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Guatemala Children's Mission Newsletter

News from Agua Viva Children's Home, Guatemala, Central America

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Serving Our Neighbors

(Submitted by Jennifer Spatara)

In the small village of Hierba Buena, just one road over from Agua Viva, lives an elderly couple and their son. Inundated by two weeks of steady torrential rain, this



Pastor Benjamin and the youth group ready to serve!

couple needed help. Pastor Ben and Miss Alma organized a day for our Sunday School youth to serve these neighbors with a day of clean up and small maintenance projects. After the teens finished all of the work, they



prayed with the family and gave them food staples, a Bible, and a plaque for their home.

Congratulations Gama

(Submitted by Jennifer Spatara)

After three years of intensive study in accounting and book keeping, we congratulate Gama on his graduation from the National School of Commercial Sciences. He is now a professional accountant. Gama's grandmother, aunt, sister (Susy) and twin brother (Israel) attended graduation along with Miss Evy and Miss Jennifer. Gama now plans to study Business Administration at the University of San Carlos and also wants to continue pursuing music.



Please keep Gama in your prayers as he begins the next part of his life outside of the walls of his "home on the hill."

Miss Alma Graduates

(Submitted by Jennifer Spatara)

Our beloved Miss Alma, Director of Christian Education at Agua Viva, graduated from Seminario Bíblico Guatemalteco with a degree in Biblical Studies. She completed 60 hours of coursework plus her thesis.

Congratulations Miss Alma!



Miss Alma with her proud parents

Middle School Graduation

(Submitted by Jennifer Spatara)

Among those graduating from Middle School at Agua Viva are five young men from the home. Ariel and Quique will pursue accounting at the National School of Commercial Sciences, Gama's alma mater. Joel has



Agua Viva Middle School graduates

chosen a career at a military school in Guatemala City that trains young people in the fields of aviation, piloting and mechanics. Meme has applied to the Normal School for Physical Education, following in the steps of Hector and Israel, who will be graduating this year. And Cristian has chosen the field of agricultural management, in line with his love for gardening.

These five fine young men will need your prayers and support as they continue their education to be the men that God has called them to be.

Hospital Ministry

(Submitted by Gama Sanchez, translated by Chris Gault)

On Saturday, October 28, Miss Alma, Director of Christian Education, decided to take some of us to visit the National Hospital of Chimaltenango. Before entering the hospital, we met for a time of prayer, asking God to give us the right words to speak without embarrassment or fear. We divided into pairs, and then visited different rooms, praying with those we met and sharing the plan of salvation.

Our hospital visit made me think about my life jour-



ney. I've been at Agua Viva since I was 5 years old and during that time I've never had an experience quite like this. I thought about how ungrateful I often am toward God, who has given me everything and has placed me where I am.

I thank the Lord that everything went well at the hospital and that many people had the opportunity to hear about God and the fact that there still is hope.

Dance Team Celebrates

The after school dance program celebrated many accomplishments during the past year with a final party. Miss Jennifer has been working with the dance team for 5 years now. Thanks Miss Jennifer!



Miss Jennifer and the dance team

Children's Day at Agua Viva

October 1st was Children's Day in Guatemala. See below how we celebrated at Agua Viva.



Mascot eggs for blue team

Meme lassos the purple team



Juana tugs hard

Sonia enjoys the day



Agua Viva School staff (Maynor, Joel, and Julio) put on quite a show as clowns for the day!

Thanks for Your Support!

(Submitted by Chris Gault, President of the Guatemala Children's Mission)

Those of us serving on the board of the Guatemala Children's Mission would like to thank you for the many ways you have supported the work at Agua Viva in 2011. Despite unstable economic conditions worldwide, the Lord has allowed the home and school to stay open for another year, and for this, we are truly grateful. It has been a joy to witness how God has used folks like you to bring hope and encouragement to the children and staff at Agua Viva.

Expenses are always high at Agua Viva at year end, so special donations are much appreciated.

Thanks again and may the Lord bless you and your family as you have blessed Agua Viva!

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