



"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 107:1





**School supplies** were collected, packed, and delivered to 74 students. Thanks to those who participated in this annual event through your gifts, packing, and prayers. We give thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness!







Lynn Luna, Pete and Joyce Velasquez, and <u>Teen Time</u> students enjoyed time at Rockport, Texas August 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. We thank God for the beauty of His creation! We enjoyed sunset and sunrise on the beach two different days as well as time in the sand and His Word! We ate delicious food, tried our hand at fishing, and enjoyed delightful ice cream at a local ice cream shop, all while thanking God for His goodness and faithful love!



Marilyn Caton, Noemi Francis, and Joyce Velasquez enjoyed a **reunion** with former principal, Jana Smith and administrative secretary, Valerie Rosalez from Colonial Hills Elementary. "Those were the days!" A great time to reconnect and remember a wonderful former partnership.

August 9<sup>th</sup>, breakfast was provided for all staff at Colonial Hills and we look forward to building a <u>new partnership</u> with the newest principal at CHES, Letecia Cerda-Rodriguez.





Lynn Luna, Noemi Francis, Pete and Joyce Velasquez, and <u>Teen Time</u> students spent time with God and friends in Medina, TX before school started for them on August 12. The annual fellowship we have had with Jesse and Mary Mize Hellums at their ranch and with God through quiet times outdoors, looking at the stars of the universe, and studying God's Word together over the last several years have been a wonderful gift and provision of the LORD for these young people and us as we have enjoyed this place of beauty.



July and August were FULL months at One Way International. THANK YOU for your prayers and support!



**School started** August 12<sup>th</sup>. **Volunteers** were back at work on campus even before school started! **Kids Club began** September 17<sup>th</sup>. We have 68 students registered, 14 Kids Club team members and 3 middle school helpers. **We need more team members** and are happy to discuss with you how you can be involved if you are interested. There are potential opportunities on campus during the day and with Kids Club on Tuesday afternoons each week after school. We love our students and we love what we do at Colonial Hills Elementary. Please hold our volunteers, CHES staff, and students/families in your prayers this school year.



"Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come to Him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to Him. For the LORD is a great God, a great King above all gods." Psalm 95:1-2









For the last several years, One Way International has provided "Food for Families" at the Kerrybrook Apartments. OWI rents an apartment at this location for ministry purposes. We share the opportunity for you to give and we purchase food. Teen Time students pack all the food in bags and deliver the food to those who have registered for food at the apartments. Oftentimes enough money comes in for us to also purchase HEB gift cards for the families to buy perishable food to add to the blessing of the non-perishable food we provide. Teen Time students deliver the food bags to each apartment the week before Thanksgiving, and they pray with the families as well as offer them a Bible if they don't have one. This is a great way to show the love of Jesus to the residents and well as give teens a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you in advance if you choose to be part of this ministry outreach during this holiday season.







We are currently accepting donations both financial and physical items for "<u>Gifts of Love Christmas</u>." Students at Colonial Hills are taught the blessings of giving and offered an opportunity to select a gift to take home to their families for the celebration of Christ's birth. Included in the baskets are items such as:

Kitchen towels, oven	Bath loofah mesh	Flashlights	Socks for men
mitts, potholders	sponges		
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

















Students also enjoy a pizza party and crafts before leaving Kids Club and families receive a Bible in the bag which gift baskets are packed. Please be in prayer as we collect, prepare, and pack gift items that the true meaning of Christmas would be received and understood, the Bibles will be used, and the families will be blessed by the generosity of those partnering with OWI in this special outreach event.



## Las Posadas

"Las Posadas, **religious festival** celebrated in Mexico and some parts of the United States between December 16 and 24.

Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search

of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus." Definition by Britannica







OWI will once again host a <u>Christmas celebration at Kerrybrook Apartments</u> the third week of December including crafts, a pinata, tamales and nachos, door prizes, the telling of the Christmas story, the Gospel, and an invitation to receive Christ as Savior. We look forward to connecting with the residents at this time each year.



One Way International will once again participate in the annual fundraiser entitled, **Champions fore Charity 2024-25**. Valero Texas Open Golf Tournament sponsors Champions fore Charity as part of their charitable mission. Valero adds 7% to all monies donated and specified for One Way International. Last year our goal was to raise \$10,000 for OWI ministy activities at the Kerrybrook Apartments. Our total donations received were \$8,650 plus the 7% for a total of \$9,255.50. Please prayerfully consider giving some of your support in 2024-25 by way of Champions fore Charity. The additional finances are a real blessing for our ministry. A brochure is enclosed for more information about this program. Thank you for your consideration.

May your fall and holiday season be blessed beyond measure!

With great appreciation and thanksgiving to the LORD, Joyce Velasquez-Executive Director