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Administration Building Nears Completion

Remember the empty shell of a building that was to be the White Dove Administration Building? Construction was halted by lack of funding. Weeds sprang up inside, along with discouragement. But that has turned around now as the result of a directed donation to complete the construction. You can see signs of progress leading to occupancy this month, according to Arturo.



If you believe something good is going on at White Dove in Santa Clara, and if you would like to provide financial support to help it continue, write a check to

**Honduras Agape
Foundation**

Send your check to:
**Friends of White Dove
P.O. Box 5483
Aiken, SC 29804-5483.**

On your check, designate the donation as "**Support for White Dove Santa Clara**". If you want it to go to a specific area of need, indicate that either on the check or on a note you send with the check. Every cent will be forwarded to the school.

Financial Needs

In line with the pattern of recent years, donations to support the work at White Dove have slacked off this summer. If you have been waiting for notice of a genuine need, this is what you've been waiting for. Any amount can help. The specific need is for Love Offerings for Teaching Staff: \$3,500/month



Why Would I Teach at White Dove?

White Dove needs teachers. But why would a Christian from North America consider spending time in Santa Clara as a teacher? An earlier newsletter related the thoughts of Regina, who began there in February. Here is what another person, Chris Wolfe, says after spending about a month there this summer. His comments may seem long, but they say a lot:

This summer, I got to spend a month teaching at White Dove Santa Clara. Even though I had been to White Dove for a short time in 2014, I still did not know what to expect. This summer, I taught in the sixth grade classroom for the duration of my trip.



At first, I was not sure if I would be able to survive an entire month away from home. In my home in the United States, things are fairly predictable, generally comfortable, and reassuringly familiar. In Honduras I had to live without some of the material things and conveniences that I am used to having. This was difficult to do at times, but after the first week I learned some very important lessons that would shape my whole experience. One of the lessons that I learned was that I was not alone. God was with me everyday providing for everything that I needed. Nothing about my trip surprised him and he was always one step ahead of me in all that I did. I also learned that I can live without a lot of things. I learned that I can live without a big screen TV, an air conditioner, a pool in my backyard, and a closet full of clothes. I discovered that the conveniences and comforts that I thought I needed really are not that important to me. Even though I still enjoy having and getting material things, they are at the bottom of my list when it comes to things that make me truly happy in life. Another thing I learned was that the students and teachers at White Dove are encouraging, helpful, and enjoyable. The other teachers were always ready to offer a listening ear or a helping hand whenever I needed it. On top of that, everyone made me feel at home after school by including me in their lives. Whether it was eating dinner together or playing cards, I always enjoyed their company. The last lesson I learned was that it is really hard to say goodbye. The teachers and the students treat you like you are part of the White Dove family. They share the dreams that they have for their lives and encourage you in yours. They go out of their way for you and pray for you. Thanks to the teachers and the students, I did not feel like I was really all that far from home. I cannot wait to go back and strongly encourage others to seriously consider spending a summer or an entire school year at White Dove. It is a great experience that has the potential to change you for the better if you will be brave enough to let it!

Indiana Mission Team Visit

A mission team from Indiana visited White Dove Santa Clara for about ten days in July. They spent a lot of time helping the students practice their English and engaged them in other educational and enjoyable events. The women teachers were a formidable force playing some strange volleyball-like game with the male teachers while the students cheered them on.



At the end of their stay, the team, including Chris (in the Coca Cola shirt) were homeward-bound--tired, fulfilled, and thinking of a return trip. What a blessing! God is good!



For more information on White Dove Santa Clara, you can call either Suyapa Perdomo at the school in Honduras [01 1-504-2625-1300], or Allen Blancett [803-295-7395]. If you prefer, contact us by email at whitedovesantaclara@yahoo.com or WDFriends@gforcecable.com

Sincerely,

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