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*There are three things that will endure—faith, hope, and love—*

*and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13*

*Our students love Kids Club!*



Colonial Hills Kids Club students Jerry and Brittany share that they like learning about God in the big group, snacks, and drawing in small groups—Brandon said he likes being in the small groups for activities and sharing—Makayla loves learning things about God she doesn't know—Myleigh loves snacks and songs about God—Ryan loves being in the small group working on the Bible verse puzzles—Third graders say they love learning about Jesus, the small groups, and snacks! Fourth graders say they love the friends they have at club and look forward to camp this summer. (This has been an ongoing club for 11 years—PTL!)

Homer Schott shares—The Kids Clubs at Kerrybrook Apartments and the SAMM Shelter have been ongoing for almost 4 years and 3 years, respectively. While the focus at both places is evangelism and discipleship, the children at Kerrybrook are also enjoying the English as a Second Language (ESL) time. We have seen improvement in some of the children as they are challenged to work on their English each week. Four of our Kerrybrook 5th graders who have been with us since 2nd grade, will be graduating to Teen Time at the end of this school year. All are strong believers, a result of our consistency and the Holy Spirit's work. While the SAMM Shelter children are more mobile, some have been with us over 2 years and most of the children attending are believers. What a wonderful opportunity for us to evangelize and disciple over the long term; praise God for these opportunities.

# Our teens love Teen Time!



Teen Time has been meeting at the Kerrybrook Apartments for three years. We sing, study Bible passages, do book studies, have lots of discussion of life issues according to Biblical perspectives, and of course, we eat. Thanks to Jesse and Mary Mize Hellums we are able to take the teens on a summer retreat each year. We have 10 wonderful students and this is what some of them shared about Teen Time. Pete and Joyce Velasquez

Alejandro—the food, Pete’s amazing jokes, and the retreat at the ranch	Jesus—both of ya’ll (Pete and Joyce), food, activities, and the summer retreat
America—the lessons, friends, food, songs, Bible verses, movies, and field trips	Keyhla—the book that we are studying, how they teach us, songs, Bibles verses, the ranch retreat
Tyvon—Pete’s jokes, getting close to God, Teddy the dog, learning about my religion, the food (Tyvon and his brother have not yet been to the retreat)	Roman—I feel like this is my home away from home and I’m surrounded by my spiritual brothers and sisters

# Our volunteers love to serve!

*Additional volunteers are always welcome!*



I greatly rejoice in the Lord for being used of God in the precious lives of the children in my Colonial Hills 3rd grade classroom. I am a teacher's aide and I love coordinating with the teacher to discover the children who need the most help. I ask the teacher what those children need the most. I usually focus on reading, writing, and arithmetic skills and through patience and many examples try to teach them these skills. In the midst of this interaction, I discover their future goals for occupation and try to encourage them toward their goals. I try to give them guidance on how to achieve their goals and many students really respond well to this guidance. It's like I am able to give them a vision and a path for their goals and many times I see a change in attitude in these students. I feel like I really make a connection and it is very rewarding. I

have also come to a deeper appreciation of the difficult job of the teacher in my classroom and we enjoy a good relationship. Tom Young—Teacher Aid

*(Volunteers continued)*



I love being able to present the Gospel of Jesus to children in the public school. We are truly blessed by the cooperation of the Colonial Hills staff and administrators. It is a pleasure to work with the children in Kids Club and see them grow in their faith. Donna Hines—Kids Club

As a volunteer, I am grateful to be able to share the love of Jesus with these children...and see them respond each week to that love. It is exciting to watch and listen to two of them desiring to memorize scripture. And one little girl now smiling and speaking a bit... a change since last fall when club began. I am blessed each week by their joy in being there. It is encouraging to see even tiny steps in faith each week as they hear more and more about Jesus and His love for them. Beth Player—Kids Club

