



SERVING CENTRAL AMERICA

In March, Globe President/Director Doug Gehman traveled to Guatemala, Costa Rica and El Salvador to visit Globe missionaries and their missions.

Here's Doug's report:

GUATEMALA - JUDY HERNANDEZ OF ALPHA Y OMEGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



A group of little girls hover around Judy Ubico Hernandez, exchanging customary Guatemalan hugs with a slight kiss on the cheek. They gaze admiringly up at their school matron as she chats with them about their day. Judy is like a second Mom to these children. They are among nearly 800 K

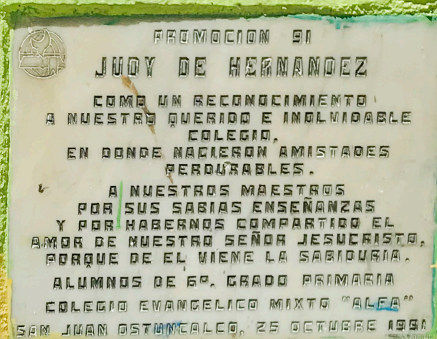
through 12th graders who arrive every day at Alpha y Omega Christian School in San Juan Ostuncalco, nestled in a plateau at 10,000 feet, four hours from Guatemala City.

The school facilities fill half a city block, built to the perimeter walls. A covered gymnasium doubles as an auditorium for special events, two of which were

held in my honor. There is no more room for outward expansion, so they build up. Second floors on two classrooms, and two others are planned. The school is so full that they split the day in half: K - 6th grade in the morning, and then 7th - 12th grade arrive. The school buzzes with activity. Well-groomed students in neat uniforms mingle with well-trained teachers, administrators, and principals. There's even a dental clinic to serve the student body (and the wider community) where high school students receive training in dentistry. The school

also offers pre-university programs in music, graphics design, and more.

Alpha y Omega is making an impressive impact in one of Central America's poorer nations. Every student pays tuition, and except for expansion plans, this top-rated school is self-supporting.



Judy has spent her adult life in Guatemala. She lost her husband Herman Ubico in a car accident in the 1980's. She stayed with her five children and built Alpha y Omega. Eventually she remarried a Guatemalan Army Officer, and now her family serves the nation together.

With Judy Hernandez and The Children of AyO



An Update from Costa Rica



**JOHN & JILL
HUTCHINS**
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**CENTRAL MESA
COSTA RICA**
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John and Jill Hutchins and their daughters Mariela and Maddie live in Atenas, in a beautiful corner of Costa Rica's central mesa. They serve Nicaraguan migrant

workers who come to the region to work on coffee plantations. "Pescaditos del Señor" (The Lord's Little Fish) provides day care and education to the workers' children, medical and social ministry to the families, and spiritual nurture through a local church plant.

Delynn & Gloria Hoover



Globe missionaries Delynn and Gloria Hoover have moved eleven times in the fifteen years they have lived in Costa Rica. Only within the last two years did God provide them with a permanent place for VidaNet ministries. VidaNet disciples young people into Christian maturity and service for Jesus.

Right now, twenty-two students from five nations – Costa Rica, Honduras, Belize, El Salvador and the United States – study, serve, and live together at the VidaNet Base, a one-acre multi-building camp nestled in the mountains of Heredia.

The ten-month program, called Vida 220, is designed to stimulate Christian growth through pressure – in relationships, cultural challenges, service opportunities, and Biblical studies.

When I arrived, Vida 220's Study module had transitioned to the Service module. Small groups of students were sent to neighboring nations to work in pre-arranged programs with local churches, for five months of community service and outreach.

"Christians don't grow without pressure," Delynn Hoover muses over morning coffee, "So, we provide some pressure." Team relationships stretch the students. Cultural challenges – one experience requires them to find their way home (in groups of two or three) with little money and no directions – stretch comfort zones and develop innovation and boldness.

"Sometimes a student doesn't make it," Delynn admits. "We try to balance difficulty with nurture. We are never harsh or unkind, but the fact is, people won't grow without being challenged. They know this coming in, and most thrive in the environment and really experience life transformation, but some either can't obey the rules, or don't want to work."

VidaNet serves the city in numerous ways: an outreach to Heredia's La Cuenca slum, the El Nido pregnancy crisis program (founded by Gloria Hoover), ministry with local churches in several Central American nations, and summer time short-term experiences for church groups coming from the United States.

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MEMBER UPDATES



**CHRISTY
HEPNER**
COSTA RICA

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The after school program touches about 15 children, preschool through Grade 6, and meets twice per week. Working with the families so each child can attend. The Program offers bible stories, review of spanish reading, writing, and math plus snack and activities.



**BUCK
WATERS**
INTERNATIONAL

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Buck is passionate about reaching people for Jesus Christ! He has been a good friend, now an official affiliate, of Globe for many years. We have partnered together in serving outreach efforts with Christian Surfers, Walking on Water, Serve Pensacola, and many Globe missionaries, especially in Latin America. In that time Buck has had a particular love for the nation of El Salvador, and recently led a team to build a Computer Lab and Learning Center at El Tunco.



**CHERIE
MCCULLAH**
COSTA RICA

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Cherie McCullah has been building her vision – of "homes" for orphans in Costa Rica – for over a decade. A unique feature of Costa Rican law requires each home to have no more than ten children and vetted "house parents." Cherie's vision is to create ten such homes. Today she has two in operation.



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