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Dear Friends,

The past three months at Jubilee have been filled with beautiful opportunities for our students to discover that following Jesus means more than learning about Him—it means living out the Great Commission, our theme verse for this year.

Our 6th and 7th graders recently visited rural schools, serving children and families in communities experiencing great material poverty, where students from 1st–6th grade learn together in one classroom. These experiences deeply impacted our students as they saw firsthand that God can use their lives, gifts, and even the little they have to bless others. They are blessed to be a blessing! Through these opportunities, they began to understand what it looks like to live out the Great Commission.



Our 11th graders visited Tegucigalpa's public hospital, where they encountered the needs of people in our city. They served, encouraged, and demonstrated Christ's love by providing hot food, sharing the Gospel, and praying for people facing sickness and fear.

They learned that the Great Commission is not simply a verse to memorize—it is a calling to live out.

Every Friday night during our youth services, we have been studying what it means to be a disciple. Our students are being trained to become active and obedient disciples—not simply part of the crowd—but young people intentionally forming their lives in the shadow of the Greatest Teacher, Jesus Christ.

None of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of our teachers. They have embraced Jubilee's vision of using their professional careers to serve God's Kingdom and raise up a generation of Christ's disciples who will impact their families, communities, city, and nation for His glory. We deeply value our teachers and how they serve and give for our community. This September, we celebrated our teachers on Teacher's Day with a special lunch and recognition program.

And just as we could not do this work without our teachers, we could not do it without you, our faithful supporters. Thank you for helping us raise up disciple-makers! We're looking forward to seeing many of you at the Jubilee Celebration in Grand Rapids on November 12!

In Christ's Service

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MISSION TEAM SETS A RECORD

We're celebrating! Jubilee welcomed the largest mission team in our history—35 members of Graafschap Church who spent a week in Honduras with the Jubilee community.

It was a busy and joyful week. They joined students in the classrooms, played at a school carnival, shared recess, and even built chairs and tables for our prayer rooms. But while their visit lasted just one week, the impact continues.

We still hear our little ones ask, "When will our hermanos and hermanas come back?" Their time with the team reminded our students that they are important to the Lord—and that people far away care enough to travel to Honduras just to spend time with them.

Here are three reflections from members of the team:



“ I went to Jubilee thinking I was simply going to help teach the kids more about Jesus, not realizing how much of an impact the experience would have on my life as well. Seeing the way the kids worshiped the Lord and carried the love of Christ in their hearts completely changed me. Even though we didn’t speak the same language, the connections that my group and I made with the kids were truly amazing. It showed me that God’s love goes beyond language and cultural differences. The joy, kindness, and faith I saw in the kids will stay with me forever. I would go back in a heartbeat just to see their smiling faces again. ”

– Audrey Mast

“ One of my favorite memories from my time at Jubilee was singing with the students in the chapel. Raising our voices in praise together, both in Spanish and English, was an amazing experience that gave me a glimpse of what heaven might be like someday. Jubilee Ministries and Honduras will always hold a special place in my heart! ”

