

Jubilee

SPRING 2025

JOURNAL

Dear Friends,

We have had a remarkable start to the 2025 school year, beginning with a time of great renewal, unity, and encouragement with our staff. **As we came together before the school year had begun for staff training, prayer, devotions, and a retreat, we felt a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and restoration of relationships that had been damaged.**

This year, we are thrilled to have welcomed our biggest student body yet, **400 PreK - 11th graders!** The Lord guided us in the selection of our yearly theme verse to choose **Luke 4:18 - 19**, which is also one of the verses Jubilee's name and mission is founded on: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* (Luke 4:18-19). These verses could not be more appropriate for all that is happening at Jubilee this year!

We began our 2025 school year with powerful spiritual retreats for all students. **The Lord's presence was evident, leading many older students to repentance and renewed commitment.** Students worshipped with fervor, the Spirit moved tangibly while many students' commitments to Christ were set ablaze, and streams of living water were flowing in that place and through our hearts!



The battle is fierce as **many of our students' homes are filled with brokenness, struggle, and often violence.** However, despite much adversity, our students continue to grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually. We praise God for what He is doing in and through Jubilee and through your support: **God is restoring, equipping, and calling children and young people to serve in His Kingdom!**

In Christ's Mighty Name Alone,

David & Emily Romero

2025 Staff Retreat at Jubile:

UNITE MORE THAN EVER

In January, before classes began, we had a very special staff retreat in the mountains, a time of spiritual strengthening and unity.

The retreat united us more than ever and reminded us that Jubilee's mission goes beyond academic teaching. We are healed and loved by God to bring about healing and share His love with students and families. **We are called to impact their lives with the message of salvation and guide and teach them to be the next generation of strong Christian leaders in their families, communities, and throughout the country of Honduras.**



"It was a very productive time. I loved dedicating it completely to the Lord. In that moment, I felt that everything had been prepared by God for us to have a time of intimacy with Him." Ms. Karen, PE Teacher

Colossians 3:23-24 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." This reminds us that our work is for the Lord, and we are to serve Him with a willing heart.

"I felt the presence of the Lord. I was joyful because we shared as a staff and as brothers and sisters in Christ. We don't always have time to do this, and it is something that strengthens and improves our relationships as the body of Christ." Ms. Guadalupe, Social Studies Teacher



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Built On The Rock: CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are thrilled to share some **amazing construction updates** at Jubilee! The **brand-new playground** has been officially inaugurated, and the children are already enjoying it during their scheduled playtime.

In addition, we have significantly improved the school's entrance with a **sturdy perimeter wall and a strong sliding metal gate**, ensuring greater security for everyone on campus. The entire outdoor area, which was once just dirt, is **now fully paved**! This means our students can run and play freely and we also now have a good place to park staff vehicles.



Brand-new sliding metal gate and security perimeter wall

The basement gym space has also been enhanced with **new lights and a protective fence**, making it a safer and more functional space for sports and activities.

And one of the most exciting updates—**our 3 prayer rooms are now active!** These sacred spaces are filled with powerful prayers, lifting up our students, staff, and community before the Lord.

We are grateful to partners like you who have helped to make these improvements a reality! They not only **enhance our campus** but also create a **more joyful and secure environment** for everyone at Jubilee.



Milagro, enjoying the playground area.



Protective fence in our Gym Space



Fully paved outdoor area



Brand-new Playground

2025 Student Retreats at Jubilee:

A RETREAT MARKED BY GOD'S PRESENCE

This year, we began with spiritual retreats for each age level: one for middle and high school, another for 3rd to 6th grade, and one for pre-K to 2nd grade. During these times, we witnessed God's love moving powerfully in every heart, from the youngest children to the oldest students. The presence of the Lord was undeniable as He worked in the lives of students, touching hearts, restoring faith, and igniting a fire for Him.

We saw students experiencing the Holy Spirit, worshipping with sincerity and innocence. Meanwhile, many of the high school students who had been distant in their faith were moved deeply, surrendering themselves completely to God. The transformation was undeniable—those who had been spiritually lukewarm last year were now burning with passion for the Lord.

