

Field Assignment #4

The Country of Guatemala

Hello Professor,

1. Name of the interviewee.? Elsie Ramos Navichoque,

Elsie was born on Aug 8,1961 in Puerto Barrios,Izabal Guatemala, Elsie went to school for four year, but did not like school. At the age of ten she got a job at a restaurant. Where she work until she came to the USA, Elsie is not married. Elsie have two children a son,daughter, she also have eight grandchildren four boys and four girls. Elsie and family move to Atlanta in 1984, from Guatemala.

2. Does her name have a special meaning in her culture?

Elsie names has a special meaning Guatemala which is (“ God Promise”). This lady is very special she know God is with her.

3. What is her country of origin?

Elsie was born in Puerto Barrios Izabal, [Guatemala](#). Is a city It is located within the Gulf of Honduras. Puerto Barrios is the departmental seat of Izabal 15.73 latitude and -88.59 longitude and it is situated at elevation 7 meters above sea level.

Puerto Barrios has a population of 56,605 making it the biggest city in Izabal. It

operates on the CDT time zone.

4. What languages does she speak?

Elsie speak Spanish and a little English. There are other dialects spoken in Guatemala today, 28 dialect in five main language group, the Quiche, kekchi, pocomamand, chol. Twenty one mayan language are spoken in rural areas and two non mayan Amerindian.

5. What are her core values?

Elsie core values are her family and her Religious belief, her standards define what is right and wrong, good or bad. Elsie is a Christian and believe in Jesus, she celebrate christmas and easter they are important to her and family. Elsie is also dependable, loyal, always being caring and thoughtful of other.

6. What communication difficulties did she face when coming to USA?

Keep in mind that communication involves more than language, it involves body language touch,

Elsie had difficulties communicating with people, when she was trying to get a job because she could not speak any English. Even when she went out to order food people could not understand her, this was very stressful for her . I wanted to express myself but i could not people made fun of me. But now i can communicate better now.

7. What does she like about the USA?

Elsie thank God for The opportunity, that she was able to give her children away for a better life, to be able to give them a good education. And a better place for them to live and for them to have food and to get a good job. Because if they was still in Honduras what kind of life would they have.

8. What does she dislike about the USA?

Try to get in the USA is very hard the procedures are long a lot of paperwork. In some neighborhood people are lock in their houses because of crime. People do not walked around, no communication with other people. You go to work and stay in the house.

9.What did I learn from this interview, I learn everything about communicating across culture.?

On travel to The this beautiful country in 2016 on a mission trip.To visit a land full of many different custom and culture is put into a whole new perspective. I learned from

this interview there are different dialects that spoken in Guatemala, the official language is Spanish. Some English is spoken by some people in the north, and 49% of the people are Protestants. Guatemala is a mountainous country with one third of the population living in the highland villages, poverty is very high in this country. Elsir advised me about Holy week, there is a heavily attended to church, Easter is also marked with a festivals throughout the country. Food is an important part of Guatemalan custom, three meal a day. Breakfast is coffee, eggs beans with toast. the largest is lunch, with tortillas,tamales, black bean ,rice with some vegetable and fruit. Dinner is cornmeal with lime juice.

Coming to the USA, these people get a change to be able to work have a place to stay and to make money for their family to have a better life. The following is a complete list of the official holidays in Honduras for 2018.

- **New Years Day Jan 1st.**
- **Day of the Americas April 14th. Day of the Americas (Pan American day) is celebrated in the country of Honduras it symbol of the unity and strong bond of the American continent. Most offices display flag of the different Nations that is part of the pan american union.**
- **Easter Week (Semana Santa) March 28th -31st.**
- **Labor Day May 1st.**
- **Independence Day September 15th.**
- **October Holiday (Feriado Morazanico) October 4th-6th.This holiday known as Feriado Morazanico is actually the joining three holiday in October. The first is October 3th which is the Birthday of Francisco Morazan. The second is Columbus day which is on the 12th of October. Last, but not least is the day of the Armed Forces of Hondares which is on the 21th of October. And add that these are the National Holiday , but each city usually has at least one municipal holiday.**

- **Christmas Day December 25th.**

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