– Laney VanHoven







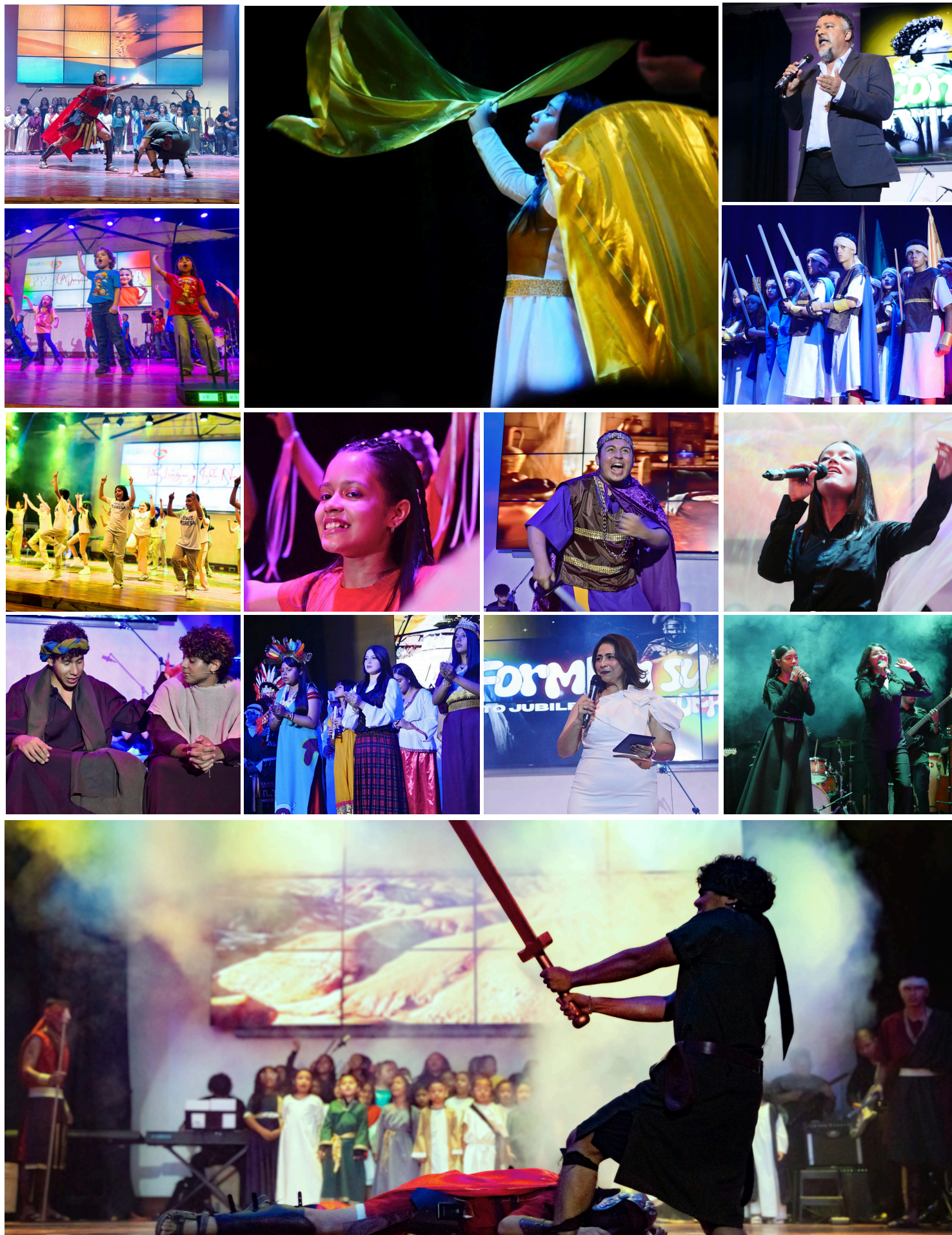
“ Our mission trip to Jubilee was an amazing experience. The administrators, teachers and kids have a beautiful heart for Jesus Christ. They epitomize the verse in Romans 1:16 - they are truly “NOT ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God, for the salvation of everyone who believes.” We should all be more like that. It is seen on their faces - in their eyes, in their smiles, and most importantly, in their hearts. Such a Blessing! ”

– Jim Boerkoel

We're so thankful for the Graafschap team and the many ways they blessed our students during their week at Jubilee. For our students, having them here was a beautiful reminder that they are important to the Lord.

Want to spend a week at Jubilee with your church or school team? Visit our jubileehn.org/mission-trip/ learn about our two planned mission trips for next year: Feb 27 - March 6 & June 19 - 26, 2027.





Jubilee's 2026 Concert AFTER HIS OWN HEART

Why does Jubilee... dedicate months of preparation, time, resources, and countless hours to an annual concert? The Answer: to develop our students' gifts and talents and to share the Gospel.

We believe worship means offering God our very best. For months, students and teachers prepare music, dance, and theater, bringing together children as young as four, current students, community youth, and alumni. Over two days of performances, they use their gifts to glorify God.

This year's production, David and Goliath, brought the stories of Samuel, Saul, and David to life, culminating in David's famous encounter with Goliath.

One of the most meaningful parts of this year's concert **was welcoming students from two public schools to a special presentation of the musical.**

Large-scale productions combining music, dance, and a Gospel-centered message are rare in Honduras, especially in schools. For many of the students who attended, this was a first-of-its-kind experience. Seeing the excitement on our guests' faces and their engagement throughout the performance was incredibly meaningful to us.



Mrs. Gaby, the fourth-grade teacher and our theater director, shared: **"Watching their faces during David's fight was powerful because this message will last in their hearts forever."**

Nelson, a Jubilee alum who graduated last year and played the role of David, shared:

"It was an honor for me to represent a man after God's own heart. He is a reflection of true faith in the Lord. I hope many enjoyed the play, and I pray that the seed we planted will grow in their hearts."



