



## A year of thanks...

**January:** We thank God for an inspiring Latina 2006 conference in Quito, Ecuador. We thank Him for the 400 young people who were challenged to dedicate their vocations to the Lord. We thank Him for the incredible opportunity to serve together as a couple!

**February:** We thank the Lord for the opportunity to travel to Mexico City and help some good friends (Tim and Annette Gulick) say goodbye to Mexico after living there for 10 years.

**March:** We thank God for uniting our friend Ashley Baldwin with her beloved, Elvis (yes, that's really his name), in El Salvador, and the opportunity to attend the wedding along with our great friend Marcie Eastwood.

**April:** We are thankful for the visit of Nana and Papa (Porterfield) and the vacation we enjoyed with them in the Caribbean.

**May:** We thank the Lord for the visit of Greg and Lionel from Saratoga Federated Church and the opportunity to share our ministry with them! We also thank God for the great turnout at the second 4-14 Window conference, held in Guatemala City. We are excited about what He is doing through the partnership between OC Guatemala and AWANA International!

**June:** We thank God for the 15 STEP participants and leaders that He brought for seven weeks during the summer! We also thank Him for providing the funds for our entire family to spend 17 days in Bogotá, Colombia, to assist in the first-ever Colombian Internship! What a privilege to work alongside our Colombian teammates and train new Colombian missionaries to join OC!

**July:** We are thankful that Nell was able to travel to Nicaragua with the STEP group and for a wonderful contact with a pastor in Rivas, Nicaragua, who has a vision to develop young leaders and to reach his country!

**August:** We thank the Lord for all the wonderful visitors we hosted in our home during the summer. The Weme family from Canada, Jeannene Richert from Grass Valley, the Gulicks from Orlando, and the STEP team! What a blessing to have a home full of quality people!

**September:** We rejoice in what God has done in our team here in Guatemala. As a result of the annual vision retreat, we are in the process of reducing our budget by 50 percent, the team is praying and fasting together weekly, and we are anticipating God to do great things!

**October:** We are thankful for the opportunity that Nell has had to teach for two months at Kayla and Elena's school. It has been such a learning experience and has helped us to understand the Guatemalan education system better!

**November:** We are thankful for the two months that we are stateside. It is a privilege to be able to thank in person those who pray for us and support us financially! Thank you so much for giving!



*Kyle and Nell in Mexico.*



*Kayla and Elena in Honduras with Nana and Papa.*



*Nell with some of the STEP team members in Nicaragua.*

*The Stiffs*