BLESSINGS!

It is a **blessing** for me to greet you from Guatemala. It is always heartwarming for me to think of each one of you, of your kindness and faithful support in prayer and in finances. Sometimes I just stop to think about it, and I feel amazed and grateful as I continue with my day. Thank you!

It is hard for me to talk about the homegoing of my one-and-only wonderful mother. Every time I do, I have to accept that she is really in heaven now, since March 14, 2022, and not here in Guatemala with us. With her presence, words and prayers she always gave me a sense of solid stability, such a **blessing**, and I miss her so much!

Now that my mother is not here, I have moved to Chimaltenango to live with my dad. My sister lives a block or two away and we three are able to be together daily. Supporting each other, finding a new normal, living and moving forward together—I cannot express how much this **blesses** me. My two brothers, David and Dan, and their wives have spent time with us here in Guatemala also, giving emotional support and taking on some tough home projects at the homestead. Another huge **blessing**!

I also have the beautiful **blessing** of continuing to work at Christian Academy of Guatemala, teaching young people who learn differently. We start our new school year August 10. I enjoy my



students! Every class is an adventure because each one has a great zest for life, so class is never boring (at least for me!) Most of my classes are now in person and that is so much more fun and effective. However, now I have some technology tools that I didn't have before the Covid pandemic, and they do come in handy. This year, because of the distance between Chimaltenango and CAG, I will travel to CAG three days a week and work online with Zoom the other two days.



Two other ministries are finally in person, and I am delighted about this **blessing**! I am co teaching the 14 to 17 age Sunday school class together with brother Julio Buch who is an elder at our church. So far, we are averaging about 20, and they are great kids! We are doing a survey of the whole Bible, one book each Sunday.

Other teachers started the process, so we jumped in with the



book of Job. A privilege and responsibility from the Lord to speak into these young lives.

For about 19 years, I have met with a group of women who want to know God and his word better. All these years we have met at 5 PM on Tuesdays, on Zoom during the pandemic. Now we are back to meeting in person, and the **blessing** of a meeting place was offered for Thursdays at 4PM. We still use Zoom for those who can't come! I set my phone up facing the group. These dear people are low-income and low-literacy, and they **bless** and enrich my life. We have established a system of reading a chapter before Bible study time and each one comes prepared to comment on something that stood out to them. The joy of listening to them! Learning and sharing!



I ask you as my prayer warriors to pray for:

- My daily devotional life and spiritual preparation
- The spiritual, emotional, and other needs of <u>each CAG student</u>, <u>each</u> <u>young lady</u> I am discipling, <u>each</u> <u>Sunday school student</u> and <u>each</u> <u>lady</u> in the Thursday Bible study
- For strength and comfort for my dad and family
- For our future plans!



May the Lord **bless** each of you, spiritually and in every other way!

Love in Christ, Judy

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