

# Kay and Jim Hines

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But let him who boasts, boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness (Hesed), justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD. Jeremiah 9:24

In October Kay and Jim were blessed by being in Guatemala to spend time with the young ladies of Guatemalan Girls Life Project. It is a joy to be with them and see what God is doing in their lives.

**Lisdenia** has just completed her first semester at a new university (ISTMO) studying International Business. It is a well-known school with a reputation for being very difficult. We were initially concerned because most of the students come from affluent families and do not need to work. Lisdenia has continued to work full time at a call center which is very stressful. They are constantly monitored and graded.

However, Lisdenia is a very hard worker and we thought she would do well and she has. She did struggle with Math and at the end had a tutor but he really did not help her. She passed the class with a low grade and will attempt to improve this by again studying and repeating the exam in November. In December everyone takes an "inter-semester class" and then a new semester begins in January.

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Lisdenia & Jim

*Adriana* is completing her first year in the program. She initially did well but the last 2 months have been a very tumultuous time for her and for us. She is 27 years old with probably a 3rd or 4th grade education. She comes from a very abusive family. Life has really kicked her around and as a result she is very defensive and verbally aggressive.

She is in technical school to learn how to bake desserts.

Her skills are good but she has had difficulty relating to the other students and to her teachers. Because of repeated episodes of disrespect, she recently was on the verge of being dismissed from the school. There are only 2 months left but she would have lost the whole year.

Soledad who is our Guatemalan “boots on the ground” was able to intervene with the personnel at the school and obtain a probation period for Adriana.

Initially Adrianna was very offended that Ms. Soledad was “interfering” in her business. However, Adrianna developed a severe toothache and Soledad responded quickly to get her the funds to see a dentist.

At that point Adriana finally realized that Soledad really did want to help her, consequently she then did apologize to Soledad and her teachers and we are hopeful she will be able to finish the year.



**Kay and Adriana**

*Myra* and her husband Edwin, continue to do very well. Both of her parents died when she was a small child but she has a very good relationship with her brother and sister-in-law. Her 2 year old son Dillon, who was very sick with pneumonia in May, has remained healthy since then. Myra is finishing her 3rd year of law school and will have two more years till graduation.

**Edwin, Myra, and Dillon**



We introduced *Reyna Emilia* in December 2017. We helped her to complete high school and then she wanted to begin at the University. She is a single mother with two small children and a very tumultuous relationship with the father of her children. She finally separated herself and the children from him. It has been a difficult year but she has worked hard doing house cleaning. She is a good student and has been diligent in her studies and her grades have all been very good.

She has now completed her first year at the University to become a social worker. She will have four more years. Stability is beginning to come to her life. She has a strong relationship with God and we believe that she will continue to go forward and do well at the University.

Because of her experience growing up in a children's home, we believe she will make an excellent social worker.



**Reyna Emilia**

## Life in Guatemala

We have not recently shared about **Soledad**. We initially knew her when God sent her to us to be the Educational Director at Prince of Peace home for girls in Guatemala City. For the last four years she has worked very closely with us and has been our "boots on the ground" in Guatemala.

She is a Godly woman who in February will complete the work for her master's degree in education.

She speaks fluent English and obviously understands the culture. If you have never lived in a foreign country it is difficult to appreciate how very important an understanding of the culture is. One can have the very best of intentions and still cause serious harm to the people you are trying to help. She has been a tremendous help in resolving some very difficult situations with our young ladies. We meet with her each time we go to Guatemala. She is a gift of God to us who we dearly love and treasure.



**Soledad, her 2 sons and Kay**

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## Nincy

We introduced *Nincy* in March of this year. She is a 26 year old mother of an 8 year old son, Johnathan. She is married and appears to have a very stable relationship. She is strong in her relationship with God. When we started, she had not completed the eighth grade. Her grades in school have been very good. She was taking some additional English classes but had to discontinue them when she was hospitalized with a gallbladder attack.

She was able to finish her regular classes and next year she will begin a program to do two years in one and graduate with the equivalency of a high school diploma. After that she would like to study nursing at the university. She remains very positive and upbeat.



**Jonathan, Nincy, & Kay**

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She will have 4 more years with increasing emphasis on finance. She remains very focused and we know she will do well. She does intend to seek new employment with a less stressful environment.