



Jubilee

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Dear Friends,

What an incredible school year it has been at Jubilee! **As we reflect on these past months, we are overwhelmed with gratitude to the Lord for the many ways our students are growing—not only in their academic abilities, but also in their faith, character, and gifts.** We have seen them flourish holistically: excelling in athletics, expressing themselves through the arts, stepping into leadership, and maturing in ways that bring joy and hope for the future.



One of this year's highlights was our big concert, "Jesus at the Center." It was not only a remarkable artistic presentation but also a deeply spiritual moment. **Many people in the audience testified that they felt moved to seek forgiveness, to renew their relationship with Christ, or even to give their lives to the Lord for the first time.** Perhaps even more moving was seeing our students themselves impacted by the message they were proclaiming.

Several spoke with their teachers afterwards, sharing their desire to recommit their lives to Christ and to make meaningful changes in their walk with Him. Moments like these remind us why Jubilee exists: to make disciples while equipping students with excellence.

We are proud to share that all five groups of 1st place Science Fair winners at the school level (PreK, 4th grade, 6th grade, 9th grade, and 10th grade) earned a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place medal at the area-level competition against 15 other schools. Our tenth graders also went on to win 1st place in the district-wide competition with an innovative robotics project designed to fight fires strategically and effectively. While they did not place at the state level, we could not be prouder of the brilliance, perseverance, and creativity God has placed in their lives.

Truly, we give God all the glory for what He is doing in and through our students. We also are so grateful to each one of you for helping to make Jubilee's important mission possible!

In Christ's Service



David & Emily Romero

PS We hope to see you personally at our annual Celebration Dinner on November 11th in Grand Rapids!



God's Treasure in our Hands.

JUBILEE CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

At Jubilee, we believe children are God's treasure. Their joy and their hearts are worth protecting, nurturing, and guiding. That is why we passionately keep teaching them about Jesus—because He is the one who guards their hearts and fills their lives with true joy.

This year's Children's Day was extra special at Jubilee. We took a field trip to **Cerro Juan Alainez Park**, where kids splashed in the fountains, played with water guns, and laughed together with their teachers. Even the older students joined in the fun, making it a day full of joy and memories.

Children are our inspiration, constantly reminding us of the way Jesus loved. They show us that the kingdom of heaven can only be entered with a heart like theirs.

Our teachers shared with us what they love most about the children we serve:



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Children are like life projects. They bring happiness, fun, and unity—they are life itself. From them, I've learned not just about teaching, but about friendship. The greatest richness for me is investing in their lives.

– Ms. Sarmiento (Skills & Technology Teacher MS)

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They inspire us as adults. Even though they have hearts that can be wounded, they express themselves freely and without conditions. Children are like living manuals, showing us what it means to be truly human. Their hearts are pure.

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– Ms. Esther (Pre-K Teacher Aide)



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“Children, to me, are happiness and love. They are little people who show us how to live life—just like Jesus did. I’ve learned so much from them because they are so authentic.”

– Mrs. Nancy (2nd grade teacher)

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For me, children are purity. They are genuine, sincere, and faithful. They are an example for us to follow, which is why it’s so important to care for their hearts, too.

– Mrs. Cindy (Guidance Counselor)

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“Children are a great blessing—they represent joy, hope, and the future. In their innocence and sincerity, I find a genuine connection with their life.”

– Ms. Lysbeth (6th grade Teacher)

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For me, children are the fundamental foundation of Jubilee. They are our essential part. Children are my inspiration, and they remind me of how Jesus loved. They also remind me that the kingdom of heaven can only be entered by being like them.

– Mrs. Yeni (Principal)

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Jubilee's 2025 Concert

JESUS AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL

The Jubilee concert was an unforgettable celebration of Christ's life, love, and resurrection. Over three performances, students shared the story of Jesus through music, dance, drama, and an original song inspired by Luke 4:18 –19, proclaiming the gospel and the mission Christ has given us. Each performance was powerful, and it was incredible to see how lives were touched by Christ's work.

Over 1,000 people attended one of the 3 performances in which our chapel/theater was filled to capacity, and even the air conditioning units couldn't quite fill the air fast enough for all the warm bodies and precious souls that filled the space in an awe-inspiring environment. We overheard community members in the audience wonder: "Where did we find such great actors and musicians?" Many were shocked to learn, these "actors" and "musicians" were our regular students, many of whom have been trained in the musical and theatrical arts since they were only small children.



Jeremy, who played Jesus in the main drama, reflected on the experience: **"When I carried the cross, I saw people crying. And it was so emotional. Because we gave testimony that Jesus exists, that He resurrected, and that He forgives our sins. When I left the tomb as Jesus resurrected, there was so much joy in the audience. It was very impactful. Each scene filled us. And the Lord used me as an instrument. For me, it was the greatest honor."**

Nelson, who portrayed Judas, shared how the role became a lesson of grace:

"I was not going to be Judas. But when they gave me the role, I felt confronted—and also identified. When I took the role, it affected me deeply. The Lord showed me that Judas did not have the opportunity to repent, but I do. Experiencing this portrayal reminded me that the Lord gives an opportunity to all. The time is near, and Christ Jesus wants to redeem us and save our lives."