Some of the children in Kids Club are in difficult circumstances, such as having one or both parents in another country, and some of the children might not hear the Gospel otherwise. I feel I am part of a team that is helping others in a way that makes a difference for eternity. The leadership and volunteers are committed to teaching God's word faithfully, making the Gospel clear, and loving the children well. The children themselves are fun to be with and it is exciting to see their excitement about Kids Club. Cathy Young & Debra Butts—Kids Club

Since we live in a world full of bad news, it's such a joy to share the hope of the Gospel full of good news with the children. God's Word gives them purpose and direction for their life which leads to peace and strength. Rhonda Meeks—Kids Club

I feel a wonderful joy in the smiles of the children and amazement at the innocent questions they ask about the Bible lessons. I am truly blessed by the Lord to have the energy level and freedom to show Christ's love in serving. Dianne Wendt—Kids Club

I love serving God at Kids Club because I love seeing the students have moments of clarity in their understanding of God and they challenge me with their hard questions. Ann Peterson—Kids Club

I love children telling me that their favorite thing about Kids Club is learning about Jesus and God. Norma Sturdivant—Kids Club

I like Kids Club because I see lives change and that change is forever when they accept Jesus. Jeff Royall—Kids Club

I love working with the teens who come back to help after having attended Kids Club when they were at Colonial Hills. I love watching them mature from children to young adults. Sylvia Arias—Kids Club



# *Our ESL students love learning English!*

We are grateful for the opportunity provided by One Way International to help some who wanted to learn English. Some came and then stopped. Some came and were sincerely interested in what they were learning in ESL class. One godly couple had pre-decided to be punctual, attend class each week, be excited and eagerly anticipate what they were going to learn. Both were so willing to keep working as long as necessary to accomplish the goal for that session. Jose often told me, "I really like this class because I need to learn English. Thank you for helping me." They were both so outspoken in saying how much they appreciated the time we spent with them. So much so, it was humbling to us because it was such a blessing to try to help them learn English.



A few months ago, Jose was able to get a better paying job with benefits for himself and his family and he was so grateful. His supervisor recently told him that as he becomes more fluent in English he will have an opportunity to advance to a position where he will be using a computer. He is pumped! At our last class, they told us that they had both enrolled in SAC for ESL! Thank you, Lord! The four of us hugged each other and joyfully walked out with a spring in our step and a song in our heart for time well spent. Gene and Jeanette Shackelford—ESL Teachers

If you are interested in becoming an ESL teacher with our team, please contact Joyce Velasquez at 210-342-0440.

# *Our staff loves the ministry!*

I have been on the One Way International staff for almost 20 years. God has given me opportunity to minister in places I never would have imagined: from San Antonio's inner city to the wonderful country of Moldova after the people were freed from the clutches of the Soviet Union, to Nigeria and India. I am so grateful to God for giving me a heart for the impoverished around the world. Now my time is spent locally in San Antonio where the need for Jesus is so great and the love God has given me for children can be shown in practical ways. I relish the opportunity to present the Gospel to the Colonial Hills Elementary Kids Club children through the amazing miracle of an after-school Bible Club on the premises of this public-school campus. The Kids Clubs at Kerrybrook Apartments and the SAMM Homeless Shelter are also wonderful opportunities to evangelize and disciple children each week of the year. Being on the OWI staff has helped me to go "outside of my comfort zone" where God has provided opportunities I never would have imagined when I first believed in Jesus. Homer Schott



As staff assistant for OWI I love that I am able to be a part of Kids Club by performing many behind the scenes jobs. I keep track of weekly attendance, make name tags, print check in/check out lists, contact the school from time to time, and make sure the team has what it needs to keep everything running smoothly during pick up and drop off. Along with Kids Club duties, each season provides new opportunities for me to serve. In the fall, I help prepare school supplies. At Christmas, I sort through every generous donation that

comes in for Gifts of Love and help pack and deliver the gifts. In late winter and spring, it seems there is always another holiday to prepare for or more teacher appreciation gifts to pack. Children's ministry has always been a part of my life in one way or another, and I am grateful for the opportunity I have to contribute part-time while my kids are still young and in school. Aimee Neugebauer

*Loving God's Ministry—Joyce Velasquez—Executive Director*