant. In January she began a three-year program to work in a medical laboratory. She remains very focused on getting more education so that she can provide for her two sons who are now 6 and 4 years old.



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Hines Family Update

We have now officially moved to Burleson, Tx which is about 20 miles south of Ft. Worth. We had been in the same house for 35 years, so the move was a major undertaking but was successfully accomplished and we are now adjusting to our new home which is smaller. Unfortunately, the second week we were here, there were 10 consecutive days of temperatures over 100 degrees. We are now about 25 minutes from our two grandsons, who are almost 5 and almost 3 years old.

We did return to Corpus Christi at the beginning of August for Kay to see her surgeon. She still has not recovered all of her strength from her emergency surgery that occurred in March. She is scheduled to have surgery in Corpus Christi on September 10th to remove her colostomy and reconnect her colon. It will actually be a bigger operation than the first but she should have a full recovery for which we will be most grateful.