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HOLIDAYS AND YEAR END 2022 UPDATE



Our annual **Kids Club—Gifts of Love Christmas Celebration** happened on November 29, 2022. It was a wonderful day! From packing gift baskets, to loading and setting up for the day, to the acting out of the nativity story, students choosing gifts, doing crafts, and eating pizza, everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. There were cheers of joy when we told the students they were going to get to choose a gift for their families and have pizza! We heard lots of “thank-yous” for the family gift baskets, pizza, and gifts they received personally as they left. Thank you for giving gifts and finances to make this possible. Thank you for your prayers for our public-school Bible club. The week before Thanksgiving, a 5th grade student who had only started attending the week before, trusted in Jesus during our small group time. I was privileged to be close by as his leader explained the gospel. I was able to counsel him to be sure he understood the decision he was making to receive Christ. What a wonderful blessing it was to share in this time with Bentley. God is working mightily!



November and December were great months of ministry at the school and apartments!

Teen Time students were excited to share the story of the birth of Christ in word and action. Jesus Christ was proclaimed! Families were overjoyed to see their children and teens acting and speaking the Word of God in both English and Spanish as they presented the Christmas story. The Gospel and invitation were given, carols were sung, hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed, door prizes were in abundance, and every seat was filled in our parking lot theater! To God be the Glory!

PHYSICAL NEEDS BEING SUPPLIED



Food for Families was distributed in November for all those who signed up to receive food. Teens from Teen Time packed and delivered the much needed and appreciated staples provided. Coats and sweaters have been collected and distributed to very grateful students. **Backpacks are now being collected for the many new students enrolling at Colonial Hills. If you would like to donate one or many backpacks, they will be useful and very much appreciated by the students!**

SPIRITUAL NEEDS BEING MET



After Christmas break, Kids Club and Teen Time resumed on January 10 & 11 and are going well. Students in Kids Club are studying Old Testament Heroes. Please pray for students to listen, understand, and be drawn to the Lord during Kids Club. In the 15 years we have been at the school, this group knows less about the Bible than any other group we have had. They are eager to learn but have no foundation upon which to build. We are starting from the beginning of Bible knowledge with this group of precious students. Students in Teen Time are studying Eternal Security. They are growing in their faith and are hungry for deeper understanding. Please pray that two will fully accept the gospel message and become assured of their salvation, and all others will grow in their faith and relationship with the LORD.

FUNDRAISER UPDATE



Donations for One Way International through Valero's Champions fore Charity total over \$3,300 thus far for this year. We are appreciative for each donation given. Valero matches all gifts with an additional 7%. Our goal for this year is \$10,000. There is still time through the end of April if you want to give to our ministry in this way. THANK YOU to all who have already given! We have enclosed a brochure in this newsletter about the fundraiser in case you would like more information.

WHAT'S NEXT?

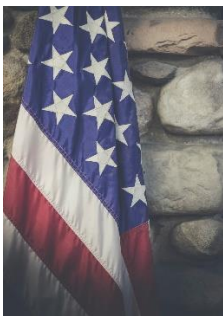


Looking ahead, One Way International will be working with Kids Club through April and Teen Time throughout the summer. We will be taking registrations for up to 30 students to attend His Hill Ranch Camp in Comfort, Texas in June, and planning for the annual Teen Time Retreat in Medina, Texas in July. This year, the retreat will have an extra day or two added to the schedule so the students will not only have a time of spiritual emphasis but a service project as well. We will be planning to provide school supplies for up to 90 students in August and be looking forward to the start of another school year in supporting teachers and staff on campus at Colonial Hills Elementary. As always, we look for every opportunity which the LORD provides to share our faith.



We will also be collecting children's books to give to the children in our Kids Club at Colonial Hills before they leave school for summer break. It has been several years since we gave the students books and they loved being able to choose 1-3 books to take with them into the summer. If you would like to participate by giving books, we surely invite you to do so. The books can either be new or gently used. Books are needed for 2nd through 5th grade students. Please feel free to bring books by the OWI office on Tuesdays from 9-3 pm. You can also contact us for other arrangements by email at onewayinational@netscape.net or by phone at 210-342-0440. Thank you for considering this opportunity to bless our students.

YOU MAY BE WONDERING ABOUT MOLDOVA/UKRAINE?



We are still in touch with several Moldovans who are working with Ukrainian refugees and making trips into Ukraine carrying much needed supplies. The situation is still grave, but God is working in and through daily opportunities. It is our privilege to once again support Pastor Stas in the village of Maximovca by providing funds for he and his wife and their team to provide summer camp for approximately 70 youth from the ages of 6 to 18. Last year we were thrilled to hear that there were Moldovan, Romanian, AND Ukrainian youth at the camp. They minister to the youth as well as their families through the interactions they provide throughout the week at this camp. Please pray for those who need to hear the gospel to be at camp at the precise moments it is being shared. Pray too, for salvations, for understanding of the Scriptures being taught, and for spiritual growth in those who already believe and have a relationship with the LORD. If you would like to donate toward the food, supplies, crafts, and other needs of the camp, thank you in advance.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US



PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING FOR:

- 32 years of full-time ministry—10 years with Child Evangelism Fellowship/22 years with One Way International
 - God's provision for every aspect of the work He has directed us to do in every place He has taken us
 - Wonderfully faithful supporters in prayer, finances, and in the physical work itself
- Co-workers whom God has provided to encourage and keep the ministry functioning as He wanted it to function
- Outstanding volunteers who have been the backbone of all ministry activities and opportunities, near and far
 - Fellow missionaries we have met along the way and worked alongside in their mission fields
 - All the times we have been able to openly share the Gospel with those who would listen
 - The many salvations that have occurred that we know about and the ones we don't
 - The many words and notes we have received to encourage us to continue the work year after year
 - Safety and good health without which the work cannot continue

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Continued and new opportunities to share the Gospel and teach God's Word
 - Clarity of the Gospel each time it is presented
- Those hearing the message of the Gospel to put their trust in the Lord Jesus and be assured of their salvation
- Every person with whom we work at the school, apartments, and anywhere else God takes us to seek Christ
- One of our students who has had an unidentifiable disease for two years—for diagnosis and treatment
- Opportunities to multiply ourselves with individuals/churches wanting to do similar ministries as OWI
 - Sufficient volunteers to come alongside and help carry-on the continuous work being done
 - Wisdom from God for direction of the ministry daily, weekly, monthly, yearly
 - Spiritual growth in the lives of those with whom we minister on an ongoing basis
 - All associated with OWI to be a light to the world bringing glory and honor to our God
 - The war in Ukraine to end

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*This is the confidence we have in approaching God:  
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. John 5:14*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

**With gratitude for His Faithfulness, Joyce Velasquez—Executive Director**