

AGUA VIVA

GUATEMALA CHILDREN'S MISSION NEWS | NOVEMBER 2017

ENGLISH OLYMPICS WINNERS

Our first English Olympics was a success. We hosted three other private schools and are pleased that our students placed first in every grade. They won most of the second and third place awards as well.



"I FEEL SAFE AND LOVED"

Federico and Lester recently moved to Agua Viva from another children's home and have acclimated well. They especially love the individual attention they receive from their house parents, which they didn't get at their previous home. Lester said "I like being at Agua Viva because I feel safe and loved." He also enjoys playing soccer every day, but "only after chores and homework." Federico remarked, "I'm grateful to God for my life and the food He provides." Both brothers shared that one of their favorite memories is playing Bingo with visiting Americans this summer. Thank you for supporting children like Federico and Lester. You help us to offer them a safe, loving, and happy environment!



THEY'RE BACK

Yarelin and Mileidy both graduated from Agua Viva's middle school and now benefit from our high school financial aid program. They have chosen to return to Agua Viva for their internship and assist students in their computer classes. We are proud of these girls, and excited that they plan to continue their education. Mileidy wants to become a nurse, and Yarelin is pursuing a college degree in odontology.



PRAY 2017

- Please pray for our new house parents as they finish training and start spending more time with the children in Casa Samuel.
- Please pray for the successful training of the couple who will live in Casa Samuel beginning in January.
- Please pray that our older children moving into the transition program would feel God's presence and peace during this change and embrace the opportunity to learn new life skills.
- Please pray for our special music and computer classes we will be offering over school break.

PURE RELIGION IS THIS: TO VISIT THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION. JAMES 1.27

FAMILY-BASED CARE

A few months ago, Agua Viva was recognized by the National Adoption Council of Guatemala as one of the top children's homes in the country. While greatly encouraged by this endorsement, we continue to look for ways to better support Guatemalan families in crisis and provide the best possible care for children at risk. In line with this desire, Agua Viva will be evaluating a more family-based model of child care beginning in 2018.

As a first step toward a more family style living arrangement, we are upgrading Casa Samuel so that it functions as much as possible like the kind of home healthy Christian families enjoy. This means adding a full kitchen, a dining area, and several bedrooms. We are also training a Christian couple to live full-time in Casa Samuel, coordinating all aspects of life for the children living in this house. No doubt we will learn a lot about how to best provide this type of family care at Agua Viva as we begin in January. Please pray for the Lord's guidance and direction as we seek the very best for children living at Agua Viva.



CELEBRATING GUATEMALA

Once again we hosted activities to commemorate Guatemala's Independence Day. This year we hosted our Miss Agua Viva Pageant, a parade, a 25 km torch run, and a cultural night for students and families that highlighted typical Guatemalan dance. We love our country and are excited to see our students celebrate their patriotism and cultural heritage.



GIVING THANKS...

As we begin the holiday season, we want to express our sincere gratitude for our donors, sponsors, and prayer partners. You play a special part in Agua Viva's ministry. Together we are making a difference at our Home and School. Thank you for participating in God's work at Agua Viva!

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