

"So my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless." 1 Corinthians 15:58 New Living Translation

Amazingly, in February of this year, our newsletter spoke of how our students, volunteers, and staff love Kids Clubs, Teen Time, and the ministry. Just a month later, our country shut down. Our country and the world were gripped with fear, concern, and need as never before over the Covid 19 Pandemic while believers watched and prayed. Hand washing and social distancing became the new world "norm" overnight. Believers watched and prayed. Churches, schools, and businesses were closed down. Believers watched, prayed, and went into action. Whatever you have done while things were "shut down," thank you for "being strong and immovable." Thank you for working "enthusiastically for the Lord." Thank you for knowing "that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless." Thank you for continuing to pray for and support One Way International during this time to keep our ministry strong, immovable, and working for the Lord.







We enthusiastically kept in touch with the principal of Colonial Hills Elementary School, the owner of Kerrybrook Apartments, and SAMM. Although not allowed to meet with students face to face, we were told of needs and were able to address those needs as possible. The teachers at Colonial Hills Elementary (as in every school across the nation,) worked tirelessly to provide for the students. May 6, we were able to provide a drive through pick-up lunch for the entire staff of Colonial Hills Elementary prepared by Bar-B-Q Station. What a wonderful encouragement that was for them. We received 38 personal notes of thanks and were in turn encouraged as well. May 19, we delivered 96 "goodie bags" including snacks, a devotional book, and gift card to Bar-B-Q Station to the school and placed them in staff boxes as a send-off for their summer. Please pray that through the devotional books and other gifts school staff will be ministered to and seek the Lord.

May 18, we looked at a larger apartment at Kerrybrook that became available and moved from the present one into a downstairs much more suitable and larger apartment to continue Kids Club, Teen Time, Ladies Bible study, ESL classes, and tutoring in the coming months. The owner gave it to us for the same price we had been paying in the past. PTL! We look forward to seeing our students again in June as things become fully reopened.

What's Next?

The plan is to begin Kerrybrook Kids Cub and Teen Time again in June and July. Other ministries there will follow. Northeast Independent School District is presently planning a parental choice of returning to school in the fall or schooling online. Since parents of Kerrybrook families need to work, the assumption is that most of the students will go back to school and school supplies will be as important as ever for our Kerrybrook families.

We will register students in late June and plan to purchase supplies on line this year. We invite you to participate in providing those supplies through a donation noted: "School Supplies." Please prayerfully consider if that would be a way you could "enthusiastically serve the Lord," knowing that "nothing you ever do for the Lord is useless."

School Supplies!

As always, we will provide spiritual materials in the supply gift bag to help students know God loves them and invites them into His forever family through a gospel presentation. Each student will also be invited to attend Kids Club or Teen Time as appropriate for their age.

Other things pending are Teen Time Retreat in August, teams of volunteers in the school in the fall, and Gifts of Love for Kids Club families. For now, we are working, planning, and praying for God's continued direction.



In closing, a HUGE thank you goes to Dianne Wendt who has been with One Way International since the inception of our Colonial Hills Elementary Ministry. She was our first Teacher Encouragement Team Leader, worked with Kids Clubs at both Colonial Hills and Kerrybrook Apartments, and was always available to help get school supplies and Gifts of Love prepared for packing which was a week long, hour upon hour commitment for each event. She and her husband Stan, helped Homer in many "behind the scenes" needs and never said "No," when we called her and said, "Dianne, can you do or help with . . .?" We will miss her dearly. Dianne and Stan have decided to move to Frisco, TX to be closer to her brother and sister and 90+ year old dad. It has indeed been a pleasure and blessing to have her friendship and

support these last eleven years. Words cannot fully express our gratitude for you, Dianne, but THANK YOU!

Thank you to each of you who pray for, follow, volunteer with, and support OWI.

We would cease to exist without you. May God bless you and keep you in HIS care.

Gratefully, Joyce Velasquez, Executive Director