

### A SCHOLARSHIP STORY

Maria, one of our 6th grade scholarship students, is consistently at the top of her class and dreams of becoming a veterinarian. When Maria's mother heard about the high quality education Agua Viva provides, as well as the amount of personal attention teachers give to each student, she wanted her daughter to benefit from this experience. Since Maria's family lives with relatives, and her father farms a rather small piece of land, her mother did not think they could afford the school's tuition. When she learned of the scholarship program, however, she immediately applied. Maria's family is proud that she and her younger brother have the opportunity to attend Agua Viva School so they can work toward accomplishing their dreams.



### ROBOTICS TEAM

Our new Agua Viva robotics team recently participated in its first Lego League Competition. This year's theme was water purification, and our students had one month to prepare their entry. Although the team ranked 14 out of the 25 groups that took part in the contest, they were not discouraged. Instead, they were motivated to work harder on their next project. We are proud of their hard work and determination!



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray that our children would grow up to be strong and courageous in their character. (Deuteronomy 31.6)
- Please pray for the health of both our children and our staff.
- Please pray that God would protect our children's thoughts, keeping their minds pure and undefiled by the world.
- Please pray that God would bless our house parents with strength, patience and love as they share Jesus with the children through their words and actions every day.



## THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL

During a recent Sunday service, our children learned the true meaning of Christ's birth. The message resonated with several of our children. For example, Melany said, "I was surprised that the purpose of Christmas is not gifts and tamales. Christmas is about Jesus, the greatest gift of all!"



Melany was so eager to tell others about this message that she spoke to her school friends about Jesus. When some of the other girls laughed at her, she ignored it because of the joy she has in knowing Christ. It is a blessing to see simple truths resonate with students who want to share the Good News with others!

## SOCCER COACHING

Our children love the soccer coaching they receive each week. They are taking their instruction to heart, practicing daily the new techniques and strategies that will prove useful in upcoming games. Two of our girls, Lili and Katherine, enjoyed learning the correct way to kick a ball and already are scoring more goals than ever. Their new coach is coordinating matches for the boys and girls with outside teams, and the kids love these fun opportunities!



### POST OFFICE OPEN

We are excited to report that Guatemala has reinstated its postal service. Sponsors who wish to send physical cards and letters to their children can now send them directly to the Home!

**Agua Viva Sponsorship Program**  
(Child's Name)  
P.O. Box 50  
Chimaltenango, Guatemala

## THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING

A recent school project helped students to understand the importance of current events and voting. One issue the class explored was Guatemala's territorial claim of land within the neighboring country of Belize. After researching this topic, our 9th grade class prepared a special presentation that focused on historical and contemporary happenings related to the dispute. These exercises helped the students to become more aware of Guatemala's political process so they can make informed decisions when they reach voting age.



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