



Jubilee

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

May the Lord be with you in whatever season of life you may find yourself in.

We have just finished our 16th month of working and studying almost completely from home. While many sectors of Honduras have opened up, all schools remain virtual and a small percent of the population has received one dose of the vaccine.

It's hard to be patient, as we so strongly desire to go back to "normal" life. Our parents, teachers, and students struggle in many small and large ways. One of our students recently lost her mother to sickness, many others have lost grandparents and loved ones, and others grieve the loss of jobs and income. We lament a childhood and adolescence significantly interrupted, as students feel the loneliness of never being together and others are faced with new problems like addiction to social media, video games, and other detrimental activities.

We remind ourselves of and trust fervently in God's promises for our lives. We are encouraged by James' words to "Consider it pure joy when we face troubles of many kinds, knowing the testing of our faith produces perseverance." We trust that through these difficult trials the Lord is developing us to be "trees planted by streams of water that yield its fruit in season and whose leaves never wither." (Psalm 1:3). We trust in His promises, we declare them, and they give us hope to move forward each day.

We live by the prayers of God's people and ask that you continue to pray for Jubilee's ministry. We couldn't do this work without you. We move forward in thanksgiving for God's provision and strength through your prayers and financial support! Enclosed is a 2021 prayer calendar that we would love for you to use as you intercede for us. Also, you may have noticed the updates to Jubilee's logo and color scheme. We believe this new branding makes our mission accessible to a broader audience and more effectively communicates our joy and the centrality of the gospel in our work.

In Gratitude,

Abel & Emily Romero.
The Romeros



Celebrating our Students

Student Day, June 11th, is an official Honduran holiday that celebrates our students and recognizes their hard work and dedication. Normally, we enjoy Student Day festivities at school with food, cake, parties, and games, but of course this hasn't been possible the last two Student Days. However, this year, thanks to the special gifts of donors like you, we invited all the students to come to school, so that they could see their teachers in person and receive a gift—a personalized water bottle and goody bag.

Read more about Student Day on our blog: jubileecentershcn.org/blog/

“ I feel very happy for the beautiful gift that the school has given us. I know that they love us very much. This ministry is very special. I have felt all the support the ministry has given us during the pandemic. I encourage my classmates to always strive to be courageous because God is always with us. ”

– 5th grader, Abigail



Pictured on top: Alexa in 9th grade, 2nd picture: Staff with students Dayana, Kevin & Caleb, 3rd picture: Yosneidi, Jhonary, Raúl, Kenssy & Siuggan. 4th picture: Josue in 4th grade.

From the hearts of our Middle Schoolers



“ During the pandemic I have learned that I am capable of doing many things that before I didn't realize or wasn't able to do. I have matured and have learned more from God's Word, like learning how to discern good from evil. ”

– Sarahi Solorzano, 9th grade



“ Due to the pandemic I value time with my family even more and know that not everyone has their family alive and near like I do. ”

–Andrea Hernandez, 8th grade



“ I really look forward to returning to in-person learning because I can't wait to do theater and drama again. ”

– Jose Inestroza, 7th grade



“ What I most look forward to going back to school is worshipping God together during our devotional time. ”

– Kevin Molina 7th grade



Meet Principal Mrs. Yeni Osorio

Principal Yeni Osorio's passion and work ethic have inspired her family and those who work with her. She is a role model, especially for young women in their fight to achieve their goals both in their families and professions. After working for 15 years as both a teacher and administrator in school and college settings, Mrs. Osorio decided to go back to the classroom herself in 2017, graduating in 2019 with her Masters in Educational Research and Administration.

Now in her 4th year at Jubilee, we remember how the Lord led Mrs. Osorio to Jubilee. She believes without a doubt that God led her here. “Jubilee has been a blessing to my life and family. My dream is for the ministry to be known throughout the country because it is a school unlike any other I have seen. I would like there to be many Jubilees in all corners of the country. My goal as principal is to achieve quality learning and that the word of God is always placed front and center of all we do.”

When asked what has been one of her greatest achievements so far, without hesitation, she replied, “Having a family as beautiful as the one I have, despite all the daily obstacles. God gives us our family as our first ministry.” Mrs. Osorio has been married to Lenin Osorio for over 20 years and they have two daughters, Thare, 20, and Lexia, 10, a 5th grader at Jubilee. Read more about Mrs. Osorio on our blog (jubileecentershcn.org/blog/).

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for
Tuesday, October 26th
at 8 pm EST for Jubilee's
Virtual Celebration Event,
"Strong and Courageous."

While we wish we could host an in-person event, the present circumstances in Honduras preclude us from doing so safely. We are working hard to ensure that this will be a special, fun, and inspiring Virtual Event. We hope you can join us. More information coming soon.



Strong & Courageous

Student Feature: Gadi Alonzo

Gadi Joel Alonzo is an exceptional 8th grader at Jubilee. In addition to being a diligent, smart, and hard-working student, he loves the Lord with all his heart. In his free time he likes to pray and read his Bible. Some of his favorite passages are 1st Corinthians 13 and Hebrews 12:2: "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Gadi is passionate about preaching the gospel. On one occasion last year before the pandemic started, he asked his teachers for counsel about how he could best share the gospel with his classmates who hadn't accepted Christ yet. One of his goals this year is to pray consistently for his classmates so that all of them would love and follow the Lord.

Gadi has three sisters and one brother. His favorite class is Science and he would like to be a zoologist when he grows up, but because this profession doesn't exist in Honduras, he is also interested in studying nutrition.



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