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*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His mercy endures forever. Psalm 107:1*

God's goodness is reflected through His wonderful provision for One Way International and those with whom this ministry serves. His provision has been reflected in the safety provided through many miles traveled during the summer—the eighteen students able to attend His Hill Summer Camp—the seven teens who attended Teen Time Retreat—the apartment and church portable Teen Time teens painted—school supplies donated, packed, and given to seventy-seven students—the twenty-two faithful team members committed to work at the school for another year—and of course, the day-in and day-out prayer and sacrificial giving of so many individuals, churches, and organizations to keep this ministry actively present in this community and Moldova. We are thankful!

*Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make His deeds known among the peoples.  
I Chronicles 16:8*



June 4<sup>th</sup>, eighteen excited students from Colonial Hills Elementary Kids Club loaded onto a bus for a week of camp at **His Hill Ranch Camp** in Comfort, Texas. Their activities included archery, canoeing, crafts, horseback riding, low elements, swimming, riflery, and tower challenge. They had chapel every day, Bible study twice a day, and lots of time to play, eat, and enjoy the wonderful outdoors, BEFORE IT WAS 100+ degrees outside! When we picked them up on June 9<sup>th</sup>, we had eighteen campers who had made new friends, loved their counselors, and weren't ready to leave camp. We give thanks for the outstanding care His Hill Camp staff takes of our students and the amazing spiritual emphasis there is in the camp program through skits, games, music, and Bible teaching. One of our young men trusted Christ during camp! His family and we are excited and thankful!

*Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Colossians 4:2*



**Teen Time Retreat** with seven of our eight faithful students was an amazing, exhausting, fun-filled time! Retreat time included swimming, horseback riding, a church office painting service project, Bible study, movie nights, games, water balloons, craft making, and much more. These young people are seventh grade through seniors in high school. They want to grow in the Lord and enjoy serving. The oldest in the group even chose to lead a morning quiet time for the whole group two different times! We've known some of these students for ten years! We are thankful for the growth we saw in them during the 4-day retreat time we had with them! Please pray for continued spiritual growth this school year.

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.  
Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Philippians 4:6*



**School Supplies** arrived, were sorted, and packed by a wonderful team of volunteers from Fellowship Bible Church. Families from Kerrybrook Apartments and of students from Colonial Hills Kids Club registered seventy-nine students for supplies. We also received fifteen backpacks which went to those students who needed them. Supplies were delivered August 2<sup>nd</sup> to very thankful parents. Their gratitude was visible in their smiles and heard in their words of appreciation. Many of you gave supplies or finances, packed supplies given, and prayed for the coming school year. We are thankful for what He has done!

School for the students at Colonial Hills Elementary has begun. A generous donation of twenty-five backpacks and school supplies was given additionally for refugee students which have been delivered to the school. We have been told by school personnel that many students from all kinds of families came without supplies this year. Families just can't afford to purchase the supplies needed for their children. If you would like to give supplies or finances to purchase additional supplies to help students who are still in need for this school year, we would be so appreciative and blessed to deliver more supplies to the school for the students. The need is great, but our God is bigger than all our needs and such a providing God. We are thankful for what He will do through you.

*And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks through him to God the Father. Colossians 3:17*



August 7-11, OWI partnered with Pastor Stas and his wife Aia to do summer camp in their village of **Maximovca, Moldova**. They had 95 students in attendance and did songs, skits, Bible lessons, crafts, games, and snacks with the community children. We have known Stas and his wife for 25 years. They have an amazing family and we are blessed to be able to partner with them in ministry through your generous and faithful donations. Thank you for reaching around the world with us in ministry. We are ever thankful for this continued ministry opportunity whether in person or from afar.

*Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted.*  
John 6:11



November 15<sup>th</sup> will be our third annual Teen Time **Thanksgiving Food distribution**. Students will once again pack, and deliver groceries to residents in need at the Kerrybrook Apartments. The teens decide on the food residents would most desire and One Way International makes the need known to our faithful partners through this newsletter. If you would like to be a blessing to the residents of forty-eight households at the Kerrybrook Apartments, please consider giving a financial gift for this outreach opportunity to these families. We pray with the families, offer them Bibles, and invite new students in middle school and high school to attend Teen Time. OWI staff is already in prayer for God's provision. This is a good time to reach out with the love of Jesus to new residents. For more information, call 210-342-0440. We are thankful for what God will do this November.

*Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.*  
Psalm 105:1-2



**Gifts of Love** is our annual Christmas celebration at Kids Club. A Christmas lesson will be taught November 15<sup>th</sup>. On the 28<sup>th</sup> students will be encouraged to choose a gift basket for their family as they experience the lesson that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Bibles in Spanish or English will be given to each family with the gift basket. Students will be treated to pizza and receive a gift of their own as they leave Kids Club on the 28<sup>th</sup>. For questions, call 210-342-0440. **Financial and gift donations are appreciated for gift baskets August through November 7<sup>th</sup>.** Below are possible gift donation ideas.

Kitchen towels, oven mitts, potholders	Bath loofah mesh sponges	Flashlights	Socks for men
Cooking utensils	Lotions for women	Men's wallets	Men's small tools
Cosmetic bags	Cosmetics for women	Toiletries for men	Gloves for men

*And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*  
*Acts 20:35*



*We invite you to pray for the following ministry requests:*

- *Salvation for those with whom OWI ministers*
- *Growth for those who have received Jesus into their lives*
- *Volunteers sufficient for each ministry opportunity the Lord gives OWI*
- *Financial support needed for all ministry expenses including salaries—expenses for insurance, office supplies, projects, and rent have risen significantly during 2023*
- *Daily awareness of the great God we celebrate with thanksgiving during the holidays*
- *Physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual safety and well-being of staff and volunteers*

*And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for. I John 5:14-15*

We are thankful for all that God has done in the ministry of One Way International.

We are thankful for YOU, our faithful ministry partners.

With gratitude, Joyce Velasquez—Executive Director