



Jubilee

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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we're already past the halfway point of the school year—a year filled with challenges, surprises, and unmistakable evidence of God's faithfulness. One of the biggest surprises came on April 6, when David suffered a heart attack. In those terrifying moments, as life seemed to flash before our eyes: we felt God's comfort, the strength of many prayers, and the peace of His eternal promises. We're incredibly grateful to share that David has recovered very well. Doctors were able to place stents quickly, and we praise the Lord that there was no permanent damage. **God clearly still has plans for both of us!**

We've also seen God's hand in the health challenges faced by several staff members. Our beloved Office Manager, Gaby, whose appendix ruptured in December, spent over 40 days in the hospital. After a 2nd hospital stay for a colostomy reversal in June, praise the Lord she is back at work and in full health. Mrs. Cindy, our guidance counselor, also underwent unexpected surgery earlier this quarter and has thankfully returned as well. These recoveries are testimonies of God's mercy and healing for the entire Jubilee community.

Despite these trials, the school year has been filled with joy and progress. Our students are preparing for the final district-level championship round of the Science Fair, and we're thrilled to be moving our full school concert—featuring all 400 students—to August this year!



Through music, dance, and theater, our students will reenact Jesus' life on earth in the musical "Jesus at the Center."

As you read the stories ahead, we hope you're encouraged by how God is using Jubilee to transform lives and multiply the gospel. **In a world filled with great uncertainty, God continues to work in powerful ways in the lives of hundreds of children, youth, and entire families here at Jubilee**

Thank you for your faithful support of what He is doing in this little corner of the world—La Era, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

In Christ's Love,



David & Emily Romero



The Spirit Of The Lord Is On Us:

MEET A FEW OF OUR NEW 2025 TEACHERS

Our new staff members aren't just employees—they've come to a place where every person is part of a family rooted in faith and a shared vision. Here's what some of them shared about how working at Jubilee has already impacted their lives:



“ My job at Jubilee is a blessing. I feel motivated, and I've learned a lot from the principal, working closely at her side. Here at Jubilee, I feel real spiritual support. ”
– Mrs. Tercero (Academic Secretary)



“ I feel very grateful to the Lord. I love the new family I've found here. My co-workers and the kids show me true genuineness. Matthew 22:39. ”
– Ms. Sarmiento (Skills & Technology Teacher MS)

“ I feel the comfort of the Lord. Being at Jubilee is like a big hug. My expectations have been exceeded—here I see a real commitment to spreading the gospel. ”
– Ms. Medina (Science Teacher MS/HS)



“ I'm joyful. Coming to Jubilee helped me get out of a deep hole of spiritual stagnation. The devotionals bring me so much comfort, and I've seen the glory of God. ”
– Mrs. Bados (Social Science Teacher MS/HS)

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Theater Program:

SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE GOSPEL

The theater program at Jubilee began in 2016— as a small seed of vision and faith. That year, a group of fourth-grade students performed a simple drama during the school concert. Our theater program, birthed in the hearts of our founders, inspired by God, to share the gospel through the arts.

Though it started small, the program steadily grew. In 2023, it became an official extracurricular activity, with rehearsals held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Today, more than 70 students of various ages participate, all using their God-given talents to serve the Lord. The mission is simple and powerful: Formation and discipleship for each student involved. Evangelism and biblical testimony for every person in the audience.

Some students, like 11th graders José, Jeremy, and Nelson, have been part of the program for over six years. Nelson is also now an active member of our church. These students have grown not only in their artistic abilities but also in their love for God and their desire to serve Him.

The program has developed significantly over the years. What began as short plays has expanded to include acting, dance, live music, singing, lighting, and stage design. Every performance is a message from God's heart—carefully crafted to impact the audience and bring glory to His name. Theater at Jubilee has also sparked excitement among our younger students, who now have their own group of young actors. They're learning that theater can be a powerful tool to share Jesus, and they proudly call themselves servants and instruments of the Lord.



"I've been in the program for 8 years because I love the Lord. I'm passionate about worshiping Him through acting and sharing His message with those who watch us."

— José Inestrosa, 11th grade



"It's the best program! I love acting and using my talent for God. It's all about sharing His Word."

— Diego Gaitán, 5th grade

The impact extends far beyond the stage. Older students are now active in youth groups and Sunday services, with many serving in church ministries. What they learn through theater is shaping their daily walk with Christ and their self-confidence, allowing them to be leaders, direct groups, and speak in public.

Ms. Gaby and Ms. Karol, the program's dedicated leaders, share:

"We've seen a significant impact on students' families. Many have taken steps of faith because of the message their children share on stage and bring home."

