

Jubilee

FALL 2024

JOURNAL

Dear Friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and trusting in God's faithfulness. It's hard to believe that another school year at Jubilee is nearing its end. We are preparing for lots of year-end activities including our big Fine Arts Concerts (November 2 & 3) in which over 250 students will participate (through dance, choreographies, theater, music, and more)! We are also preparing for final exams, starting pre-enrollment for next school year, and finishing up our construction projects (see more on pages 2 & 3).

We also look forward to many year-end graduations like that of our Kindergarteners, our Middle Schoolers (9th graders in Honduras) and our very first class of High School graduates!



It is extremely rewarding to see the vision of a PreK - High School become a reality, during this 15th anniversary year. In Honduras, our High School track (Humanities) graduates students in 11th grade with a completed high school diploma and everything needed to go on to study at the University. In fact, many of our 11th graders recently took the Public University entrance exam and are eagerly awaiting their results.

Just over a month ago we celebrated Jubilee's 15th Anniversary with our 375 students and over 40 staff members. Our new chapel was very full and we were also "Filled with joy!" Just as our theme verse for the year declares, "The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy!" (Ps 126:3). This special anniversary program included worship songs by student bands and our choir's joyful performance of the Revelation 19:1 song!

Our Academic Coordinator, Mrs. Cindy, ended the program looking out onto the beautiful auditorium packed with faces of little ones and big ones all so precious in His sight.

She affirmed that right before our eyes is the greatly anticipated plentiful harvest that the Lord is bringing in for His Glory! Thank you for working as co-laborers with us in this bountiful harvest field!

In Christ's Love,



Built On A Rock: NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

We are so thankful to the Lord and to the generosity of supporters like you who have made it possible to finish up some remaining construction projects that we have been working on during this 2024.

We have been building two new classrooms on the 4th floor (one being a new Computer Lab), an office space, a security wall on our property line, finishing up our basement gym, and building a brand-new playground! Praise the Lord for these exciting opportunities that will allow Jubilee to reach even more students and to serve and bless our students, families, and church and community members in new ways!



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Hallway in front of new 4th floor classrooms and teacher office space



3D design of what towers, bridges, slides, and rock walls will look like upon completion

We are so excited to be building our very first playground which will serve approximately 140 PreK - 3rd grade students. We have never had a playground at Jubilee and there are no parks or playgrounds in our neighborhood or nearby communities for kids to be able to play safely.

The towers are currently in progress. Each level of the towers will house educational play zones.



Celebrating 15 years of Jubilee: THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS

The 15th anniversary celebration of Jubilee was a special morning filled with music, joy, and heartfelt moments. It was a time to reflect on God's faithfulness and celebrate the impact of Jubilee's ministry over the past decade and a half. The event brought together teachers, students, and all our staff, who each shared their reflections on what Jubilee means to them.

PreK teacher Mrs. Norma were particularly touched by the children's curiosity and engagement throughout the celebration. *"My heart was full of curiosity to learn all about Jubilee and the great work the Lord is doing."* The children's enthusiasm highlighted their deep connection to Jubilee, not just as a school, but also as a community nurturing their faith and growth.

Co- Founders David & Emily Romero reflected on the event with gratitude and purpose. *"It filled us with satisfaction; we feel grateful to the Lord for His goodness, and it made us think of Eben-Ezer,"* they shared, reminding everyone of how far God has brought us and the milestones we have achieved. *"It was also a great blessing to see all the hearts sincerely worshiping and experience the powerful atmosphere of praise and worship that filled the room as we sang and declared God's praises together."*

Students, like 6th grader Briana Ortega, also shared their memories. Briana highlighted the unique environment Jubilee provides—a place where faith and learning go hand in hand, *"I felt happy because I had never been in a school with Christian principles, and I feel that the Lord is filling me with joy."*

Javier Lopez, an 8th-grade student who has been with Jubilee since he was in PreK, spoke about his journey. *"I feel very happy for the help I have received since I was little. I have received love and support from Jubilee, and learning music has changed my life and helped me love the Lord."* Despite many struggles, Javier has found joy and purpose through the music program, where he now serves as a drummer.

Even our youngest students felt the spirit of the celebration. Neizan Amador, a kindergartener, shared *"I feel very good because I can play with all my friends here and praise Jesus"*



The 15th anniversary of Jubilee was more than just an event; it was a testament to God's faithfulness and a celebration of the community He has built. With the continued support of donors like you, we look forward with expectation to the growth, learning, and witness that God will continue to work in our lives and community.

Read more about the event at: jubileecentershq.org/blog

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Student Feature Aylin: A PASSIONATE HEART FOR GOD!

Aylin is in 3rd grade, lives in La Era- and has been a student at Jubilee for 5 years. She says, "I really like this school. I enjoy the devotionals and the church services on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays." Her favorite verse from the Bible is Psalm 121:5, which says, "The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand." Aylin finds comfort in this verse and often writes about her thoughts and prayers in her prayer journal.

She worries deeply about people who might not come to know Christ, especially her family members who don't yet believe in God. Her greatest desire is to go to heaven and meet Jesus. She has so many questions about faith, once she went to Pastor David and asked "What happened to Lot's wife? Is she still salt? Did God allow her soul to be lost?"

Aylin's family has also experienced a profound transformation through their time at Jubilee's school and church. Her father, who was once violent towards her mother and older sister, has since become a completely new person in Christ. The principal says to him "You are another Alexander, you were born again in Christ." He is now peaceful, helpful, and serves others, his family, the school, and in the church, with great humility and love—a true servant of God in every way.

Aylin dreams of being used by God like Noah, Samuel, and David. She prays for courage, strength, and a heart ready to follow God's will. Her journey of faith and her family's story remind us of the power of God's love to transform lives and hearts, no matter their age or background.

We are deeply grateful to all who support our school and enable us to continue spreading the message of God. He is the one who change lives, but through your generosity, lives are being transformed as hearts turn to the Lord for salvation and healing. As Ezekiel 36:26 reminds us, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

Read the entire story at: jubileecentershq.org/blog

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Winners with humble hearts: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR 2024

We are so proud of our students who went on to compete at the District Level Science Fair Competition. Each one of Jubilee's projects received 1st, 2nd or 3rd place as they competed against peer groups from 16 other schools. This year all of our projects included the new innovative theme of Robotics. With the help of our Science and Technology teachers, the students learned how to integrate robotics into their creative projects! In addition to the winners listed below, Jubilee won second place for both the 6th-grade team's Arduino crane model, and the 9th-grade team's smart sensor trash can.

The Solar Puppy

The solar puppy is assembled like a puzzle, which supports the cognition of these young minds and allows them to discover how solar energy works, another viable alternative for reducing environmental impact.

1st place winners in the District Competition.

"We felt very blessed to see how the Pre-K children presented their project with great eloquence and to see how that gave them first place." -Principal Osorio



The Smart Cane

This cane enables people with limited vision to hear and feel their surroundings; when it strikes a surface, it emits a sound and vibration, thanks to its Arduino system, assembled by the students themselves.

2nd place winners in the District Competition.

"We are very grateful for having been chosen, we hope that this project contributes something to disabled people in Honduras" -José, 10th grade



Wind Energy Model

The project showed how wind farms work and demonstrated that wind can sustainably produce energy and reduce air pollution.

3rd place winners in the District Competition.

"I am glad to have gone to represent the school with our project, we are very happy" -Helen, 3rd grade





Please join us for
Jubilee Centers International's

15th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
at a new location — The Point!

555 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Please note the new location on 28th Street!

Please RSVP by October 28, 2024
at jubileehn.org/celebration

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