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The connection? We met in 1983, the first time I had ever visited Guatemala. In the midst of the civil conflict there, even Antigua was very tense. Pat O'Connor took me to Guatemala as a group of us were starting to think about what would become of PAVA. I met Doc in Antigua, but the connection we had came later after he moved to New Orleans, as something of an asylum seeker from the madness that was engulfing Guatemala at the time.

He showed up on Pat's doorstep, and began the process of establishing himself in New Orleans, with the Tulane connection such a strong one. I recall helping him get some basic furnishings for his first apartment. I worked on a refugee assistance program at the time, and the caseworker for the Haitian refugees helped us get some of the furniture and so forth. Doc inspired that in people; everybody wanted to help in any way possible.

Doc had a vision that was grounded on sincere caring about people. I think that's what inspired him to move out of humanitarian work and into sustainable community development - because he cared that they would be better off well beyond the crisis of the moment. So he put that into action, since Doc was a doer.

We have classic pix of Doc at our wedding. One that stands out is with his daughter Daisy. It's a beauty. I remember some of his unsolicited premarital advice: *ustedes tienen que ser más juntos*. (You two need to spend time together.) And the post-marital words, when Pat was pregnant with Caitlin. "So, you have been doing your homework?" Doc never met Caitlin, because he died within days of her birth.

Doc's experience was a true understanding of the concept of international development, and how to take humanitarian assistance into a whole different realm. His approach and insistence focused on the assistance becoming a motivation and a platform for the beneficiaries to start doing it themselves, so that the interventions would be sustained beyond the current generation.

In all honesty, I would not begin to say that I have been successful in applying Doc's approach. That continues to be more of an aspiration and an ongoing struggle than an accomplishment. But

his sustained and methodical approach to community development is something I have tried to incorporate into international development work ever since. Doc taught us that there's no quick fix, the structure has to be built from the bottom up. Doc touched so many people during his lifetime that the ripple became a wave and even a tsunami. I hope I will continue to ride the wave he set in motion.