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Team Season Recap

This summer we had eight teams and one intern come down to serve with us in Honduras. We always love the excitement that new people visiting the ministry brings.



One special part of our team ministry this year was we had a lot of families of all different ages coming to serve together! The kids at the ministry love to see family relationships. Most of our kids come from broken families so seeing an example of strong family unit is good. They also really enjoy when kids closer to their age come down to visit!



It is always special to hear from kids who come on teams about the connections they were able to form with kids from the ministry. Language and culture don't have to be a barrier to form friendships! Our kids love to play and interact with new people.



Ministry Happenings

As team season comes to an end and things at the ministry go back to a more normal schedule, we get to enjoy some special events that happen in August and September. For our youth, they get to go to camp! Every year a local church puts on a weekend church camp that some of our older youth can participate in. This years theme was “Unbreakable Faith”. They had teaching sessions, worship times, small groups, team competitions, and more fun activities! Our youth had a great time and look forward to it every year.



For our children, the beginning of September brings the excitement of Children’s Day! Our kids love celebrating and our teachers always do a great job of making the day fun and special for them. This year they had a carnival theme and planned games based around that theme. We had a bounce house, balloon toss, water shooting, piñatas, and many other fun games! Enjoy some sweet smiles from their celebration.



The final big thing that happens in September is Independence Day. Honduran Independence Day is September 15th. Schools and the ministry are closed for a celebrations and there are parades throughout the city. Many of our students participated in these parades with their schools. Our kids get to enjoy a couple days off from school and its always a welcome break as they are coming into the final part of their school year.



Construction and Growth Update

If you've ever had the opportunity to visit Nueva Esperanza, you've probably noticed we're usually working on a building project or making improvements. Here's a little update of what's happening right now!

RETAINING WALL with an added BRIDGE!

The playground retaining wall project has taken longer than initially anticipated. However, we are now within a few weeks of completion. The installation of a new rainwater and sewage drainage system will help prevent the pressure that caused cracks in the previous wall, and the reinforced construction will provide a safer and more durable barrier for our children's playground area. During the construction process, an additional idea was proposed to include a walkway bridge connecting our third-floor children's ministry area to the new library addition in our current youth area. We have adjusted the plans to increase the height of the wall accordingly and look forward to the improved convenience and accessibility this walkway will offer.



NEW LIBRARY EDITION

We often mention being on "Honduras time" when things tend to take longer than we'd like to see them done. At the same time, we truly believe everything happens in "God's perfect timing." This mindset has helped us stay patient through the delays and setbacks we've experienced over the past 13 months while waiting for our building permit—something we finally just received.

Even though we started some initial preparations earlier, we're now fully ready to move forward with the construction. We're really excited for the day our new space will be a dedicated study area for our youth and a library for our children. We also plan to include a special room for private music lessons, offering classes in piano, guitar, and drums. We believe lessons of this kind will be a wonderful way to help our students grow and develop.



CAREER & TRAINING CENTER PROJECT

As we progress in our efforts to begin construction on the Career & Training Center, we see God's hand guiding our steps. After some time of negotiations and much prayer, we have successfully acquired two additional city lots at the front of our original property. This acquisition will enable us to expand required parking facilities to the front of the site, eliminating the need for a driveway and second-floor parking structure that would have required a car lift due to limited entry space. Overall, these developments will allow us to reduce the height of the building. Currently, we are in the process of initiating architectural and structural redesigns to facilitate the commencement of the building permit application.



Pray for Honduras

We hope that you always keep Honduras in your prayers, but we would especially appreciate your prayers in the next couple of months. Presidential elections will take place on the last Sunday of November this year. There is always concern of protests and political unrest surrounding elections, and this year is no different. Please keep Honduras in your prayers during this time. Pray for an honest and peaceful election. Pray that God would be glorified throughout the process. Pray that the future leader of Honduras would fear the Lord more than people. Also pray that God would continue using Nueva Esperanza, our students, and our staff to be a light for him!



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