

New Beginnings...Khiara, Claudia, and Denise



Khiara: Dolores and her husband, Chino, welcomed little Khiara Estela into the world on December 15th. We rejoice with them and are thrilled to have this precious addition to our ASOSAP family! So while Dolores is on maternity leave, enjoying Khiara and getting the hang of being a mother, Glenda has some new helpers.

Claudia: Claudia is a 21-year-old mother of one and an auxiliary nurse, with a big heart and a quick mind. She joined our ASOSAP family in January on a one-year contract to help both Glenda and Conzuelo with the responsibilities of the office, the health program, and community education. Glenda says she is a fast learner and a big help.



Denise: Denise is a 21st century "Brave Heart"! From Bill and Linda's home town of Clearater, she has just started a 3-month stint as a volunteer with ASOSAP in Guatemala. She is 18-years-old, had never flown outside of Canada before, or on her own, and did not speak any Spanish. She has a heart to help and a willingness to stretch out of her comfort zone, and a desire to become all that God has planned for her. We are very pleased with Denise and downright proud of her!

Rolling Stones

On January 18th, Bill, wintry home and drove over the - the first leg of a 4-month newsletter is coming to you from Santa Rosa, California, that Linda's home. This is also Bailey's vacation



Linda, and Bailey left their mountain and down into States journey. In fact, this the lush, green acreage in brother and his family call "spa" while Bill and Linda carry

on to Oklahoma for a week, Texas for a week, and Guatemala for 2 months. They are looking forward to lot's of good fellowship with some great folks who are ministry partners with ASOSAP. And the "icing on the cake" is that Glenda will join them from Guatemala for the 2 weeks they are in Oklahoma and Texas!

Medical Milestones

Our faithful ministry partner, Dr. Michael just completed his first medical trip of the year. He attended a total of 458 patients in 9 villages, including 42 patients with chronic diseases. The total of chronic patients in the program now is 53, 10 of which were added recently. Dr. Michael has set up protocols of treatment for our ASOSAP medical staff to follow and he also supplies all the medication for the chronic patients gratis. Without Dr. Michael and ASOSAP, these people would be "left behind", suffering from poor quality of life or even dying.

And the most exciting aspect of our medical program is best told in Dr. Michael's own words:

" I have been delighted to witness Conzuleo's ability to teach student nurses. This speaks not only to her growth and talent but also to long-term impact of ASOSAP's medical program within its service area. This dimension of the working partnership between ASOSAP and Dr. Michael was not foreseen when we started in Nov 2008 but the impact of this for the future is huge. The mentored is now mentoring. Glenda raises the possibility of including other nurses/health posts in the future in similar mentoring models."

New Beginnings in International Teams

Amongst our valued "old faithfuls", this year we have some new groups joining our team scene. A Christian Academy called Zaccheaus Learning Oportunities (ZLO), from Bellingham, WA. is sending a team in April. From Meadow Lake, SK., Canada, the Evangelical Free Church is sending a group in March and another group in August. And, joy of joys!, we have a group of 10 people from Brierly's home town coming in March on a Canadian combined team.

Give Credit Where Credit is Due

Jesus says in Matthew 5:16, "...let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

We of ASOSAP whole-heartedly give all the credit for the good things happening, to our heavenly Father!

Rolling stones for God, Bill and Linda