This is more than just a program—it's a ministry. And like all ministries, it faces spiritual challenges. That's why we ask for your prayers—for the students, the leaders, and every message shared. The enemy may try to oppose, but we believe God is greater. And we trust that God will continue using this program to draw many more into His Kingdom.



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Alumni — Staff Feature:

“WHAT I AM IS GOOD”: ANGEL’S STORY

Gloria was told that she would never be able to have children, but now, through God’s grace and supernatural power she is a mom of three Angel (18), Javier (16), and Francis (14). Angel was truly a miracle, but at just eighteen months of age, he began having seizures, and no one could explain why.

A few years later, in 2012, after Angel completed his first year of Kindergarten at Jubilee, it became clear that his mother, Gloria was in a very difficult situation. Jubilee offered her a position helping with errands and odd jobs around the school. She accepted, and has continued to serve faithfully ever since, while Angel remained a part of the Jubilee family.

At the time, Angel was in second grade and struggling to keep up with his classmates. That year, a doctor eventually determined that Angel has a severe developmental delay.

While Jubilee does not have a formal program for students with special needs, Jubilee welcomed Angel with open arms. The principal and teachers worked diligently to adapt lessons and assignments to meet Angel’s unique abilities. Gradually, he began to grow. By third grade, Angel had learned to read and write. Angel found belonging within the Jubilee community. He is deeply loved by his classmates and the entire Jubilee staff. Angel is known for saying, with confidence, “What I am is good. I’m good.”

Gloria, continues to serve as a full time janitor. Sadly, Angel and his siblings’ father was never present or supportive, and financial hardship has been a constant struggle for the family. But Gloria remains grateful. “Jubilee is a blessing,” she says. **“I can find the Lord in every way, and everyone at Jubilee is a blessing for us.”**

Last year, Angel graduated from the 9th grade. After the ceremony, he approached Pastor David and said, **“Pastor, I’m ready to work.”**



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Since furthering regular high school academic rigor was not a good option for Angel and there are no good "special needs" programs to complete a High School degree, Jubilee decided to offer Angel a meaningful new opportunity: to work as a teacher's aide in the 2nd grade classroom with Mrs. Nancy.

This role has been a gift to Angel—not only providing financial support, but also helping him continue learning. Under Mrs. Nancy's guidance, Angel is growing in confidence and responsibility. He supports the students and serves the school joyfully. All of us at Jubilee have seen him mature in remarkable ways.

One of the clearest signs of that growth came through a deeply personal decision: his desire to be baptized. When Angel heard about the upcoming baptisms, he immediately said, **"I'm in! I love Jesus and want to be baptized."** In the days leading up to it, he was filled with anticipation and prayer. On the day of the baptism, Angel was the first one to step into the water, beaming with joy.

Angel is deeply loved by the Lord and also greatly loved here within the Jubilee community. He also shows us all God's love through his hugs, smiles, and his iconic thumbs up.

Read the entire story at: jubileecentershq.org/blog

Alumni: Karla Sevilla

CALL TO HEAL, SENT TO SERVE.

Karla, a Jubilee alumni, is almost 20 years old and currently in her third year of nursing school at the Honduran National University (UNAH). Her journey with Jesus began at Jubilee when she was just seven years old—and that decision lit up her entire family.

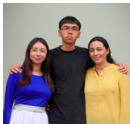
Karla started at Jubilee in first grade and quickly began to dream about working in the medical field. As her faith grew, she shared everything she learned with her mother, who was deeply moved. Eventually, her mom accepted Christ, joined the Jubilee church community, and later became one of the school's janitors. The light of Jesus also reached Karla's younger brother, Roberto, who has been a Jubilee student since kindergarten and is now in 11th grade, preparing to graduate this year.

Karla shares, "If Jesus wasn't in our hearts, we wouldn't have the peace we have today." Jubilee gave their family more than just an education—it brought lasting spiritual transformation.

Today, Karla also serves Jubilee's Dance Ministry and as a Sunday School Teacher. At the university, she continues to shine the light of Christ through honesty, love, and respect. Now in her third consecutive year on the university's honor roll, Karla is grateful for the opportunity to be a light in an environment where faith is rare.

Karla is also blessed to be sponsored by Steve and Deb DeHaan. Deb shares: "I have the honor of being Karla's sponsor. Over the many years we've corresponded, I've come to realize that while I may have been blessing her with financial support, she has equally blessed me. It has been a joy to watch her grow into a motivated, creative, and intelligent young woman who loves Jesus. I even had the opportunity to meet Karla during a trip my husband and I took to Honduras. What a reunion!"

Though the path of becoming a nurse comes with many challenges, she is thankful to Jubilee, the DeHaans, to her mother, and most importantly to God for helping her persevere.



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

WHEN: **Nov 11th, 2025**

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