



VILLAGE OF HOPE INT'L

Spring Newsletter



SPRING BREAK

On April 2, 125 people ventured south to the Village of Hope for the spring break trip. This year's trip had a new feature—a sewing class for 12 ladies who have been taking sewing lessons in the new sewing room built during the January build trip. Four ladies taught the class with the help of the VOH staff. We started the first three mornings with a devotional and prayer by one of the leaders and the last morning began with a sweet time of prayer over each of the ladies. The sewing class is an exciting addition to the ministry at the VOH. It is an opportunity for the ladies to learn a skill that they can use to earn additional income for their families. This fulfills the goals of the VOH to not only bring them to spiritual salvation through belief in Jesus Christ but also give them a path out of poverty. At the end of the week the sewing room was dedicated to Wendy Van Beek who instigated the building of the facility.

The rest of the team accomplished other important ministries while we were there. The build team successfully completed two homes. When homes are built, our goal is to also build hope into the lives of those who will live in them. It is both rewarding and humbling to see a father weep with appreciation and joy at the opportunity to provide a good home for his family.

Our energetic team together with the VOH staff served 80 -150 children in a daily Vacation Bible School. VBS is such a good opportunity to begin teaching the children at a young age the joy of living for Jesus. This ministry is where the majority of the youth in our team helped out and it was a time of fun and spiritual growth for them as well. They are learning to be missionaries at an early age. The women's ministry provided a welcome break for approximately 50 women who are marginalized by their culture. It is a time we get to teach them and show them that they are beautiful, valued children of God.



Other team members were involved in a prayer and healing ministry, food distribution and an afternoon sports ministry which teaches Christian values through good sportsmanship.

We are grateful for our leaders, Dave and Saan Schlick for organizing the trip and keeping us filled up both spiritually and physically so we could serve the VOH community.

We encourage you to experience firsthand what God is doing here!

Next trips: June 23-28 call Dave Schlick 559-679-5733

July 23-28 call Aaron Gomes 559-331-0045

You can either join one of these or organize your own group.



IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Please prayerfully consider funding one of these projects/needs. It would be a HUGE blessing!

Daycare Playground.....	\$11,300	External Playground.....	\$6,000
Security Light Poles.....	\$4,500	Water tank for Gracia.....	\$385
Daycare Security Cameras.....	\$3,000	Also:	
Soccer Goals.....	\$1,600	Donated Pickup and/or Small Car	

DAYCARE UPDATE

By David Escobar

The dream of having a nursery was born more than 20 years ago in the hearts of my parents, Francisca and Mayorino Escobar, who witnessed the sad reality that hundreds of children living around them were suffering from illnesses and developmental delays because their mothers were forced to take them to the fields to work. **We all thank God that He has united a great team of supporters to share the vision of creating a Daycare.**

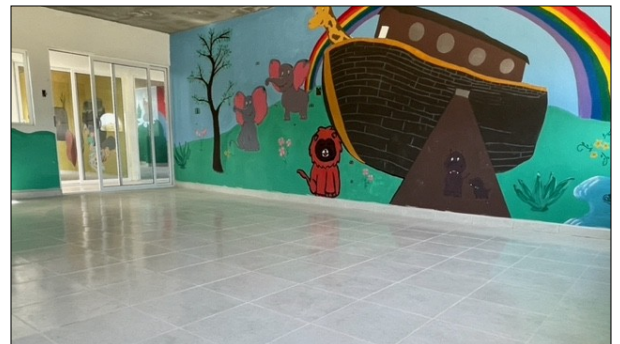


After 4 years of construction, the bright paint and freshly installed windows and tile floors bring us great joy – we are so close to opening our doors!

The construction of the building through Covid has not been easy. The process to gain final permits from the government to open has not been easy, and we specifically ask for prayers in this area. **But, the needs of the children and families we will serve are what motivates us to push through difficulties.** God did not place this dream in our hearts because it was easy, but because it is His will. We know that it is God's will to help mothers be able to work in peace knowing that their children are safe; and to help older children attend school and also have a childhood instead of staying home to care for younger siblings, and especially that young children are nurtured in a safe and loving environment that is an expression of God's love.



With your support, the Daycare dream is becoming a reality. We are so grateful to God and to all of you. To complete the Daycare, we still need to raise \$20,000 to cover final construction costs and furnishings.



Please consider making a donation today to help make this dream come true!

