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New Orleans, Louisiana

Our connection to Daddy is one of a loving father, a teacher, a philosopher, a man of deep faith, and also a man who lived up to the best calling a person can have and that is to serve and love you neighbor. We couldn't have asked for more than to be raised by two phenomenal and extraordinary parents, Daddy and Alicia, better known as Mamita to us. When the question, who is the one person you admire most, comes up the answer is always, my parents. The lessons we have all learned from both of them through their service to the people of Guatemala are invaluable and never grow stale or old.

Daddy had one standard that truly encompasses the most important connection to him. It is the most admirable trait one could have and that is the constant practice of humility. This is the lesson that is the most valuable to us as his children and a lesson we certainly learned from him. Carroll or Daddy, was very much a believer and practitioner of humility. He liked to leave pretensions to those who need to prescribe to them and taught us to walk & talk otherwise. Since we have had the opportunity to read in advance all of the wonderful anecdotes and memories about Daddy it never ceases to amaze us how many people he interacted with, and that he in some way influenced. The network of people he has impacted is almost incalculable. Regardless of the actual amount of time or circumstance in which he met most people he somehow touched them and met them there where they were. There are so many we don't know of and some that we have casually met that never hesitate in expressing how they too were touched by Daddy.

How Daddy managed to touch people and meet them where they were has the most vivid set of images for all four of us. He never hesitated to talk...talk to the kid selling newspapers, the ladies in the Mercado, the men drinking beer in a tienda (store) behind the door, the cashiers, the guy bagging the groceries, any ones standing in any line, any kid or person in the street, any one who would entertain his infamous conversational side. What we often remember is that his conversations always somehow traversed to how he could help that particular person. He was a master at instant diagnosis and he had a memory to boot. He remembered the grocery cashier's name and asked how her gastroenteritis was and her mother. He also knew that she was not the one he talked to last week who had diverticulitis and whose father had visited the hospitalito. But what really stands out the most was his endless interest, not only in the diagnosis or the medical aspect of this current relationship, but the condition and circumstance in which he found each person. Here is where most our most vivid memories live of Daddy. He not only was a true conversationalist but even more so an expert at the human condition with incredible patience and an ear for really listening. This is where most of us have found and made a true connection to Carroll, Doc, El Doctor or Daddy.

The Behrhorst experience has a life changing effect for anyone who by choice or not by so much choice made contact. The significance is immeasurable and unforgettable and the lessons learned are still in progress. We are glad to confirm that the feeling extends outside of the Behrhorst family. I (Daesy) cannot account personally for all of my siblings, but I can speak for my self in saying that to serve others has come from the Behrhorst experience. I can also attest that Luis, Miguel and Jessica have also arrived at the same point. Some say that it is a choice to serve others and they may see it as higher calling. I can say that this is only choice for those outside of the Behrhorst family and it is an innate higher calling for those within the Behrhorst family.

I am also very happy to report from the wonderful and unique City of New Orleans, Louisiana where Miguel, Jessica and I (Daesy) are currently living. Luis and his very own Behrhorst clan are currently living in San Antonio, Texas and are better known to us as our long term evacuation site. All of us have missed Guatemala every time the plane leaves the ground in a direction that is not headed there. However, our time away from New Orleans during hurricane Katrina, and there after, has rivaled this feeling. To answer Louis Armstrong's famous question, we really *do know what it means to miss New Orleans*. Perhaps this feeling was not as pronounced pre Katrina to its fullest extent but it is now. It has been our home for 21 years at this point and we love it. Now because of the need and also because of some of the parallels that have been drawn to other large disasters, including the 1976 earthquake in Guatemala by those who lived through it, it has been ever more urgent to stay here in New Orleans. We are in turn all serving in some capacity to Daddy's goals.

In the scarce supply of nurses, and even more so male nurses, here in New Orleans Miguel is currently working at Children's Hospital. Miguel to complement his Master in Public Health will start his Doctoral Public Health

Nursing program soon as well. Needless to say our most famous in residence nurse (Mom) couldn't be happier now there are three caregivers in the family. Luis also works as a nurse in San Antonio, Texas. Jessica, who is a well known professional chef, after many years of stardom among her peers she has moved over to nutrition and advocacy. She has spent her time learning the inner workings of hospital nutritional administration at Ochsner Hospital and is now currently working for the New Orleans Food and Farm Network advocating for better systems and access to food as the city continues to rebuild. Jessica will also begin working on her Masters program in Public Health at LSU Health Sciences Center's School of Public Health in Behavioral and Community Health Science this fall. She and I (Daesy) have been working together on several plots, as we like to call them, which service the influx of Hispanic and Latinos to New Orleans post Katrina. We are both working with the Hispanic Forum that was formed because of this need and focuses on creating a network for information and services provided by governmental and non-profit organizations for this emerging population. My work with the Hispanic Forum is mainly advocacy and based specifically in creating multi-lingual health access for the diverse population here in New Orleans. This work is an uphill effort that we have taken on in conjunction with the long-standing Vietnamese community. I also in my "spare" time work with Iglesia Cristina Verbo in bridging the language barrier and narrowing the limited language proficiency gap by teaching need based community ESL at church to mostly undocumented day laborers. My real paying job is at LSU Health Sciences Center School of Public Health in administration. I have the indelible task of keeping the peace and managing the school's administrative systems with the current task of putting the school in its second permanent home after the hurricane. I am also working on my Masters in Public Health in Health Policy and Systems Management. That is where all my fun is had these days. So as Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are", and this is not far from what Daddy would have prescribed.