

Meet Andrea

Andrea Dormes is a 14-year-old student in 9th grade at Jubilee. Andrea is a bit shy, but very intelligent, talented, creative and mature for her young age. She tells us how challenging virtual classes were for her, "It was difficult because we had a lot of homework. I read all of the notebooks, but I didn't understand the topics. I especially struggled with math class. The teacher was thorough and explained things to us, but sometimes I felt like I was learning alone."

However, because Andrea is a resourceful young woman, she sets high goals for herself.



“My academic goals are to get good grades, study, turn in my assignments on time and to be diligent. On a personal level, God is opening doors for me to learn musical instruments, which I enjoy. I also want to learn new things and take workshops in other areas. Spiritually, I want to get to know God more because knowing about God is not the same as knowing Him.”

– Andrea Dormes

Family is a fundamental pillar in all of our lives and Andrea is no exception. She lives with her mother, uncles and brothers, she shares, "I live in a loving environment and I thank God because He could not have given me a better family, even though we struggle financially at times, we are always very close and we laugh a lot together. I enjoy being with my family."

Without a doubt God fulfills dreams and we believe that through your support and the Lord's mighty hand, Andrea will reach each of her goals. To read the full article about Andrea on our blog, visit jubileehh.org/blog.



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Greetings dear friends of Jubilee,

We hope and pray that you are well during these uncertain times. After two years of being physically apart from our students, it is so exciting and gratifying to finally begin to bring students back to school! You can imagine our profound joy to be together again!

Back in March of 2020, Jubilee began the scary, but innovative journey of distance learning. This past month, in early March, 2022, we marked the beginning of a new phase, hybrid learning, bringing our students, step-by-step, back to the classroom. We started with Middle School in March and, Lord willing, we will be able to open 1st - 6th grades during the month of April. This hybrid system, mandated by the Honduran Secretary of Education, means that, for now, we are allowed 15 students in one classroom at a time. This means that half the class is virtual while simultaneously the other half is in-person, switching every other day.

While speaking with several middle school students, some shared their joys and challenges upon coming back to in-person school. For instance, Emily Martinez (8th grade student who has been at Jubilee since PreK) shared that most of her family are not Christians. She told us that her goals this year are to "get good grades, include God in all of her life, and through His power be able to help others. I want to be a light to others and that through me, many return to Christ."



With your help, we see much fruit developing in our student's lives. Emily (pictured above), her classmates, and Jubilee's teachers and staff have persevered through what seemed unimaginable at the start of 2020.

As the school year gets into full-swing, forty students started Jubilee's 2022 After-School Music Academy learning voice, piano, drums, trumpet, and electric, acoustic, and bass guitar! Our young musicians are so excited to start or continue learning an instrument through in-person classes this year! ***We ask for your continued prayers and gracious support so that we can provide quality transformative love, healing, education, and God's Word to our 300 students and families.***

In Christ's Love,

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Back to-School in 2022 Hallways of Hope

It is no secret that the pandemic has drastically impacted education systems across the globe. The Honduran Education sector was one of the hardest hit in the world. Few populations in the world have suffered more because of the pandemic than Honduran children and youth. In fact, according to UNICEF, Honduras was the last country in all of Latin America and from what appears to be, the entire world, to go back to in-person learning.

The gradual return to in-person, face-to-face learning is now a reality and at Jubilee Centers International we are thrilled to be 'back in school.'

9th Grader, Carlos David Soto shares, "It feels great to be here, it feels like coming home! Everything is so nice, the classrooms, the hallways are just like I remembered. And since we are still facing this pandemic, my advice

is to always make good use of your mask and wash your hands frequently and to use the hand sanitizer."

"I am very happy, now that I can socialize with my friends again, express myself and participate more in my classes. The truth is it's much more motivating to learn new things now that I am no longer in front of a screen all the time, I feel freer!" Luis Mondragon, 9th Grader.

"Now that I am back to in-person classes, I hope and wish to learn more. I believe that learning is easier when we can be at school and we must commit ourselves to be better students." Jady Arias, 8th Grader.

"I am very excited to go back to face-to-face classes, the topics are easier to understand because the classes are more interactive." Obed Romero, 9th Grader.

There is no doubt that we have many new challenges to overcome as we learn to navigate through our 'new normal' and what that looks like. **Thanks to your support, we can invest deeply into the lives of Jubilee's children and youth.**



Meet Jubilee's New Psychologist

Thanks to the generous gifts of supporters like you, at the start of 2022, we hired Psychologist, Mrs. Karla Alonso, to support the varied mental health needs of our students. After two years of social isolation, increased academic stress, and great anxiety, we are more committed than ever to our student's integral development and well-being. Mrs. Alonso is a woman with a great passion for God and for her work. She is also a dedicated wife and mother to her 3 children. Karla feels her work is one of the many ways she can serve the Lord.

After several years of working as a stay-at-home mom, in 2022 Karla was ready to go back to serve as a full-time Psychologist. Karla shares, "God opened the door at Jubilee. The first thing that caught my attention was the fact that Jubilee is a Christian ministry and I love the mission. Jubilees' vision is very different from any other local Christian and non-Christian schools in the country, it's totally out of the ordinary. It is a place where I can serve everyone in different ways."

Karla emphasizes, "The impact of psychology is very significant since it not only deals with learning, behavior and conduct problems, but we investigate the reason for such behaviors. We go further and look deeper working with our teachers, the family environment, among others. This helps us identify many profound issues that often begin at home or the community where the students live." To read the full article about Jubilee's new Psychologist on our blog, visit jubileehn.org/blog.