



Jubilee

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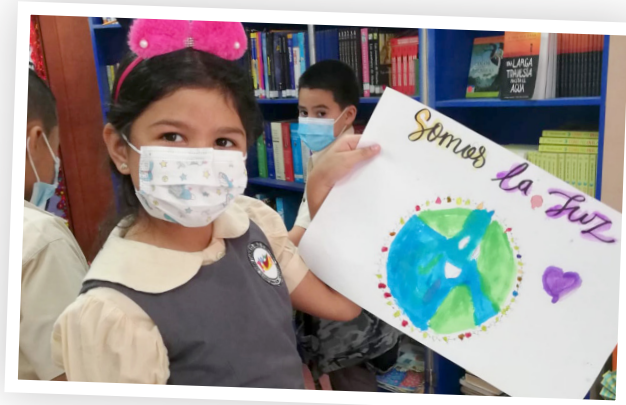
Fall 2022

Dear Friends,

It seems unbelievable that another school year is nearing its end. Once again teachers and students learned to reinvent themselves as they went from virtual classes, to hybrid classes, to completely in person classes, all within a matter of a few months. Life at school, post-pandemic, is different in many ways and coming back together as an entire school has been a big adjustment mentally, socially, academically, and spiritually. **But we praise God for resilient students and staff and for partners like you who support our daily work.**

We continue to bask in the joy of the array of in-person activity on Jubilee's campus each day. At any given time, as we walk outside our office we can find smiling faces, healthy children running around during recess, singing in children's worship, praying with a teacher, reading, and writing in class, doing group work with classmates. Over the weekends at Jubilee's church teenagers have been very motivated to participate in our Saturday Youth Services and on Sunday mornings students, families, and community members once again fully enjoy the opportunity to commune as a congregation in fellowship and delight in hearing the Word of God! We pray that in the midst of these many activities, that our staff, students, and church community would be a bright blazing light to each other and to the greater community.

Currently, students and staff have been busy preparing for our end-of-the-year concert, a theatrical and musical production called **"Let it Shine!"** The script, written and directed



by staff member Gabriela Arevalo (see her feature on page 2), is based on the life of a man who died and was called to judgment where his life was played back to him. The performance's purpose is first and foremost, to present the gospel, as we hope to reach more than 850 audience members in two different performances. And of course, to allow students to be trained in the Arts in order to grow in their gifts and talents, using them for God's glory!

We have over 150 students who will be participating in the concert, all of whom are very excited to perform once again as this is our first in-person concert since 2019! The concert will take place on October 30th and will be livestreamed on Jubilee's Facebook page.

Thanks to your support, Jubilee's school, church, and music programs continue to transform lives for Christ.

Gratefully,

David & Emily Romero



Science Experiments: The Water Cycle

Jubilee's 8th grade students are studying the important role that H_2O , water, plays in our world, that without it and all its qualities, properties and functions, life would be impossible.

For this reason, students are learning more about the water cycle. In class, student groups made models of the water cycle in order to better understand and visualize the entire process.

We also collected rain water to apply our understanding, creating a water filtration method and experiment with different materials that could be effective in eliminating microorganisms in order to obtain clean water.



Celebrating Math!

We want to get students excited and comfortable with math, so we decided to put on a Math Fair! The purpose of our Math Fair was to review basic math skills that are important to daily life as well in math class for a student's academic career. We reviewed topics like multiplication, addition, subtraction, fractions, and introduction to algebra. Our 9th graders, together with their math teacher, Mrs. Rosales, created different math games with difficulty according to each grade level using only recycled materials. It was impressive to see the creativity and teaching ability of our 9th graders.

Each class, from kindergarten to 8th grade, had the opportunity to participate in the math fair with prizes for winning and for participation. It was a very fun time and most importantly it served as a motivation to learn more about Math and realize that Math can even be a lot of fun!

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Teacher Feature: Ms. Gaby Arévalo

It doesn't take much time observing Ms. Gaby Arévalo at work or sitting down and talking with her to grasp her great passion in serving God through serving with Jubilee! At the tender age of 21, Ms Arevalo started working at Jubilee as a pre-school teacher and then as an assistant teacher in our first grade class. Today she serves as our librarian, Bible and Drama teacher. Within each role, she serves with dedication and passion, and it has been an honor to bless, support, and counsel her in her spiritual walk; as we observe Ms. Gaby growing in her faith. She shares, **"This year I especially feel that God is giving me opportunities to serve him as I work with the students in all grades. I love having the opportunity to pray with them, give them godly advice, to be with them to celebrate their achievements, and to encourage them during difficult times."**

Over the past couple years, Ms. Gaby has also been attending Jubilee's church where she leads a Sunday School class and serves in the youth group leadership team. At church, she enjoys pouring into both the youth and the adults. Jubilee's theme verse for this year is Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden." A true example of this, Ms Gaby's love and light shine out for all to see.