One of these students was **Genesis from 11th grade, who shared her testimony.** But it wasn't just the older students. Even the youngest hearts were touched by God's presence. **Mateo, a 3rd-grade student, shared how God transformed him:**

"I went through a season where I felt like God was silent. But a Sunday before the retreat, the Lord spoke to me and said, 'Surrender it all.' During the retreat, I knew I couldn't leave the same. I thought, 'I can't go back without His presence—without Him, I am nothing.' That's when I felt the Father's embrace, and since that moment, I have tried to stay firm in my faith." -Genesis, 11th grade



"During the retreat, I felt something different. When they were praying for us, I felt the Lord putting me on my knees, and I longed for His presence. I just want to be better and different. Since the retreat, I don't scream or hit my classmates. During the prayer, I felt the Lord telling me, 'Mateo, be strong. Now, I behave in a way worthy of Jesus because He touched my heart.'" -Mateo, 3rd grade



The atmosphere of worship during the retreats was that of absolute surrender. **The students' hearts were wide open, pouring out their emotions and offering themselves up as a living sacrifice to God. We witnessed brokenness and redemption as students shared their testimonies of deep transformation.** Their hearts were touched, and many began to open up in ways they hadn't before, sharing their struggles and allowing God to heal them.

The spiritual battle we've faced since the retreat has been intense, but God's presence continues to move powerfully among us. There's a new level of unity and a desire for more of God that has ignited our community. **We're seeing students opening up and sharing their struggles with teachers and staff and also coming to the Lord, seeking forgiveness and restoration with renewed hearts;** it's inspiring to see how they're pursuing Him with such passion. We trust that God will be faithful to complete the good work that He is doing in their lives, breaking chains and setting hearts on fire for His glory! **Read more: jubileehn.org/blog**

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Staff Feature Gabriela (Gaby) Rodriguez: A NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE

Gaby has served Jubilee for nine years, growing from an Office Assistant to an Office Manager through her exceptional performance, but at the end of 2024, she faced a life-changing trial.

Weeks of stomach discomfort escalated to dehydration, numbness, and on December 11, her family rushed her to the hospital. A CT scan revealed a perforated appendix, requiring emergency surgery.

Before entering the operating room, she asked for prayer. She felt fear, but she knew God was with her. At 1:30 a.m., the doctors told her husband: **"We will do everything we can to save her life."** He was overwhelmed, but started praying. At that moment, he received a voice message with a prayer from his brother. As he prayed, he saw a bright light in the room. God's peace filled his heart.

The surgery lasted three hours. When Gaby woke up, she remembered her prayer and, with tears in her eyes, said, **"Thank You, Lord, for not leaving me alone."** Her surgeon told her, **"You're a miracle. God has a purpose for you"**

Her recovery became a testimony to God's provision and power. During her 37-day hospital stay, Gaby worshiped nightly with Christian women and experienced God's abundant provision, never lacking anything. She prayed, asking how long she'd remain there, and felt God's reply: **"Keep preaching the gospel."** This hospital stay helped deepen Gaby's understanding of God's glory.

The experience brought Galatians 2:20—"I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, Christ lives in me"—to life for Gaby. She now understands the verse profoundly, affirming that her trial was necessary for spiritual growth. After three months, Gaby recovered remarkably and has recently returned to serving at Jubilee, living passionately for God's glory.

Read more: jubileehn.org/blog



Gaby and her husband, Mr. Alexander
our High/Middle Guidance Counselor.

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Student Feature Jeremik:

FUTURE PILOT WITH HIS EYES SET ON HEAVEN

Jeremik Caceres, an 11th-grade student, dreams of becoming a pilot. But his love goes beyond the skies—his heart is set on heaven.

Jeremik lives with his parents; his mother works, while his father is currently unemployed and only has occasional work. This has deeply affected his family, and Jeremik sees his father growing sadder each day. His faith has also weakened, becoming unsteady. **This weighs heavily on Jeremik's heart, but he continues to pray fervently for his father's restoration and salvation.**

From childhood, his mother took him to church, but he never had a deep personal relationship with the Lord. All that changed in 2023 when he joined Jubilee and had a true encounter with God. **Here, he gave his life to Christ and began to enjoy devotionals.** In his own words: **"I love feeling God's presence during our chapel times."** Jeremik started kneeling in prayer and reading the Word. He noticed changes in his heart, but he still didn't know how close his relationship with God could be.

This changed in 2025 when, during the middle and high school retreat, his heart was completely surrendered to the Lord. He couldn't hold back his emotions and remembered his mother's words: **"When you think God is far away, that's when He is the closest."** Since then, Romans 8:28 has become his life verse and he shares that **"Despite financial struggles, the Lord is working now more than ever."**

Jeremik holds onto this promise, trusting that God is in control. **Currently, Jeremik can no longer be part of the sports program due to time constraints and his part-time job, but he continues to trust that God is in control.**

Join us in praying for Jeremik, that the Lord strengthens his faith and provides for his family. May he continue to be a light in his home and an inspiration to others.

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