

MENTORING OLDER BOYS

Several years ago, Profe Julio, our director's brother, graciously opened the doors of his home to the seven young men who were in our transition program. Profe Julio has three sons: Oliver (17), Antony (13), and Pablo (2). He is a lawyer, and his wife is a teacher. His two older sons studied at Agua Viva School. Profe Julio, reflecting on this experience, noted how much of a blessing it was for him to see the kids grow and mature during their time with him and his family. One highlight was young Diego's choice to make church a priority in his life. Profe Julio admitted it was difficult for so many to reside under his roof, especially considering their different personalities, but he never wavered from his commitment to this important mission. This year, our two last young men will be graduating and moving, while a third is beginning high school after having returned to live with his family. What a blessing that God has provided people such as Profe Julio and his family to undertake the challenging and rewarding ministry of mentoring young men.



NEW MARIMBA

Our wonderful friends in Bloomington, Indiana, gave us an amazing, timely blessing this year. For years we have made due with one small marimba. The Bloomington team made it possible for us to obtain a brand new instrument and we now have a full marimba set. The marimba is an indigenous instrument that represents our Guatemalan culture. We hope to use this gift to instill in our children a love of music, and plan to enter our marimba team in local and national competitions. Once more, thank you to everyone who made this possible!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray that the Lord would bless us with the financial support we need to continue providing all the daily needs of the children here.
- Please pray for God's blessing and care for a number of our children who are transitioning back to living with their families this month.
- Please pray that God would provide a way for our graduating middle school students to be able to continue their studies into high school.
- Please pray that God would teach our children perseverance in all they do and help them "run the race marked out for them." (Hebrews 12.1)

NEW BLESSINGS

We are pleased to welcome a large group of children to the Agua Viva family: Wesley (11), Wilson (5), Antonio (11), Isauro (7), Dorian (6), Kimberly (2), Josue (9), Cristian (6), Nehemias (1), and Carlos (8). Please pray that the children will adjust well to the Home.



FAMILY DAY

Our children always are excited to be a part of Family Day. One of the highlights for them is the opportunity to spend time with siblings while eating and playing games. Pablo expressed the excitement he felt at having his entire family gathered to laugh and have fun. We would like to thank our school administration for planning this marvelous opportunity.



INDEPENDANCE DAY

Agua Viva School celebrated the anniversary of Guatemala's independence (September 15) by scheduling a number of fun events throughout the week. We began by electing school representatives, after which we held numerous contests related to Guatemalan culture. Examples of the competitions included fruit decoration, singing, poetry, and painting. We ended the festivities with a cultural night in which our school orchestra played well-known Guatemalan melodies on the marimba. It was a special time for our students and staff!



GOING TO CHURCH

A church close to Guatemala City has given the children at our Home the opportunity to experience an environment in which they are making fruitful relationships. Usually groups of brothers and sisters attend together, and one benefit is their marked spiritual growth. Jairo and Rosa, siblings who have resided at the home for over eight years, have realized the necessity of God taking center stage in their lives. In addition to developing a hunger for the Bible, they have started singing in the services. How wonderful it is to see how the Lord has softened their hearts!

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