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We're Back!

August 8, 2021 an email came from the principal of Colonial Hills Elementary School that we may return to the school to serve the staff and students on campus! We have waited eighteen months to hear those words and are rejoicing with the news! We provided a Back-to-School staff breakfast August 12 and will be allowed to have teacher and library aides and other volunteers on campus during the school day. We are still waiting for word that we may begin our afterschool Kids Club program and hoping the permission will be given soon.

Please pray for:

- 40 individuals needed to provide the school with our pre-covid number of volunteers on campus
- Safety and good health for all staff, students, families, and volunteers
- Encouragement for school staff as we lighten their loads on campus
- Honor to God as we represent Him each time we are on campus





- June: school supply registrations were distributed and received
- July: supplies were purchased, collected, and prepared for packing
- August 9: supplies were personally given to parents and students



Please pray for a positive and successful school year for teachers, students, and families.

Many at-risk students such as those we work with have fallen far behind in the time they have been out of the classroom. Pray that their minds will soak up what they are being taught like sponges this school year.

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Moldova, land of sunflowers, grapes, matryoshka dolls, and beautíful chíldren!

Although not able to be there in person, One Way International was able to fund a camp in Maximovca, Moldova this summer. We are always excited to partner alongside Pastor Stas and his wife Aia in their village. For now, we miss our trips to Moldova but are blessed to be part of ongoing ministries in the land we love so much.



It was a privilege to restart Kids Club at Kerrybrook Apartments this summer. We met new children, reunited with those we already know, and had a wonderful time learning about creation, the Bible, and the life of Jesus. So many of the children attending were new to the club it was like starting from the beginning. The smiles on their faces, wonder in their eyes, and faithfulness with which they have attended was very precious for students and volunteers alike. We plan to continue the club this fall and would ask you to pray that going back to school would not bring case numbers of covid to students causing Kids Club to be put on hold again.



Teen Time was able to continue from the restart in April through the summer without interruption. Two of our students moved during the summer and we will miss them tremendously, however, these moves mean they are now in single family homes and that is a great thing for them. We wish them a wonderful school year and life moving forward. We have four young men and four young ladies faithfully attending weekly and two additional young ladies that are more sporadic. We studied a book this summer entitled, "<u>Believe</u>," providing daily Bible time for them and are beginning a new study for the fall in the Old Testament as requested by some of the students. Pray for the salvation of two young men and spiritual growth for all the others. One of our young men is still suffering from severe medical problems and we would ask you to pray for doctors to be able to diagnose his illness and give him the treatment he needs to bring him back to the lively, active life he once had. Our students are in grades seventh through twelfth. Please pray that we will be able to minister to them where they are and speak to their needs on a weekly basis.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in those to whom we minister.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11



You may be wondering:

What's next for One Way International ? How can you pray for us ? How can you be part of our ministry ? Please consider the following:

- Pray regularly for our ministry-- those who work with us and those we minister to
- Pray for volunteers to work with us so we can meet the needs of opportunities given
- Pray for salvation and growth in children, teens, and adults with whom we work
- Pray for wisdom, good health, stamina, and Christ-likeness as we minister
- Join our Colonial Hills Prayer Team
- Join one of our teams—school—apartment—in ministry
- Give financially to cover the needs of ministering in our community and Moldova
- Give to specific projects you are interested in

For more information about how you can become involved in this ministry, please contact Joyce Velasquez at: <u>onewayinational@netscape.net</u> or by phone at 210-342-0440

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"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

"...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

> Thank you for your faithfulness to One Way International, Joyce Velasquez—Executive Director