

WE ARE ACCREDITED!

by Chris Gault, President, Guatemala Children's Mission

After a rigorous examination and inspection process, the National Adoption Council (the Guatemalan agency in charge of overseeing Children's Homes), recently granted accreditation to Agua Viva. After a tragic fire that killed 40 girls in a government run Children's Home, the accreditation process is now more rigorous than ever, and difficult to complete successfully. Not only was Agua Viva accredited, but the agency also designated the Home as one of the top 5 Homes in Guatemala out of a total of 122, as well as a model for others to follow. Our congratulations to Evy and the leadership team at Agua Viva for all of their hard work in providing a safe and healthy Christian environment for children at risk in Guatemala.



MEET THE NEW BOYS

We recently welcomed a new little boy named Henry (6) as well as four brothers: Esvin (12), Jerson (9), Daniel (6) and Cristian (4). They are thankful for a safe place to live and are enjoying making new friends. Please pray for them as they adjust to life at Agua Viva.



NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

This summer a group of friends from the Kansas City area joined forces to raise money for two important projects. Their efforts allowed us to replace the rotting playground in front of the little boys house and to construct a new playground for Casa Samuel. In addition to funding and building these beautiful play sets, they painted them and put new swings on the play set located at Casa Ester. They also assembled tetherball sets for the kids and constructed several sturdy corn hole games for the children's houses as well. Thank you for investing in the children at Agua Viva. They will enjoy this new equipment for many years to come!



PRAY 2017

Week 36 Please pray that our children would find joy in serving and helping others.

Week 37 Please pray that God would bless our teachers with energy, joy and overflowing love for our students.

Week 38 Please pray that our children would continue to study hard and excel in their classes at school.

Week 39 Please pray for strength and wisdom for our leaders as they work hard to bless and guide both the home and school into the future.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

With the help of our friends from Central Church in Memphis, TN, we were excited to host our annual Middle School Retreat. It was a great success, and the students loved the games, activities, and Bible lessons. The event helped to bring students closer together as friends, and to focus on what God is doing in their lives. Wilmer, one of our 9th grade students, attended the retreat for the first time this year. He enjoyed it immensely and said, "What I liked most about the camp was the devotional time. It helped me see that God is at work in all things. It really challenged me to love and honor my parents, and to attend church as the Bible says. It was a fun and exciting experience!"



FIXING THE WALL

We are thankful to everyone who contributed money to repair the portion of the wall that collapsed during an earthquake a couple months ago. Because of the generosity of so many donors, we surpassed our goal. We are grateful to have the security wall that surrounds our property in working order again. Thank you!

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SHORT STORY CONTEST

Oliver, was our 9th grade short story contest winner. His class enjoyed dramatizing his story entitled "Better 2 Rains in May and 1 in April." The performance centered on an arrogant king who thought he had everything until he met a farmer who taught him an important lesson.

Oliver enjoys writing, poetry and creating graphic novels, but one day he hopes to be an inventor in either the field of mechanics or engineering. Please pray for Oliver and his big dreams.



TEAM TESTIMONY

by Sarah Laurie from Central Church, TN

My time at Agua Viva this year was more special to me than my previous trips. This year I could see the joy of the Lord shining through all of the children I encountered. It was wonderful to teach English at the school, and to see that the students are so eager to learn new things. In spite of the language barrier, I also was able to make a special connection with my sponsor child. It's amazing to be around children who love Jesus so much that it overflows from their hearts. I loved serving at Agua Viva this summer, and am praying that God will continue to work in the lives of everyone there throughout the following year!



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