



Fall 2023

# Jubilee

## Journal

### Dear Friends,

We hope and pray that this newsletter finds you well. This has certainly been one of the most exciting and busiest seasons of the school year. We are entering the final weeks of classes and students practice each day for our year-end concert that will take place on October 28 & 29!

As many of you may have heard lately in the news, the migration flow to the US from Honduras, Venezuela and other neighboring countries are at an all-time high. Here in Tegucigalpa, we don't just read about it in the news, we are witnessing the detrimental effects of migration on our daily lives and the lives of those around us. Over half of our students have a parent, grandparent, or close relative who has immigrated to the US or Spain. In fact, sadly, last month, after discouraging their decision, three of our students, three siblings, took the dangerous trek with a paid "coyote" to cross the US border and find their mom, who had migrated to the US over a year ago. Thankfully, their lives were spared and they are now safe with their mother.

**Regardless of what you believe politically about the migration situation, Jubilee is addressing the problem at its source by providing high quality Christ-centered education to low-income children and youth in Honduras.** Through your support, Jubilee is creating a thriving, vibrant community



of children and youth who are learning, developing, maturing in Christ, and growing hopes and dreams for a better future for themselves and their communities right here in Honduras.

**Thank you so much for supporting Jubilee's mission. You are truly impacting lives and making a difference now, for generations to come, and for all eternity!**

In Christ's Love,

David & Emily Romero

# Construction Update

After being under construction for over four years, construction is finally drawing to a close. As we said in Jubilee's last newsletter, we have added over 30,000 square feet of usable space. However, much more meaningful than the square footage are the new opportunities and experiences these spaces make available for our growing student population. Jubilee added 7th-9th grades in 2020, 10th grade this year in 2023, and will add 11th grade in 2024.

In July, we opened our newly finished roofed sports court which is being used morning, afternoon, and sometimes even in the evenings for our PE classes, recess times, and our after-school sports programs. Students are practicing handball, soccer, and now basketball!

Our chapel is almost completed, with only some interior AV details and acoustics remaining. There is great anticipation

among our students, staff, and parents to inaugurate the new chapel with our year-end musical concert production! The chapel will be used for Jubilee's church services, parent meetings, events, celebrations, musical, dance, and theatrical productions! The chapel will also soon be put to use in the morning, afternoon, and evenings, Sunday-Saturday and will fit up to 500 people!

Despite all the challenges that have stood in the way of this construction project (cost increases, labor shortages, supply delays), we are thrilled to announce that our construction project will be completed soon. **Although the total cost rose to over \$1.1 million, thanks to the Lord and generous partners like you, we are debt-free and can now enjoy and fully utilize these important and beautiful new spaces.**





## Meet Belinda Andino

### An exuberant example of love and compassion

Belinda Andino has been the Administrative Secretary at Jubilee for 10 years. She is an extremely kind and compassionate person, and probably one of the most servant-hearted people on the planet. She is a wonderful reflection of Jubilee’s hospitality and is often the first face that parents and community members see when they come to Jubilee.

Belinda and her family have been blessed by their involvement with Jubilee. Her two younger children are in 5th and 6th grades at Jubilee while her oldest daughter, once a student here, now is in her first year at the University. Because of her job at Jubilee, Belinda shares that she and her husband have been able to purchase land in La Era and build a small home.

Belinda is passionate about sharing the gospel with others. She is always willing to talk to people about their faith, and she is always looking for ways to help others. One of the things that Belinda loves most about Jubilee is that the gospel is preached and that people are encouraged to grow in their faith. She has seen many lives transformed through the ministry.

Belinda asks for prayers for strength to carry out the work at home and in the ministry. She also asks for prayer for her health and for her family. Belinda is an inspiration to us all. She is a living example of what it means to show love and compassion to others! To read Belinda’s full story, visit [jubileecentershq.org/blog/](http://jubileecentershq.org/blog/)



## Meet 4th grader Briana

### A Genuine Worshiper

Briana Duarte, a 4th grader, is a bright shining light for all who know her. This is Briana’s first year at Jubilee. She shares that, “The teachers at Jubilee are very dedicated to their students and my classmates have treated me well. Jubilee has had such a great impact on me. At my previous school, they didn’t teach us anything about God.”

