

2 trips to Guatemala – we are in Guatemala right now, until February 7.

We are going to be in Guatemala with a short-term youth ministry team from March 31 to April 8.

5 “Introduction to OCs” with three full days of sessions – two new OC intern units were in the Intro that was completed last month. Intro activities pretty much take up a full week. Nancy has the responsibility of setting up the paper and the personal interviews, along with being the one responsible for each Intro.

Tracking each intern unit until they have completed their field acquisition, orientation, and acculturation field-specific expectations. There are now here in the U.S. 29 intern units who I have the responsibility as Director of Development and Deployment to help with field allocation, support- and people-raising, and deployment facilitation. Two units are scheduled to leave for South Africa right about now.

OC’s summer internship activities – which are scheduled from June 24 to July 26. We were a mentor couple the last four OC summer internships.

2 weddings – a niece in South Dakota is getting married at the beginning of July and a niece living in Michigan is getting married at the end of July.

Being accredited to teach the Myers-Briggs Inventory. This will mean spend-ing one week someplace being trained to teach

Myers-Briggs. It is something that we hope to do before this upcoming summer internship.

1 broken right radius – right at the wrist. Nancy began 2006 with the broken arm. Nancy really does not want to take up any more of doctor’s time, so . . .

Inserted at the bottom of this letter are some photos of Guatemala and Guatemalans. It has been a blessing for us over the years to watch young people taking another step toward oozing into a missionary vocation OR to interact with a seasoned couple who has been influenced by the daily lives of the people who they have had the chance to interact with in another country OR to create environs where high-school-age guys and gals are encouraged by the warmth and by the enthusiasm of children appreciating them just being there. This is why we join short-term ministry teams. The exponential effects and the eternal values of what happens through life modeling and by just communicating wanting to be in a country and with the people of the host country while being on a short term ministry team can never be measured.

2006 for us is going to be an activity-filled and a very interesting year. Your persistent prayers for us are very much appreciated – especially for logistics, for our health, and for our finances. Thank you.

Sincerely, in Christ,




*Jaime with his daughter Melissa (upper right photo). Jaime coordinates SWAT. (SWAT is the ministry program under which short-term ministry teams are in Guatemala.) He oversees between 15-20 short-term ministry teams a year.*