

AGUA VIVA

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VBS: REVELATION

Our friends from Kirby Woods Baptist Church in Memphis coordinated with our Agua Viva staff to host their annual Vacation Bible School for our elementary students. The theme this year was "Revelation," and everyone enjoyed discovering how God reveals Himself to us. In addition to hearing great teaching, the children sang fun songs, made crafts (including homemade slime!), played exciting games, and ate delicious ice cream at the end of the week. VBS was a huge success, and we are grateful to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen!



NEW BLESSINGS

We are pleased to welcome new children to Agua Viva! Among them are Nati (4) and her sister Maydelin (7), as well as Carlos (7) and his baby sister Maria (1). We also received little Andrea (3) and her brother Carlos (12), along with a boy named Wilfredo. The adjustment has been harder for some than for others. Please keep all of these children in your prayers as they settle into life at Agua Viva.



ALL GROWN UP

Juana lived at Agua Viva from the age of 7 until she finished her schooling at 18. She graduated with a certification that authorized her to work as a bilingual secretary in a doctor's office in Guatemala City. Juana loved her job, but decided to leave after marrying her husband



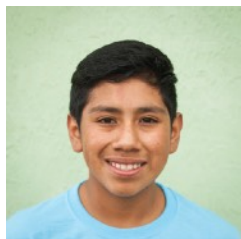
Onelio. The happy couple now has a beautiful daughter named Yarelin Yaritza, who is one year old. They reside with Onelio's family, and Juana is thankful that they have accepted her as a daughter. She loves staying at home with her baby and is learning to cook from her mother-in-law. Even today, Juana considers Agua Viva to be her home and enjoys a close relationship with our director, Señor Evy. She also stays in touch with the children who grew up with her. Juana is thankful for the educational opportunities she received, the Christian values she learned to embrace, and her Agua Viva family. Please pray that God would continue to work in Juana's life as she walks through this new season in life.

PRAYER REQUESTS

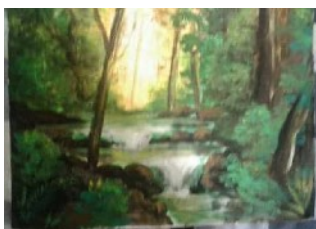
- Please pray for the government as they work on new laws affecting orphaned and vulnerable children.
- Many of our children come from abuse or neglect. Please pray for emotional health and that they would learn to find their sense of worth as children of God and not listen to lies from their pasts.
- Please pray that our children and staff would be filled with the joy of the Lord each day.
- Please pray for our children's futures. Pray that they would face the world with faith and trust in Jesus and step into the future filled with the hope and promises of God.

FIRST PLACE PAINTING

We are proud of Jonathan for winning first place for his painting at an annual arts competition. Jonathan lived at Agua Viva for a couple of years. He now resides with his mother, but continues to study at Agua Viva School. He spends his afternoons here until his mother returns from work.



Jonathan learned how to paint from one of our house parents, Profe Nehemias, and he is thankful that someone took the time to help him develop his natural talents. After winning first place, the art committee chose to put Jonathan's painting in a special exhibition. We are so proud of Jonathan and we are excited to watch his talents grow!



NEW WORSHIP TEAM

The Lord blesses all of His followers with unique talents, and it gives us great joy to provide opportunities for our children to discover their God-given gifts. A few months ago several of our children signed up to take individual music classes at Agua Viva school. Recently, a number of them helped to lead our Sunday morning worship service at the Home. We are excited about the prospects of incorporating them into our services on a regular basis. What a blessing it is to see children using their talents to praise Jesus!



TEAM TESTIMONY

As mentioned above, a team from Kirby Woods Baptist in Memphis visited Agua Viva in mid-June. Most of the team members had been to Agua Viva in the past, and were delighted to see the children again. Team members rekindled and deepened relationships with the children as they worked alongside the Agua Viva teachers and Pastor Dave to finalize their VBS plans. Approximately 200 children participated in the 3 day program and heard the gospel, and several of the attendees placed their faith in Christ.

The team also traveled to Antigua to enjoy the city and to do street evangelism. They planted many gospel seeds as they ministered to people who in one way or another had been affected by the recent volcanic activity nearby. A little shopping in the market and a delicious lunch at Las Palmas restaurant completed the day.

A highlight for one team member was the blessing of serving with his 80 year old father Bob. Both men had been to Agua Viva in the past, but never had served the Lord together on a common mission. Bob shared with the older boys in Casa Josue about the painful experience of his father's death, as well as losing his hearing in one ear while he was a child. Another highlight was working alongside Mark and Sherri Schlax and their daughter Misi, who serve selflessly at Agua Viva. Glory be to God for everything He is doing at Agua Viva!



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