

# AGUA VIVA

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## **WORLD CULTURE DAY**

This year our school hosted its first World Cultural Day. Each classroom represented an ancient civilization from different parts of the world. Students and teachers joined forces to build amazing models such as paper pyramids (Egypt) and a foam temple wall (Babylon). Without a doubt, this memorable event was one of the most impressive in our school's history. We are proud of the students' and teachers' hard work, and are impressed by how much everyone learned!



## **BEST MOTHER'S DAY EVER**

This year's Mother's Day celebration at Agua Viva School was a huge success. So many mothers attended that we set up extra tables and chairs to accommodate them. The teachers and students put a lot of hard work into the program. They selected special music, performed skits, hosted games, provided snacks, and presented special art projects to the mothers. It was a privilege to honor this special group of women who work so hard to provide for their children.



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Please pray for all the families affected by the volcano last month.
- Please pray that God would give our children hearts to serve others and shine the light of the gospel through their kindness and generosity.
- Please pray that our children would grow up to be young men and women of integrity who are leaders in their schools, careers and families.
- Please pray that our children would be "clothed with the virtue of compassion". (Colossians 3.12)

## FRIGHTENED TO THANKFUL

Joel and Paola are the oldest of five siblings who live at the Home. They told us, "We were frightened when we first arrived because we had heard that Children's Home workers are very mean." Thankfully, they quickly learned that Agua Viva is nothing like what they imagined. Although they have resided here for only a few months, they consider Agua Viva their second home and have come to love their house parents. They enjoy playing soccer and are grateful for the education they are receiving. Joel would like to be a lawyer one day, and knows that doing well in school is integral to achieving this goal. Joel and Paola learned Christian values from their aunt, and are excited to continue building on this foundation. Both of these youths have blessed the other children, encouraging them to be thankful and to take advantage of the opportunities. Please keep this family in your prayers as they await court decisions regarding their future.



## NATIONAL ARTS COMPETITION

This year, Agua Viva School participated in the Guatemala National Arts Competition for the first time. We competed against well-known schools from the capital as well as a couple of schools from smaller towns. Despite formidable challenges, Agua Viva brought home a 1st place prize for poetry, 2nd place prizes in painting and singing duets, and 3rd place prizes in dancing and singing solos. We are happy to offer arts and music programs at our school, and congratulate our students and teachers for their hard work!



## HONORING OUR STAFF

On Labor Day, we hosted a special event for our Children's Home staff. Erwin, our administrator, remarked, "The object of this special breakfast was to thank and encourage our staff. We asked everyone to dress in formal attire in order to emphasize that every staff position at the Home is equal and important." We would like to thank our diligent workers for the selfless investment they make in our children's welfare. Please keep the staff and their families in your prayers!



## SEWING & SMALL BUSINESS

We recently launched a sewing program for our older girls. Señora Rosana, our director, brings to her classes careful planning, enthusiasm, and big ideas that help the girls to cultivate a passion for the development of important life skills. Señora Rosana's goal is to teach her students how to turn their blossoming skills into small businesses that will help them to provide for their families one day. They are learning how to purchase materials, create designs, and sell their crafts. This helpful and practical class has the potential to pay huge dividends in the future.



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