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THANKING GOD FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER

BY THE BC HONDURAS TEAM

Another busy summer has come and gone, and now that the dust has settled we are reflecting on another season of God's blessings through our 2018 mission teams.

This year, we welcomed ten groups who came to serve the ministry in a variety of ways. They shared joy and God's Word with the children of Montes de Bendicion through Vacation Bible School, built houses and relationships with our family members in need, poured love and affirmation into our BC teens and education students, served meals to our friends on the street, and much more. They also provided much needed encouragement to our BC staff and U.S. missionaries.

There is a lot that goes into making the summer possible. We want to thank the mission teams for their hard work, love, and easy ability to serve outside their comfort zones.

We also want to thank our wonderful summer interns for serving joyfully in any way we needed (see page 4).

This year, we also worked alongside some wonderful Hondurans who poured their hearts into the communities we love. Miss Kimberlyn and Miss Ruth served as the emcees for our summer VBS, and the difference they made is remarkable. We are so thankful for their energy and commitment that inspired the kids to learn and grow every week.

We also want to thank our wonderful translators Aaron Galvez, Alisson Breve, Yitzhak Burgos, and Amalia Cordona for helping our teams bridge language barriers and share love with people they normally couldn't communicate with. And we want to thank the wonderful men from Montes de Bendicion who worked tirelessly throughout the summer on the house build projects with our teams.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this summer so special. We pray that you continue to carry the names and faces of those you served in your hearts and in your prayers throughout the year, and we hope to see you again!



BILINGUAL STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

BY MICHAEL CARSON

Our 13 bilingual education students headed back to school this month, and we ask your prayers as they each seek to learn and grow in confidence during this new school year.

Our youngest students, Matthew, Michel, Angel and Yireth, are all beginning K4 and K5 at Integrity Academy. They grew so much last year, and we are excited to see how they continue to improve their English this school year.

Jared, Jennifer and Francois are all beginning second grade, while Allison and Samuel are beginning third and fourth grade respectively. Dayana is beginning fifth grade, and Jonathan and Escarlen are both entering their seventh grade year.

Integrity Academy has been a wonderful environment for our students for the last few years. Not only do the teachers and administrators provide a solid academic environment, but they truly care about our students and their individual stories. They are quick to provide encouragement, and they always make sure the stu-

dents know they are loved by their Creator.

Integrity Academy only goes through seventh grade, so that means that this year Arol is attending a different school. He just began his eighth grade year at Sunshine School, another bilingual school in the area. The school was recommended to us by Integrity Academy, and we are hopeful that it can become a good next step for our students as they enter high school.

School is not always easy for our bilingual students, but we are thankful that they have an army of people surrounding them to cheer them on and provide the necessary structure for them to succeed.

We are thankful to the many donors who choose to make the school year possible for our education students. Thank you for choosing to sacrifice your finances so that these students may have a brighter future. Please continue to pray for these 13 students as they seek to start the year off on the right foot.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF SUPPLEMENTAL SPONSORS FOR A FEW OF OUR EDUCATION STUDENTS. TWO STUDENTS NEED A ONE-TIME, UPFRONT SPONSORSHIP OF \$600, AND TWO STUDENTS NEED DONATIONS OF \$75 MONTHLY AND \$100 MONTHLY, RESPECTIVELY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING, PLEASE CONTACT COURTNEY@BCHONDURAS.ORG TO RECEIVE THE PROFILES OF THE STUDENTS AND VIEW MORE INFORMATION.

MEET CELESTE: OUR NEW BC PSYCHOLOGIST

BY AMBER FOSTER

In late January, another ministry posted on Facebook about their beloved psychologist moving to Tegucigalpa to be closer to family. She was highly recommended by them to area ministries, and we and another ministry here in the area snatched her up. Their loss has been our gain as we added Celeste Montoya to our staff in February.

Celeste comes from a work background of helping traumatized kids deal with their pasts and move forward with the help of God and a support team. We feel like Celeste's background and organizational skills have been a godsend to Breaking Chains.

