



February 2019

Dear Friends and Co-laborers in Christ,

“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” As you may recall, this verse, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, was our theme for the 2018 school year. Little did we know, when we picked that theme, of all the surprises, challenges, and joys that would be awaiting us this past year, and all the opportunities that God would provide us to give thanks in ALL THINGS! He continues to teach us to have grateful hearts no matter what the circumstances. Thank you for giving thanks with us for all the Lord has done!

Some of you may know that prior to 2018, our two sons went to a Christian, full-English immersion school. After much prayer, we decided that it was time to move our boys to Jubilee in February of 2018. This was certainly the right decision as they couldn't be happier with their new school! Anthony even reproached us because we had not enrolled them at Jubilee years ago. It's enlightening to experience Jubilee now also as a parent. We are so thankful to be able to offer such a transformative, high-quality Christian school to our sons and to hundreds of other at-risk children and families in La Era, Honduras!

Thank you for your partnership in prayer, friendship, and financial support this past year! We hope you are encouraged by this brief review of 2018 and pray that you will continue to journey with us at Jubilee in this new year.

With deep gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily and David Romero". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emily and David Romero
Co-Founders & Co-Directors

Quality Christian Education

In 2018, we served 225 PreK - 6th grade students. Seventy percent of our students come from poverty or extreme poverty, whereas 20% percent come from the lower middle class and 10% come from the middle class. Seventy percent come from our neighborhood of La Era. Sixty percent of the families come from a single parent home or a home in which the parents are not married. Sixty percent of students are raised in families that do not belong to the church. We firmly believe that offering a quality Christian education to children will provide long-term solutions to poverty for their families. Even more than that, we are raising and equipping missional Christian leaders to impact their families, communities, and entire nation for the growth of God's Kingdom.

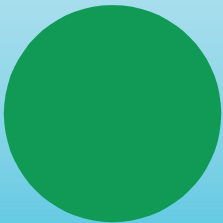


Each year we give each of our third graders a brand new Adventure Bible. Last year we handed out 24 new Bibles to our very grateful third grade class.



Improved Academic Success

In 2018, 98% of our students passed their grade level, and this year also proved to show significant improvements in our standardized test scores! Regular one-on-one tutoring with students who are falling behind, high-caliber teachers and administrative staff, and continual staff training among many other supports, help us remain a reference of high quality education in our school district.



Fine Arts Explosion

More kids than ever before are participating and growing in music, drama, and dance! In October, the students performed their best Fine Arts concert yet. Many around the city have told us that Jubilee's music program is on par with the Honduran National Music School. Thirty-five students and five professional music teachers participate in our After-School Music Academy. All of our students participate throughout the entire school year in visual arts classes, music classes, and drama opportunities.



Building Strong Families

We held monthly parent workshops in which over 200 family members regularly participated and received education on topics varying from child abuse prevention, helping children with homework, parenting in the cyber age, and much more! Mandatory monthly parent volunteer hours keep families even more committed to their children's education and well-being.



We intentionally use the official parent activities platform to share the message and love of Christ with our families. Our goal is to make the hope and love of Christ attractive to those who do not yet know Him. We continue to see many parents come to Christ through the Gospel message that their children, the school, and the staff share with them.



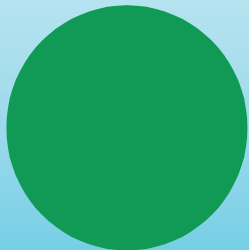
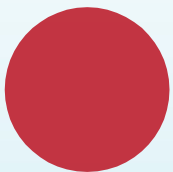
Mini Classroom Libraries

Our main school library holds almost 1500 books thanks to many gifts-in-kind, special donations, and many people who have been willing to haul heavy suitcases filled with books to Honduras. In 2018, we started something new! We added a mini-classroom library complete with bookshelves holding 30-60 books to each individual classroom for children to have regular access to books throughout the day! We hope to continue to grow the number of books both in the mini-libraries and the main library.



Growing Staff and Dedicated Volunteers

As many of you already know, we no longer have a US Executive Director. Many of her roles have been reallocated among different staff members, board members, and volunteers which, for now, will allow us to significantly reduce our budget in 2019. In 2018, we welcomed Hannah Breuker as our Development Assistant based in West Michigan. We also welcomed Yeni Osorio as our new School Principal, Julio Vasquez as our Honduran CPA, and Emily Brown, a US Missionary working with us in Honduras as our Sponsorship & Communications Coordinator. We are also very blessed by the dedication of over a dozen volunteers both in the US and Honduras!



Middle School Support Program

Since we were not able to begin our own Middle School in 2018, we created a special Support Program to continue to walk alongside our Middle School graduates and to help them emotionally, spiritually, and academically. Fifteen 7th & 8th graders participated in the program in which we privately bussed them to and from one of the best public middle schools in the district. The students came to Jubilee twice a week, once to meet with David for a Bible Study Fellowship and a hot meal and again for a homework research time in our computer lab. Middle schoolers and their parents continue to tell us how thankful they are to have the support of this powerful program.