As we reflected on David's victory over Goliath, we were reminded of Jubilee's greater mission. Like David, our students face giants—poverty, limited opportunities, violence, family struggles, and parents who have no interest in Christ and His church. But we don't live out this mission in our own strength. We rely on the strength and victory of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

That is why we put on a concert. To share the Gospel. To develop our students' gifts. And to do it all for His glory.

— Diego Gaitán, 5th grade

Jubilee offers children and youth who live in poverty-stricken neighborhoods the opportunity to meet Christ and receive a transformative education while also discipling the student's entire family.

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Student Feature: Nahomy A FAITH THAT DOESN'T GIVE UP

Nahomy's story reminds us that faith is not always about seeing what lies ahead. Hebrews 11:1 says, "faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Sometimes, faith looks like a seven-year-old girl waking up every morning with a smile, getting ready for school, and continuing to dream—even in the midst of extraordinary circumstances. This is Nahomy's story. She is seven years old and one of our first-grade students at Jubilee.

Nahomy has faced serious medical challenges since she was six months old, when she contracted COVID-19. Since then, she has experienced complications affecting her lungs, heart, and immune system. At one point, doctors told her family that she might not live beyond age five. Today, Nahomy is seven, and we are thankful for every day the Lord gives her.

Her journey has been anything but easy. **Nahomy and her mother have also faced significant financial challenges since Nahomy's father was murdered several years ago.** Even so, they continue to make their way to school each day, sometimes walking more than a mile. Because of her health, this can be difficult for Nahomy, but she loves coming to Jubilee. School is one of her favorite places.

Nahomy is a dedicated student who works hard on her assignments and dreams of becoming a dentist. Last year, she spent three months in the hospital.

Yet even during that difficult time, one of her biggest concerns was her homework. **That is Nahomy—a little girl who keeps learning, dreaming, and smiling.**

Through their faith, Nahomy and her mother remain strong, trusting God's grace through each new challenge. **We may not always understand the circumstances the Lord allows, but we can see His faithfulness in the strength and hope that carry them forward.**

Nahomy's mom is deeply grateful for her teachers, Mrs. Kathya and Mrs. Nancy, who have done everything they can to accommodate Nahomy's needs and help her succeed despite her absences and health challenges. **"I am so thankful for Jubilee as they have been a community that has supported us financially and through prayer and love, ever since Nahomy began here two years ago."**

Please join us in praying for Nahomy and her mother, asking the Lord to sustain them, provide for their needs, and guide their steps. If you would like to sponsor Nahomy or another student in need, **visit: jubilee.reachapp.co/**

Teacher Feature: Mrs. Wendy Elvir TEACHING MINDS, SHAPING HEARTS

Some people make everything around them better simply by the way they live and the testimony they carry. Mrs. Wendy Elvir, our middle and high school Language Arts teacher and 11th-grade homeroom teacher, is one of them.

Since joining Jubilee in 2023, Mrs. Wendy has become deeply loved by students and their families—not just because she's an excellent teacher, but because she listens, encourages, and points them toward Christ.

Mrs. Wendy shared: **"For me, teaching is just a small part of my work. Before becoming a teacher, I was already commanded to make disciples. That's why I try to work with my students as they learn about the Lord. After three years of being the 11th-grade homeroom teacher, I feel nothing but gratitude."**

The Lord has placed a special fire in Mrs. Wendy's heart, and she shares it with her students. We recently saw that influence through an outreach project with our 11th-grade students at Hospital Escuela, the largest public hospital in Honduras. What began as a senior-year community project became something much greater than community service. Wendy encouraged her students to step outside their comfort zones and spend time with patients and families, bringing hygiene kits, lunch, laughter, prayer, and the Gospel. **But the students didn't simply show up that day. They prepared their hearts first, fasting and praying twice a week for more than two months as a group.**

They prayed all that time asking the Lord to prepare them for the people they would meet.

When the day came, our students entered the hospital with confidence in the Lord, praying with patients and families facing incredibly difficult circumstances. They shared what they had prepared, but most importantly, they shared hearts surrendered to Christ.

"I felt nervous at first, but God helped me.

I was able to see a very difficult situation in that place, but I also saw an opportunity to help by bringing food and other supplies. More than just giving them words of encouragement, God allowed me to pray for them and speak words of blessing over their lives."

— Christopher Fonseca, 11th Grade

Mrs. Wendy is the kind of teacher who sees her classroom as an opportunity to shape hearts and raise young people who are willing to serve others and share Christ wherever they go. What a blessing to have teachers who not only teach a subject, but live their faith and inspire the next generation.

