

### A LIFE CHANGING MESSAGE

This year's middle school retreat was a great success. Many of our students identified with the theme, "Going Home." For Leonel, one of our ninth grade students, it was a bittersweet experience because this was his last year to attend camp. After his mother passed away last year, his relationship with his father became strained, and he eventually left home. He has recently returned to live with his father, and through the camp messages he realized his need to ask his father for forgiveness. Leonel said, "God's plan was to use this retreat to humble me." Thankfully, Leonel and his father are now working on rebuilding their relationship. He is now praying that God would help him to change others areas of his life such as his need to return to church. Please pray that God would work in the lives of all of our students.



### THE SWEETEST GIFT

Before little David's birthday, his older siblings, Ely and Melany, decided to plan a special surprise for him. They saved their weekly allowance to print some pictures of their precious family and made a special photo album for him. They were excited to see David's smile of joy when they gave him their handmade gift. They remarked, "We want our little brother to know just how much we love him!"



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray that God would raise up future pastors, missionaries and leaders among our children.
- 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 teachers with energy, joy and overflowing love for our students.
- Please pray that God would continue providing for all the financial needs of the home and the school.

## NEW BLESSINGS

We are happy to welcome a number of new children to our Home and into our hearts. Please be in prayer for Marvin (11) and his siblings Johana (8) and Felix (6), as well as little Kimberly (2). Our desire is that the Lord would bless their physical and spiritual growth at Agua Viva.



## SPONSOR MAIL ISSUES!



A couple of months ago we announced that the mail service had been reinstated here in Guatemala.

Unfortunately, the US Postal Service still has a temporary suspension on all mail to Guatemala and we do not know when that will be lifted.

If you wish to write to your sponsor child, please send it through our main office below or log in to your account to email your child!!!

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## FIRST TIMER IMPRESSIONS

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Our lives are a matter of how we choose to spend our days, and some of the challenges we meet on this path include poverty, tragedy, anxiety, and stress. The goal of our missions team was to impact children who have experienced these types of problems, and GCM was a perfect avenue because of their admirable efforts. Our hosts, Mark and Sherri helped us to understand how God could use us to minister to these children's needs. One team member described our mission as "being the hands and feet of Jesus." Our responsibilities included sanding furniture, painting walls, pushing lawnmowers, as well as holding, rocking, and loving children. These practical tasks were rewarded with smiles and laughter. Each morning's devotion, and each evening's spotlight, renewed our energy, pointing us to God!

After dinner on Saturday, a group of students presented a welcome program. Even though they used no words, their gestures, facial expressions, and props delivered a message of the saving grace of God's Word. Another major highlight was the off-site middle school retreat. Around seventy students participated in an annual two-day camp that a team from Central Church instituted in 2015. Two-thirds of our team members accompanied students, while the rest remained at the Home to minister to the children.

We look back on our mission trip with awe, recalling the wondrous works of our Savior. In the words of the prophet Jeremiah, we proclaim, "Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me." What a mighty God we serve!



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