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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

DEAR FRIENDS OF JUBILEE,

We pray this spring newsletter finds you healthy and growing in Christ Jesus. This correspondence was written, of course, under very different circumstances than we could have imagined a few months ago! As this newsletter goes to print in early May, we are continuing to do homeschool with our students. Teachers are keeping in weekly contact with students to provide emotional, spiritual, and academic support. We hope and pray that the country-wide lockdown will soon be over so that we can joyfully return to regular classes! Even as most family members of our staff have suddenly lost all forms of income, we are thankful to continue to provide salaries for all of our staff during these uncertain times.

In the midst of the forced changes, we are learning to value in profound ways things that we often would take for granted such as living in community, hugging, following routines, and hearing the noise of busy, healthy children. We are also learning to more highly value quiet time, clean water, daily food, a safe home, the love of family, and technology as a means of staying connected.

Several of our staff members have shared how they are seeing the blessings of this time of quarantine. Ms. Arevalo shared that she sees this as an opportunity to grow closer in her relationship with God and to spend more time with her family. Mr. Zapata pointed out that as a result of homeschooling, the Bible study and devotional lessons we send are not just reaching our 300 students, but also their families, extended families and neighbors, which multiplies exponentially our outreach! Our principal, Ms. Yeni Osorio, expressed her gratitude for how God is using her to provide wise counsel and comfort to many members of the Jubilee community. Many students have also shared with us that even though they greatly miss attending Jubilee, they are so appreciative that they are growing closer to their families and to God as they pray and worship together in their homes.

Truly, just as God's word says: "...we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him..." (Romans 8:28). We hope and pray that you, too, are able to look for and see all the good work God is doing as a result of our current circumstances. We hold you in our prayers and thank God daily for your love, prayers, and support!



Thanks to gifts from so many supporters like you, we are so grateful to continue to be able to help our students' families with food and emergency support during this time of crisis. Thank you so much!



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In eager anticipation of all He will continue to do,

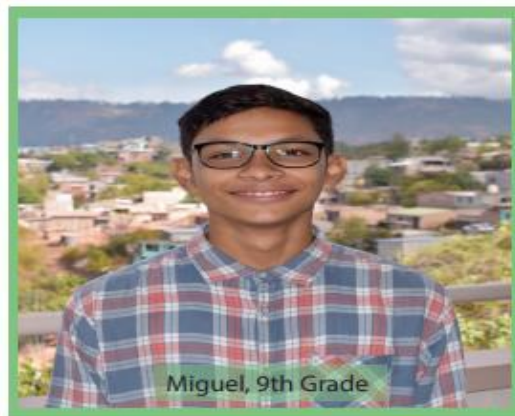
Emily and Heidi Romero

MIDDLE SCHOOL : A DREAM COME TRUE!



Our Full Middle School Classrooms!

How often in our lives is there something we are longing and praying for, and it just seems like it is never going to happen? Such was the case for us here at Jubilee with the desire to start our Middle School. Now that we have the first few months of Middle School successfully under our belts, we can see how this time of waiting has really been a time of preparation. During the last few years, God has strengthened our leadership, and grown us in many ways that are now serving us well.



Miguel, 9th Grade

In early February we opened the 2020 school year with 250 PreK - 6th graders AND over 50 7th - 9th graders! We also hired six new Middle School teachers for each subject area. In an interview with our vice principal, Ms. Laura Osorio, she shared, “We trust and believe that God’s timing is perfect even though in our humanness we mourn the students who are no longer under our care.” For those students who had to leave and are now back with us, Ms. Osorio reports that it has been easy for them to assimilate themselves back into the culture of Jubilee. “They already know how to express themselves, recall how to behave appropriately, and are being so welcoming to new students. I think they have an even greater appreciation of Jubilee after having experienced public schools.” Miguel, a 9th grader whose mother is a teacher at Jubilee, is definitely glad to be back with us. He stated, “It’s really good to be back here where I get encouraged to make the right decisions, where I know I’m safe, and where I don’t have to fear teachers mocking me for my faith.”

This year’s seventh graders breathed a sigh of relief when they heard we were opening Middle School this year! Marjorie said, “If I had had to leave Jubilee, I would have been so sad!” Indeed, those students who have never been outside of the protective bubble of Jubilee, rarely want to leave! The same can be said for our teachers, most of whom have worked in other settings. They say that there is no comparing Jubilee’s culture with that of other schools.



Obed & Joseph, 7th Grade



Jhonary, Yosneidi, Marjorie, & Ashley, 7th Grade

They so appreciate the time, love, and support they are given which allows and encourages them to give their best to their students. As Ms. Osorio indicates, “Our students are blank slates, and here at Jubilee, we are not just about teaching academics; we are about creating well-rounded adults who know how to express their emotions, share their faith, and treat others with love and respect.”

In John 1:46, Nathanael asked Philip, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Due to its reputation, many also ask if anything good can come out of La Era. The answer? A resounding, “YES!” Having the Middle School underway only provides us with more opportunities to pour into our students’ lives. For this, all of us at Jubilee thank you for believing in our hope and dream of Middle School—for making it a dream come true! SO MUCH GOOD is coming out of La Era!



Daniel, 8th Grade



Vanessa, 8th Grade

GROWING THROUGH ADVERSITY

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds...”
James 1:2

This was one of our memory verses at school several years ago, and the Lord has been challenging us to put it ever more into practice. In the midst of these tumultuous times, we are more focused than ever before on ensuring we are using this season as a means of teaching our students how to lean on and grow in their faith. Each week, students and staff are doing interactive devotions together with their families as they integrate music and art into times of prayer and worship. During one of the first weeks, we focused on gratitude. According to their abilities, students, families, and staff were asked to write or draw what they were thankful for. Our hearts were warmed by the sincerity and simplicity of their answers: food to eat, more time with family, God’s protection, health, a home, and messages from teachers.

Another devotional was entitled “Tested by Fire” and, as we have seen, time and again, God has used disasters and trials of many kinds to turn his people around and lead them back to Him. Staff and students alike have shared that God is giving birth to new things in their lives through adversity. One student stated, “We are learning to grow and share together as a family and to pray and trust in God.” A staff member explained, “Our false sense of security has suddenly been ripped from underneath of us in order to reveal that it is God alone who is sustaining us.” One of our teachers explained how this time has caused her husband—who previously had no interest in things of the faith—to be interested in reading the Bible and praying together. We hope and we pray that these difficult circumstances will bring God’s people to their knees as they seek salvation and renewal through Him alone!



Diana, 2nd Grade