

Congratulations to Maribel Mejia

Maribel Mejia Guevara came to Shalom about ten years ago. She came from a dangerous situation in her mountain village some six to eight hours away. She was brought to the Cruzadas mission compound in La Ceiba where she was welcomed to the safety of Shalom. She became part of the family of girls from similar at-risk situations.

Maribel entered the local public school system and progressed into the University where her artistic talent and interest in computers guided her toward a course of study in Graphic Design. She knew that as large Honduran businesses become more in-step with the international trends, they will need trained people for advertising and marketing. It was a smart career choice and she trained accordingly.



Maribel Mejia Guavara

Maribel's education was frequently delayed by Honduran bureaucracy, funding and scheduling. Occasionally, required courses in her major were not available when she met the prerequisites. If a needed course was not available, she could not proceed without it. She continued her education and finally she was able to meet the requirements for graduation in her major. Even her graduation was delayed for months so that there would be more students graduating at the official commencement .

A few weeks ago, Maribel was officially graduated from the Technological University of Central America in La Ceiba with a bachelor's degree in Graphic Design. This has been a long road for her under troubling and sometimes difficult and frustrating circumstances. With the assistance of the people at Shalom, Cruzadas and her AHMEN sponsors, Maribel set her goals and fulfilled them. She is now seeking her first employment position in corporate advertising or media. She is firmly in place to ride the wave into the international business scene in Honduras and Central America.

We congratulate Maribel Mejia Guevara for her persistence and her accomplishments. Kudos must also go to Shalom and the folks who generously assisted Maribel along the way through their generous sponsorship.



Maribel at Shalom in 2008

The Shalom home is the result of a lengthy partnership between Cruzadas and AHMEN. Since inception, dozens of young girls have been given a new lease on life in a Christian environment. Shalom is one of the many success stories for AHMEN. These girls have received not only safe shelter, religious and moral guidance, but an education as well. Shalom has taken forgotten, abused and sometimes damaged girls and helped them move on to be future leaders of their country. If you would like to assist with Shalom, please contact me. You can help to change the life of a young girl and almost certainly change your life as well.

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