

## Dwight and Consuelo Walker



Dwight and Consuelo Walker made a generous donation to AGG to help students pursue their dreams of becoming global leaders. Dwight and Consuelo met in Guatemala during their time in the Peace Corps. Consuelo, born, raised, and educated in Guatemala, worked in liberation theology. As director of the agricultural division of the program, she coordinated volunteers for the Peace Corps in the U.S. She and Dwight came to work together while working with other American volunteers. Dwight established agricultural programs in Guatemala as well as in Central America, Europe, and Africa.

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### **What prompted you to support the Aggies Go Global program?**

Dwight: Why would I support the program? Who wouldn't? It was essential to my overall career.

**AGG is working with students, and you both have worked with students and volunteers. We're wondering how you would advise a student who is curious and excited to go abroad, but who is also anxious or afraid? What would you tell them?**

Dwight: Everyone has a way of doing it. The more exposure you can get, the better. It doesn't have to be a career, but something of value to us and to the people that we're serving. This is what it's all about.

Consuelo: When we go intentionally to a place to learn and to see and understand, we can apply some of [those experiences] and use it. Your eyes open. I will tell a student also to go prepared, to study, to learn as much as possible, and then when they go, they will have a good base for learning, observing, and having fun. Enjoy and try to make friends with the local people.

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*When asked about their impactful experiences abroad or their favorite stories, Consuelo shared a memory about a Peace Corp volunteer who needed to meet with her at the U.S. embassy in Nairobi.*

Consuelo: He needed to meet a deadline for reporting, so he came to the embassy and when he went in the elevator, the ambassador was there with another lady. When he got off on my level and then the

ambassador was in the next level, the lady said, “I don’t know why these people don’t dress and clean and everything when they come here, because it’s not right to come like that to the embassy.”

The ambassador was a very down to earth person and two star admiral from the Navy—Afro-American man. He knew the name of everybody in the embassy. He told the lady, “I want you to know this young man is a Peace Corps volunteer. He came like that because he needed to. I want you to know that these people are the true ambassadors in our countries because they live with the people, work side by side with them, and help them, and try to do the best they can.”

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We thank them sincerely for the donation.