Pastor David also reflected on the vision behind the concert:

"Every year, the Concert theme and its theatrical script have been the fulfillment of a desire God placed in our hearts. In an inspirational moment, the Lord gave me a word of what the drama and message should be, and I began to dream about it until we had it all written down in one amazing script. As I saw people gathering—watching, worshipping, and rejoicing—I realized that the Lord Himself is answering our prayers. Each year, He makes a dream come true, and this year He has gone beyond our expectations. To speak of the story of Christ is to speak of the greatest story ever told—there is nothing greater, nothing more powerful than Jesus."

It's the best program!

From the music and dances to the drama and the gospel-inspired song, every moment of the concert pointed hearts toward Jesus. His testimony, love, and the Holy Spirit were evident, transforming lives. For us, every single sacrifice made before, during, and after the concert was a lesson. We must constantly live with **JESUS AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL!**



Student Feature: Valery Daniela

A PILLAR OF STRENGTH FOR HER FAMILY

Daniela is a seventh-grader who, despite her young age, has faced huge challenges in her family life. Four years ago, her parents got divorced. Because her mother was struggling financially, her father was granted custody. For a time, her parents' relationship was so difficult that Valerie's father didn't allow her to see her mom.

In the middle of this situation, Daniela became the pillar of her family—especially for her two younger sisters. At the time of the separation, her middle sister, Isabella, was only six years old, and the youngest, Ana Lucía, was just two. Now, both are in school, but it is Daniela who has carried much of the responsibility of raising them.

She cooks meals in the mornings and afternoons, cleans the house, and helps her sisters with their homework. Daniela remembers how, when she was still very young, she had to change her baby sister's diapers, prepare her bottles, and even bathe her—because her father refused to take on those responsibilities.

"A lot of times I feel desperate because I have to carry so many responsibilities at my age," Daniela admits. **"But I know that God is the one who helps me."**

Her faith has been her strength. Daniela constantly prays for her mom's health, as she suffers from a thyroid illness.

She asks the Lord for economic stability so that one day they can all be reunited with their mother. She also prays for her sisters' hearts, that they may walk with the Lord, and for her own faith, because she knows how difficult it is to trust God in the middle of trials.

Despite everything, Daniela dreams big. **She wants to become a lawyer so she can defend women who suffer abuse, help immigrants, and create shelters for people without opportunities.** Her deepest desire is to serve those in need. Her favorite Bible passage is Psalm 22:23, **"You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!"**

Today, Daniela is not only a practical support—cooking, cleaning, and caring for her sisters—but also an emotional anchor for her family. Please pray for Daniela and her family. Your support empowers Jubilee to come alongside Daniela and her family.

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Teacher Feature: Harvy Ramirez

FROM JOB TO A LIFE-CHANGING CALLING

Mr. Harvy was named Jubilee's 2025 Teacher of the Year, chosen because he has a unique ability to make math—often one of the most difficult subjects—both fun and understandable. Beyond the classroom, he consistently goes the extra mile, offering support in any way that is needed. Mr. Harvy is a Telecommunications Engineer, the husband of Mrs. Cindy, one of our school counselors, and is also an accomplished pianist and gifted worship leader.

Like many young graduates in 2018, he dreamed of building a stable career. But reality was different—complicated financial struggles left him without work. Then came COVID-19, which only magnified his challenges. "All the economic problems seemed to fall on me at once," he recalls. Four years passed without stable employment. It was a season of testing, one that pushed him to depend on God in ways he never imagined. While Mrs. Cindy began working at Jubilee in 2022, he temporarily taught Math at the school where she had previously been employed. **Teaching, however, was never part of his original plan.**

Then, unexpectedly, an opportunity opened up at Jubilee. **He never imagined that coming to an interview would lead to an experience that would completely change his life.** In his own words: "I asked God for a job where the main purpose would be to serve Him. After four years of waiting, He answered my prayers and gave me something much better.

What God was preparing for my life was the complete opposite of what I was pursuing. After three years here at Jubilee, I can say this is the best place I could be." Looking back, Mr. Harvy sees God's hand clearly. The verse Psalms 37:25 became real to him.

More than just a teacher, **Mr. Harvy has become a mentor, counselor, and spiritual guide to many of our students.** Samuel, a 9th grader, shared: *"For me, Mr. Harvy is someone who inspires me. He is an example to follow. He has been a great support in my life, and I love him very much."* Liam, a 7th grader, added: *"Mr. Harvy is like a friend to me. He is like the father I no longer have. He has helped me a lot spiritually. He has guided me, taught me, and even helped me learn how to read the Bible."*

His story reminds us that God's plans often look very different from our own. He can transform our lives in ways beyond our imagination.

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DON'T MISS OUR 16TH ANNUAL JUBILEE CELEBRATION!

WHERE: Kindred House on 28th street (same location as last year, new name)

WHEN: *Tuesday*
Nov 11th, 2025

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