Briana is an only child, but she has four very close cousins who also attend Jubilee. In total, there are 11 relatives who live in a single house together with their grandmother. Her mother works on the side decorating for birthdays and other special events. Currently, she does not have a permanent job.

Briana also participates in Jubilee’s Music and Sports After-School programs. She feels the Music program has taught her to strive to do things with excellence for God: “The music program does not only create musicians, but more importantly it is training up true worshipers and ministers of praise.” To read Briana’s full story, visit [jubileecentershq.org/blog/](http://jubileecentershq.org/blog/)



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What I enjoy the most about Jubilee is that we really worship God here! My favorite class is Math. When I grow up, I would like to be a dressmaker, design clothes, and sew. One day I would like to have my own clothing brand and a store.”

– Briana Duarte

# Puppet Theater in Art Class!

During Art class, taught by Mr. Emil, our students created amazing puppets and marionettes made with common household materials. We have been impressed and surprised by the student's ingenuity and creativity! In addition to making puppets, students have used their imaginations to write great stories and scripts. The students then use their puppets to tell their wonderful stories.

Mr. Emil shares with us, "Historically the use of puppets emerged to amuse and entertain. However, these have become a powerful resource to educate children. They help develop cognitive processes such as thinking, imagination, creativity, concentration, and memory. They stimulate visual and

“ It was a lot of fun using our talents and imaginations to create puppets and to work with them. I had great fun playing puppets with my classmates.”

- Daniela Soto, 4th grader

auditory perception. Puppets are used in the development of skills for emotional education and they help improve self-esteem and build confidence." Now that we have our own puppet theater and lots of homemade puppets, our students can create and share the greatest stories and tales!



# Inaugurating our New Chapel at Jubilee's Musical Concert!

We are getting ready for our annual year-end musical concert, taking place on October 27 and 28. This year's theme is "I Will Seek You." Our students and many of the staff have been busy preparing for this greatly anticipated event. Students are working in theater, dance, and music to create a beautiful story, a message that God wants to share with all who come to see the event. Join us Live on Facebook and YouTube to watch (Links and details will be sent over email).

Teachers Ms. Lysbeth and Mrs. Karol are preparing our young women for the different dances that will be presented throughout the musical. "Our job with the dancers is to help encourage and motivate them to dedicate their time and talents wholeheartedly. The dances convey a very powerful message."

Pastor David says the main message that Jubilee wants to demonstrate this year is how powerfully we can make Christ known and exalted through the arts and music. This is truly one of our most effective modern means of evangelism.

This year God has granted us the enormous blessing of having a beautiful new space to carry out this very important event. We have all lived through and witnessed the growth and development of the construction of this chapel. Pastor David shares, "Having our own chapel is like having your own house. It is a blessing filled with such great emotions; a place where we can grow and feel safe and protected and loved." Now that we have our own chapel, we can also share this concert with many more than before, we look forward to inviting students from nearby public middle/high schools to share with them as well!

The concert will share a modern-day story of Noah's Ark that goes back and forth from Noah in his times to Jesus and his preaching. Through drama, song, and dance, the story highlights our desperate need to seek God, flee from evil and temptation, and come to Christ, our only way to salvation.

To read the full story, visit [jubileecentersh.org/blog/](http://jubileecentersh.org/blog/)



YOU'RE INVITED

# I Will Seek You

our 2023 Celebration Event  
at The Pinnacle Center  
3330 Highland Dr, Hudsonville, MI 49426

**Tuesday,  
November 14, 2023**

6:00 pm - Punch Bowl Reception

6:30 pm - Dinner Service  
Program Following

Please RSVP by October 31st to  
[jubileehn.org/celebration](http://jubileehn.org/celebration)



## Join us in Honduras!

February 24 - March 2, 2024  
or July 20 - 27, 2024

Spend a week with us in the mountainous, tropical metropolis of Tegucigalpa. See first-hand what God is doing at Jubilee and serve alongside of us!

For more information or to apply visit  
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