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MODELING A CHRISTIAN LIFE

Lisseth Castañeda has been a teacher at our school since early 2012, when she stepped in to cover a temporary position. Her daughter, Karina, was already our elementary school principal at that time, and remembers what it was like to approach her mother about the teaching position.

"I was worried because I was still living at home, and it could've been awkward," shared Karina. "We'd worked together, but she was my boss then, not the other way around. But my mom is a very peaceful person, and she always tells me that she doesn't want to take advantage of the fact that I'm her daughter. She's always respectful."

FULFILLING THE VISION

Over the last seven years, Lisseth has proven to be a capable teacher, passionately working to fulfill the vision in the lives of her Grade 5 students.

"This year, I had a student come to school really upset," Lisseth shared when remembering the first half of the year. "When devotionals started, the sadness lifted from him. I had another student who had been called ugly at her last school, but she told me that since she's been here she hasn't felt that way.

"Earlier this year, I heard a girl from my class crying in devotionals, so I approached her, hugged her and started to pray. I asked the Holy Spirit to lead me, and He told me: 'Minister to her in a spirit of love.' I felt Him surrounding her, and she started crying again, saying: 'I want to accept Jesus in my heart.'

"So, I explained to her what it meant to accept Jesus and we prayed the prayer of faith together. She was still crying as devotionals finished and we went to breakfast, so I asked her what was going on. She said: 'It's just that it feels like someone is hugging me.' I explained that God was hugging her.



“That same morning during breakfast, I noticed another boy near her who was crying as well. I went to ask him what was wrong, and he kept crying and crying. He said that: ‘It’s because Jesus was hugging me.’”

PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION

Even though she’s been teaching the longest out of any of our staff, Lisseth’s students often relate that they enjoy her classes. She’s always researching new teaching strategies and doing new things in her classroom. God gives her a lot of ideas and wisdom.

Lisseth recently shared an example of God providing her with wisdom: “I was a little worried about Math class this last quarter so I began to ask the Holy Spirit to give me strategies for how to teach them well. I started praying every morning, blessing each of the students’ desks and asking the Holy Spirit to help them. At report card time, several parents told me that their children told them they liked math class a lot more now.”

A COMMITMENT TO GOD

“Our work as teachers is to model for our students a true Christian life. As a teacher I have a commitment to God to be able to guide our students to be professional, successful and true Christians. I remind them all the time that in order to have a truly successful life, they must put God first.”

“I keep praying for them and their families, thanking God because he takes control of everything, whether it’s big or small. My students are some of the most caring and obedient students and we have a mutual trust as teacher and students. They know that they can count on me.”



Each staff member has a team of partners who support them in their work and stand with them in their ministry, to a total partnership of \$300 per month. To partner with Lisseth or another staff member for the amount of \$50 or \$100 per month, visit our website.

IMPACTING CANADA THROUGH SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITIES

In a recent interview, Julianna (our Executive Director in Guatemala), emphasized again the importance of unity between Canada and Guatemala in our organization. In the founding years of our ministry, we received several words that within our ministry there was a profound connection between Canada and Guatemala. “It’s hard to know all of what that means,” she said, “but the work of the Holy Spirit here was going to go back and impact Canada.”

We’re mindful of these words, of this encouragement to be unified, in our work that spans continents. Our English teachers who come and commit for one year (or two or three) are both sowing seeds and receiving seeds into their own hearts that they’ll carry with them back to Canada. Similarly, our vision for our short-term groups is that while they’re contributing appropriately, that they’ll also be receiving from the Lord, and that their experience in Guatemala would be one experience in a lifetime of meaningful experiences.

A SEED OF WORSHIP

Through the first half of the year, 57 people visited our school in Guatemala as part of a short-term opportunity, including three smaller teams and two larger groups from Maranatha Christian Academy in Windsor, ON, and Village Youth in Surrey, BC.

Mya Mailloux, a Grade 12 student from Maranatha Christian Academy, shared some of her favourite experiences from January. As a worship leader in her church, she was especially impacted by devotionals.

“In Ontario, I’ve led worship for a really long time, and kids just look at you while you’re singing. But in Guatemala, in chapel, where I was expecting those kids to be doing the same thing, they started praising at the top of their lungs! Looking at their faces, seeing how they were genuinely worshipping; they were taking it seriously too.”

She couldn’t help but think about how she saw her experience leading in Canada. “We have this huge set up [with] lights and everything, and no one really worships.” She said that she felt challenged “to be



Above left: Meghan Mailloux shares candy as the Maranatha Christian Academy team prepares for VBS in El Tizate; above right: Mya Mailloux helps paint our soccer field; below: Maranatha team members say goodbye to students at the end of their ten-day trip.

more of an example of how to properly worship. It made me take worship more seriously myself.”

Meghan Mailloux, Mya’s mother, was a team chap-erone, and deeply moved by the devotionals and seeing students from their school join in. “You could see some of [our students] that are a little bit more reserved with their hands up in the air, just going with it.”

It’s not an accident that the students at our school worship passionately. It’s a foundational part of our

school life: that students would learn to worship and put God first every day.

It’s always exciting when visiting groups notice that there’s something more than just Latin American passion in our worship, that there’s a real relationship with God that’s being formed, strengthened and nurtured in devotionals. We pray that visitors like Mya will receive this seed into their hearts and take it back to Canada, allowing it to grow in their hearts, leading them to worship in a new, deeper way.

The work of Global Shore is a gift, given to us by God to steward, and we can’t ignore it. We pray that visitors to our ministry would be able to contribute, yes, in appropriate ways, but that they would also return having received in Guatemala, finding ways to serve the Lord in their lives in Canada as well.





TEFL 2020

“What I see is an open door to be a part of the work of God in [my students’] lives and help them establish a foundation of love and identity in Christ that will last for the rest of their lives.” – Max Funk, TEFL 2018-2019

Our applications are open for the 2020 school year! We’re looking for high school and elementary teachers, as well as teaching assistants and home-schooling assistants. If you or someone you know is interested in learning and growing as part of a dynamic team providing quality language education, check out our website for more information!

NEW CANADIAN STAFF

Julie Gosen (left) and Shantelle Matos (right) have joined our staff in the last few months! Shantelle is our new coordinator for Donor Relations and Short-Term Opportunities, and Julie began working as our Strategic Events Coordinator in May and jumped into hosting our annual pig roast alongside Shantelle. We’re excited about the ideas and energy they bring to our organization! Both are from Waterloo, ON, where they volunteer at Slate Church.

We’re also pleased to announce that Darryl & Lisa Field have joined our Canadian Board of Directors. These Canadians now reside in Philadelphia and bring extensive experience in Latin America and academic leadership.



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