

## STEP into Central America

Every summer a group of college-age and young adults come our way from all over the U.S. They sign up for seven weeks of living in Guatemalan culture, serving Guatemalan churches, and seeing what God might have for them in Central America.

I like to say, "We have their attention for seven weeks, what can we do?" With this in mind it is exciting to think about what God might have in store for all of us to learn as we travel around the country and interact with believers from all different walks of life. It is thrilling to see the STEP participants look beyond themselves into how they can serve others! In the process, we watch them shed the old and put on the new!

This summer we have the largest STEP group that I have ever seen! Please pray for the 16 participants, five men and 11 women. The ages of our group range from 18 to 35 years old, and yet our focus is to be united as one team, representing Christ to the Least, the Last, and the Lost. This is our ministry focus as we minister with street kids, prostitutes, homeless, barely reached villages, etc. Our prayer is that the love of Jesus would touch the lives of the people we come into contact with.

I believe that when we are taken out of our environment, what we are used to, our "comfort zone," God often touches our lives in new and interesting ways. We often experience God in a new way, see others experience Him in different ways, and deepen our own commitment, relationship, and service of the Almighty. We have the privilege to be a part of this process with STEP participants each summer. It is such an honor!

Please pray for us all this month as we travel around Guatemala and to Nicaragua!

In His Care, *Nell*

