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Teen Time has begun! Six girls and five boys have come. We caught up with them on how life has been. They spoke of school and online learning as the groups are mixed in who is attending school in person. Thankfully none of them have had covid. All were very compliant with distancing and mask wearing. One of our boys has developed major physical illness but not covid which makes mask wearing more important than ever for the long term health of this teenager. Please pray for him and his family as they travel this journey. The disease is not contagious so no one else is at risk, just this young man. We will let you know how better to pray for him and his family as more diagnosis is made by doctors in May. Although this photo is not of him, it has an uncanny likeness to him. This was devastating news to hear from his mother when we visited families to let them know we were starting teen time once again. She is allowing the boys to come now and did not in the fall. She said, "they need this." I found masks in this setting brought me great sadness as we have always been so close to our teens. They are definitely a barrier to their sharing openly as they did in the past. As "summer" arrives, we will focus on ways to meet outside and do away with masks while keeping all of our kiddos as safe as possible, especially the teen with newly compromised health.



May 3-7 is "Teacher Appreciation Week" and in partnership with Wayside Chapel we are giving all staff at Colonial Hills Elementary School a wonderful breakfast treat bag with a card that says, "You are out of this world!" Staff is always so appreciative to receive these reminders that someone is thinking of and praying for them. I often get emails from individuals at the school saying, "THANK YOU, your gift came at just the right time!"



At One Way International I have reached out to an additional four schools with 370 staff and OWI is providing all staff at those schools a treat bag with a special card "In appreciation of teachers and staff." These gift bags will include fruit snacks, granola bars, candy, chips, and cookies with an "Our Daily Bread" devotional in each one. Please pray that those who receive these gift bags will feel appreciated and be blessed and encouraged by God's Word.



May 1st begins Homer's retirement. Homer has worked steadfastly from January until the end of April getting all his duties documented and files in order so the transition of him with and apart from OWI is as smooth as absolutely possible. Being on staff twenty years, we have depended on him immensely. Please pray as others step in to help fill the gaps of his presence that we will continue to do all that God desires us to do in service to HIM. Thank you once again, Homer for your faithfulness and obeying God's calling for you at Child Evangelism Fellowship and One Way International where we worked together for so many amazing years.

A last reminder, we are still taking donations to provide food and school supplies for the families at Kerrybrook Apartments. If God so leads you to participate, thank you in advance for your kind provision for these families.

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of this ministry.

With deepest appreciation and gratitude, Joyce Velasquez—Executive Director (April/May, 2021)