New Partnerships & New Tools

In 2018 we were thankful to form an alliance with the Honduran National Autonomous University in which we are receiving student interns in their final practicum. In 2018, interns spent months compiling data to give us the most complete Student Socio-Economic Report that we have ever had.

Many of you may have already seen the Fuller Seminary Studio short film “A Journey to Jubilee” that was released in September of 2018. We were very honored to have this video done about the Romero’s and the Jubilee story. If you have not seen it yet, check it out on our webpage.



Welcoming Teams and Volunteers to La Era

In 2018 we received one mission team and welcomed over 10 individuals who served as interns, volunteers, and teacher trainers at Jubilee. Our mission team participants and volunteers served as a unique blessing to our students, staff, and families.



Jubilee Church Community

The Jubilee church community continues to be a vibrant ministry serving just over 100 regular members. At least 85% of our members are families from the school, and the majority are new believers who have come to Christ through Jubilee's outreach to the children and families. This year we were so thankful to start a dance ministry for elementary and middle school girls as well as continue our women's dance ministry. We also began a children and youth music ministry, as well as a brand new hospitality team ministry. We are so thankful to see much fruit as many are coming to Christ and growing in His service within the church!



In-House Student Sponsorship Program

We are thankful for Orphan Outreach's support and management of our sponsorship program over the last several years; however, we are excited that in 2018 we created a uniquely designed Student Sponsorship program to fit the needs of our students and Jubilee's sponsors! We still have dozens of students that still need a sponsor. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity go to our website www.jubileehn.org/sponsor-a-child or contact Emily Brown at ebrown@jubileehn.org



Celebration Event:

We were so grateful to have such a good turn-out and a joyful time with both faithful supporters and many first-time attendees.

In 2018, we raised more than we have ever raised at our Celebration Event! Through your generous gifts, we exceeded our matching goal of \$50,000, and between donations collected, pledges given, matching gifts, and corporate sponsorships, the event raised over \$110,000!



Financial Update:

We are filled with gratitude as the Lord has answered our prayers and provided for our needs! Thank you for being a part of this answer to prayer! We not only met our very aggressive fundraising goal for 2018, but we exceeded it! This was our strongest fundraising year yet, raising 77% of General Donations in the 4th quarter.

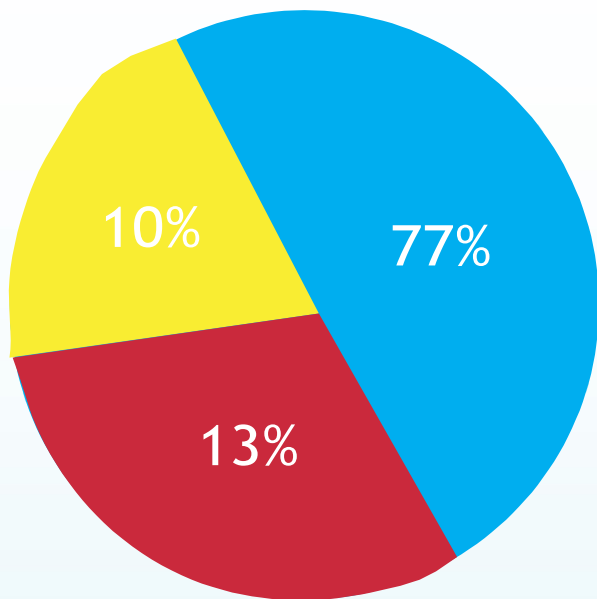
Total Revenue: \$420,000

Total Operating Expenses: \$389,181

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2019 & Middle School Campaign!

We pray for the Lord's provision and wisdom as we seek to raise \$350,000 for our 2019 operating expenses AND as we begin a Middle School Campaign in order to open 7th & 8th grades in February of 2020!

15 Passenger Van

We are so thankful to have been able to purchase a 2018 Toyota Hiace, a 15 passenger, full size van. This has been such a useful and effective tool! We thank everyone who helped make this capital project possible!



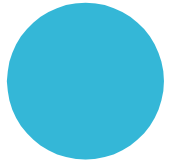
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On behalf of the Jubilee Board of Directors both in the US and in Honduras we want to thank you for being such an important part of Jubilee’s work! Thank you for entrusting us with your time and talents!

We thank you for allowing the Lord to use you as an important co-laborer in this work together. Whether it is through praying, volunteering, serving physically at the school, or giving financially, Jubilee’s ministry is blessed and enriched by each of these gifts.

Pray for:



- › Overflowing of wisdom and direction for our boards and leadership
- › Provision and wisdom as we plan and fundraise for a Middle School Campaign
- › Protection for the physical, spiritual, and emotional integrity of our students, families, and staff
- › Renewed strength for students and staff as we start our new school year!

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Celebrating our 1st DECADE!

This year marks our 10 year anniversary! Please pray, celebrate, and give thanks with us! This year we are expecting to see God’s power, His miracles, and His grace that is sufficient for all of our needs! As a Jubilee community we are filled with jubilee for what the Lord has done in our first ten years! Our theme this year is “The JOY of the Lord is our strength!” (Neh 8:10).



Our 10th year Anniversary Celebration Event will be Tuesday, November 12th, 2019 at The Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville, Michigan. We hope to see you there!

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