Celeste meets with each of our teens on a weekly basis in a counseling session, has periodic group therapy with them, and has begun providing creative outlets for the students who are present in the afternoon. She also attended a Trauma Competent Caregiver seminar recently with the rest of our staff in order to better serve the needs of everyone we work with.

Celeste has given us insight into the best ways to help the healing process in many of our young people. She has also helped connect them to area resources that we were unaware of and facilitates resources specifically for our drug affected members.



This fall Celeste will begin monthly trainings with our staff, and we are working out the logistics of parent education classes for our scholarship kids. She is loved by us all and marks a huge stride in providing complete care to each of the young people that God brings to our door.



CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR BC TEENS IN YOUR PRAYERS

We currently have six young adults living at our BC building. Bryan, Jimmy, Ricardo, Eunice and Mariana are all working hard to complete their various levels of high school, and we continue working to find appropriate outlets for Karen.

Each of the young adults has their own struggles and burdens to work through. They fall and get back up again. However, we are amazed at the way they are persevering this

year. The students in school have all passed their classes each period and have even raised their grades over the course of the year.

We know that God has big plans for these young adults. We ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers. Pray that God gives them strength, peace, confidence and perseverance. And pray that they may know His love and feel His hand guiding them each day.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 SUMMER INTERNS!

Managing the busy summer months would not be possible without our wonderful interns. We are so grateful to them for their kind hearts, willing spirits of service, and general fun that they bring to our BC family.

This year, our three lead interns were Kareem Frazier, Alex Smith and Dae'lyn Smith. As lead interns, the three students worked with our BC team for the entirety of the summer and helped us manage the various groups and projects that took place. They took on extra responsibility to keep everyone organized and worked tirelessly alongside our summer teams. They made our lives easier and helped us maintain our sanity.

In addition to our lead interns, we also welcomed five general interns for varying lengths of time throughout the summer. Claudia Dabbs, Alyssa Bert, Mackenzie Donahoo, Kayla Smith and Makayla Fontaine all joined our team to help with the busy summer months.

The interns did great work this summer and were help-

ful to us in a variety of physical ways. But more than that, they became a part of our family. We appreciate them for the encouragement, joy and love they shared with our BC team, teens, education students, church family, and our individual families.

Not all of the jobs of an intern are glamorous (as we are sure they can attest). Sometimes being an intern means working all day with groups and getting home late at night. Other times it means riding in a car all day to help accomplish the millions of errands that need to be done to make summer ministry possible. And other times, it means spending some boring time at home while our ministry team takes time to recoup on the less busy days.

We are thankful to our interns for their flexibility and willingness to serve the ministry in any way possible. We love and appreciate you, and we hope you are able to join our family in Honduras again soon!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY TO BE A SUMMER 2019 INTERN, PLEASE VISIT BCHONDURAS.ORG/INTERNSHIPS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CURRENT FINANCIAL NEED: EDUCATION VEHICLE

BY COURTNEY SULLIVAN

Over the years, our education program has consistently been one of our most vibrant and successful areas of ministry. This year, we were blessed, through generous U.S. sponsors, to enroll 25 students in quality area schools. Thirteen of those students are sponsored to receive a bilingual education.

In order to accommodate the bilingual students, this year we have had to rely on a tourism company for transportation. The company provides a wonderful service; however, it is expensive and not really what the company is designed for. After discussing with our board of directors, we decided that it would be a better investment to purchase our own vehicle. Having our own would allow us to save money in the long run, as well as have transportation available for other ministry activities when needed.

The type of vehicle we would like to purchase is a small bus. This would allow us to transport all of our current bilingual students, plus give a little room for future growth.

We are seeking to raise \$25,000 for this effort (\$20,000 for the initial purchase and \$5000 set aside for maintenance). Currently, we have \$13,000 of the \$25,000 raised. We are seeking contributions to round out the remaining \$12,000.

After the initial purchase, we have the recurring donations in place to cover the monthly costs of gas, driver, parking, etc.

If you are interested in making a one-time donation toward this effort or would like more information, please email courtney@bchonduras.org. It would be a wonderful blessing to the ministry.



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