Ms. Gaby's dreams that Jubilee could one day have year-round creative arts program in which students can learn and be involved in all the aspects of putting on a theatrical production. She also prays that Jubilee's students will continue to grow in their faith, become prayer warriors, and become avid readers of God's Word. We are so very grateful for all of Ms. Gaby's many God-given gifts and for her dedication to using them to bring Him glory!



Construction Update!

Lots of construction and lots of hammering, cutting, lifting, welding, mixing, pouring, and more goes on here at Jubilee every day! Thankfully, the construction takes place in areas not used by students, however, it is impossible to avoid the extra noise that this creates! We are so thankful to God that because of the support of faithful supporters like you, we have been able to continue the construction process that started in 2019, and thankful that this project currently employs 19 construction workers. And the end is in sight. Lord willing, the new, 4 story building and the soccer court will be finished by January of 2023 and the new chapel will be finished by May of 2023! Currently, we are already using the first three floors of the new four story building that have become administrative offices, teacher's work space, front desk, bathrooms, and a temporary assembly room (next year to become the school cafeteria).

Please continue to keep our construction project in your prayers as we not only hope for continued progress but also for the continued safety of the workers.

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Sandy Axtman, pictured fourth from left.

My Mission Trip Experiences

By Sandy Axtman

My name is Sandy Axtman, and I work in ministry in a small church in the city of Pewaukee, Wisconsin. My daughter-in-law Maria, in January, invited me on Jubilee's mission trip. My response was an immediate resounding "yes." I have been on several mission trips before, and I felt the Lord helping me with my "yes." I knew that once again Jesus was calling me to step out of my comfort zone and serve. I am 78 years old and obviously not as dynamic and energetic as my 20-year-old granddaughter, **but when Jesus calls, you respond.**

After a rough start (including flight cancellations and delays), we arrived safely in Honduras. The Romeros met us at the airport and helped us through customs. They are a delightful missionary couple, who exemplify a perfect union of love, marriage, and family. They

shared their story and the history of their vision for a Christian school in the middle of a poor area of Tegucigalpa. The school is in La Era, a very impoverished neighborhood that is riddled by crime and despair. The Romeros are not just short-term missionaries, but Jubilee Centers is their forever vision and mission. They fight hard for the children, the staff, and the families. We know that our future for this world is found in the children but it starts with God and education. The children of Honduras strive for a better world. Their parents want it for their children. God wants it for the children. One little seed planted in the heart of a child can help them transform into mighty warriors for the Lord

Every morning the children were welcomed by our mission team. It was the best part of the day. Children arriving in their uniforms,

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some with hair that was still damp from being washed by their mothers. I loved seeing the hope and love in all the parent's faces. They knew that Jubilee was the best chance for a future for their children. I witnessed on numerous occasions, teachers and staff loving, comforting, and reassuring a child. The joy that surrounded the children was tantamount to anything I've ever witnessed.

These children are daily surrounded by the love of Jesus.

Our team of volunteers plunged right into ministry. We joined the children in a morning chapel the first day. Wednesday evening, we worshiped at Jubilee's church. The spirited response to the sermon, the gospel, and the testimonies was amazing. The sound of voices praising our Lord was exhilarating. On our last evening Pastor David was invited to a prayer vigil for a 37 year old niece of two of

the teachers who was dying of kidney failure. We also were included in the invitation. I was overwhelmed with emotion as people prayed, sung and committed their lives to Jesus. I felt excited as the song “I have decided to follow Jesus”, was sung repeatedly again and again. Each time there was the birth of a new convert the song was sung loudly. We all were rejoicing. Jesus is triumphant!

I encourage anyone who is praying about a call to serve on a mission, please listen to the Holy Spirit who may be saying to you, “follow me”. I was blessed to serve with my family. I saw my granddaughters develop a servant's heart. They were challenged to come out of their teenage world and minister to the hearts of the children. They were creative and enthusiastic. **Praise be to God for this opportunity!**

Jubilee Centers International
2022 Celebration Event

We are the Light!

at The Pinnacle Center
3330 Highland Dr, Hudsonville, MI 49426

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

6:00 pm • Punch Bowl Reception

6:30 pm • Dinner Service

Program Following

Please RSVP by November 4th
at jubileehn.org/celebration



Jubilee's 2023 Missions Trips

Join us in warm & sunny Honduras for
Jubilee's 2023 Winter Mission Trip!
February 18 - 25, 2023

More information and the application can
found at: jubileehn.org/mission-trips

**February Mission Trip Application
Deadline: October 20, 2022**



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