

MOUNTAIN MILESTONES

News from Bill and Linda Brierly in Guatemala

The Far Side of Missionary Life - August 2008

What did the mother Bison say to her son as he was leaving the herd? " 'Bye, Son!"



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Bill and Linda just said Cristobal, who had been

who had become like a "son" to us, who we'd helped through school, who Bill taught to drive and to be a responsible leader, who we'd prayed with and read the Bible with weekly...left us and the ASOSAP family. Why? How?

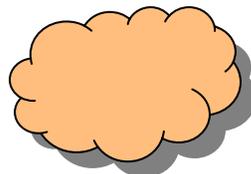
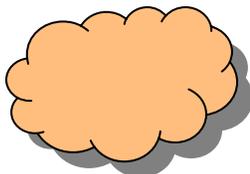
"Bye, Son" recently as well. with us for over 8 years,

Before our very eyes, he had become insolent, rebellious, hypocritical, disobedient, and back-biting. With a heavy heart, Bill had to fire him. With even heavier hearts, we had to face a law suit that he filed against ASOSAP at the Labor Board. We had to pay him a sum of money, one which would have paid for 2 latrines for needy families. WE are GRIEVING....

A Shattered Dream...

James and Claudia, the long-awaited and prayed-for couple did arrive in June as planned. They are wonderful, godly folks with a real heart to serve in the mission field. But after 5 days here, they and we realized that their mission field would not be with ASOSAP. Having an 11-month-old child created a bigger obstacle to fulfilling the needs of our organization, then we had all imagined. Again, WE are GRIEVING...

The Beat goes ON. We want to share with you the Silver Linings in our Clouds....



The Team Scene

Four teams have come and gone. Each one was unique and a special blessing for us and for the villagers. They built rainwater collection tanks for 24 families in 2 villages, helped with women's and children's events, held prayer services in 3 homes - the homes of Brenda, Brenda's young teenage parents, and Doña Petrona, a widow who had been sick for a month and has the sole care of 2 young daughters. Praise God! Petrona accepted Christ during the prayer visit and was so improved that she walked up to our team base camp the last day to thank us and wish us all well!

Brenda

She now weighs 13.5 lbs. She is healthy and happy and continues to be fiercely and tenderly loved and cared for by her grandmother.



God's Story - Full Steam Ahead!

(We urge those of you who received this DVD in English to view it and share it with your church family)

Leandro has completed the translation and all the revisions. On the 18th, Pastor Rumaldo Ixim will start practicing the narration, with Dolores as his director. The first week in September Rumaldo, Dolores, and Glenda will travel 8 hours to Sololá to do the formal recording in the studios of a Christian recording group. Please continue to keep them in your prayers! God has again given His firm endorsement to this project. We just received another generous donation for God's Story in Pokomchi!

We are learning that the "FAR SIDE" of missionary life brings us NEARER to our SAVIOUR. *Bill and Linda*

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