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A Month of Celebration

By Mary Frenter

It's June and finals are happening, AND... preparations for the June 29th graduation ceremony for the Bilingual School, Student Day Celebrations for grades 7-Seniors with presentations, plays and sport competitions, ending with class parties for all. The Spanish School moved into the Bilingual Campus temporarily as we fix some challenges at the Spanish Campus.



All 300+ students from our Spanish School come to visit for a time at our Bilingual School.



Ninth Grade Graduates



Student Day Celebration



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR OUR KIDS IS UP AND RUNNING!!



Our Boys



Our Younger Girls



Our Girls



STAFF RETREAT

The first annual Bilingual School Staff Retreat at Amy's Farmhouse Garden was a huge success, as twenty of us traveled the five hours to this mountain place of rest in La Esperanza. We are already looking forward to the next one.



Thank you to Phil Jasa, who helped at the school, and Steven and Becky Ware for helping at the village, doing much needed painting in the rooms there. All spent time ministering with love and sharing Jesus with our kids at the Village. Rick was here to begin preparations with our Quinceanera girls for their celebration later this year. He also hosted the birthday party to celebrate our kids born from January through June and did sponsor letter writing with the kids.

SPOTLIGHT ON ISAAC (Part 1) - By Miss Rosa



Our Isaac, who came to our family at age 3, is now 19 years old. He has Downs Syndrome. He will most likely be with us for the rest of his life. During the pandemic years he stayed at the Village. This year he was the "helper" in Miss Rosa's 4th grade classroom. As the year drew to a close, the students wanted to know if Isaac could move with them to 5th grade. They have bonded in a way that is an absolute miracle of belonging to each other, all due to the careful guidance of their beloved Miss Rosa. So, we decided to move the whole bunch to 5th grade for next year, Miss Rosa and Isaac included! Miss Rosa wrote a story about Isaac in her class this year, and we will feature Part One in this newsletter and Part Two in July. The Word that comes to mind as I read this is Matthew 25:40 - "And the King shall answer and say to them, Surely I say to you, inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me." Enjoy!

Isaac, Our Friend

At the beginning, Isaac was not very aware of his classmates as individuals. He greeted them every morning and that was all. Now, he knows most of them by name. He has his favorite friends; I can see that. He even has a secret hand salute with Genesis.

When he first came, he had no sense of personal space. I would be standing in front of the room, and he would jump up and put his arms around me, hugging me tightly. Now he always asks if it is okay to hold my hand or put his hand on someone's shoulder. He has learned not to push people around to try and get by. He is now the most considerate kid ever. He even excuses himself when by chance he does something wrong.

Devotions in the morning are always special, thanks to him. He prays out loud and asks us to repeat after him. He prays for many different things. But at the top of his list are the bus, food, and Miss Mary. However, now he prays for me, for his classmates, for the church, and of course, for Christmas, even in February! I think he has grown more aware of everything around him, and the importance of friendship, sharing, and teamwork.

But he still needs to work on the sharing part. He is very possessive of his classmates. So, every time Carlitos, our lovely ray of sunshine, comes to my room for a visit, I can see his eyes narrowing, like saying, here he comes again. Carlitos is always radiant, as everybody knows. Some of us believe Carlitos is the happiest human on earth. But Isaac is not so ready to share his classroom with him. As soon as he walks in and says, "Hi, Isaac!" Isaac says, "No, no, no hi Isaac," and moves his finger sideways to say no. We will continue to work on this.



Part 2 Coming in the July Newsletter

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Katherineinne - Age 28



Elena - Age 23



Rosseli - Age 19



Juliana - Age 17



Paola - Age 17



Genesis - Age 13



Ahimar - Age 12



Victoria - Age 11



Anyeli - Age 10



Isaac - Age 19



Jair Cardenas - Age 15



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2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NIV)

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.”

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we're not liberals nor conservatives. We are radicals!*

TO OUR HEART TO HEART COMMUNITY—THANK YOU!

TEAMS - US volunteers have been returning to Honduras this year. Some COVID restrictions have recently been lifted. To come, the requirement of the Honduras authorities and H2H Ministries, is a negative covid test. You will not need a covid vaccination. We are hoping 2023 will be a year you will pray about planning a team from your church to help us.

UPCOMING TEAMS

JUNE 19-29 Village Maintenance, Scott Collins

JULY 20-27 Youth Missions, Gary Thacker

AUGUST 2-11 Village Maintenance, Gary Thacker

Contact our office for more information.

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HELP NEEDED

The cost for our 15 kids in college in Honduras is \$5000 per month that covers university fees, gas, miscellaneous. Right now, some monthly donations come in for a few of the kids toward their college expenses, but the deficit is \$4000 each month. Would you please pray about helping toward this cost for them to continue in the university here in Honduras?

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