

THE GOOD NEWS



CASA mission report



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SUMMER [VERANO] 2018

Casa Christian Academy

cuatro años

Summer has drawn to a close. By the time you read this, Casa Christian Academy will have embarked on its fourth school year! Praise God for His faithfulness! Due to lack of opportunities for schooling before arriving at Casa, many of our children, though intelligent, must work hard to make up for the time they have missed. To help achieve our goal of teaching our new children basic skills and moving all our students forward to new challenges in their education, we assess each student individually and offer additional instruction in small groups for those needing the extra support. We are excited that our staff has grown to five Mexican nationals and one team member from New Mexico who will be teaching English.

Casa Christian Academy will continue, like the previous year, to house classes for elementary and junior high. Kindergarteners and high schoolers will attend in town. Once the wing where we housed the old home depot is remodeled, part of the new space will include additional classrooms for a Christian high school and an expanded library and computer lab.





Summer Projects in Abundance

As summer ends, we are so grateful for the extraordinary teams who graced us with their presence and who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, accomplished extraordinary feats while they were with us. Upon completion of the renovation of the new home depot, teams moved construction supplies and tools to their new home and organized them for easy access and control. In addition to tools, the new storage facility houses paint, sports equipment, school supplies, clothing and toys.

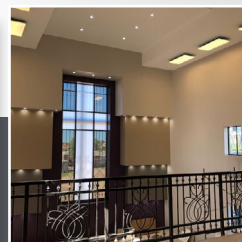
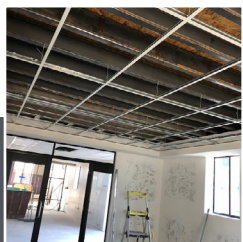
As the summer progressed, team members began the arduous task of remodeling the old home depot wing where rats and cockroaches once reigned. They removed the roof and broke down adobe and concrete walls. Now we are ready to make structural changes, replace the roof, and begin framing the new internal walls.

Two infirmaries will be housed in the remodeled wing to be used for the purpose of isolating children with bad infections who might otherwise have to be rejected. We will be enabled to accept more children and help them to recover before introducing them to our residing population of children.

Separate from the two infirmaries, a clinic will also be attached from which medical missions can be conducted. Doctors, ophthalmologists, and dentists will be on hand to examine our own children as well as local community members.

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At the church / community center, we are moving closer to the day we can begin to assemble in our new worship area with members of the Anahuac community, to worship the Lord and fellowship together! Glory to God!

Lighting is completed on the first floor on the ceiling and in the worship area. Final installations in this stage include the baptistry and bathroom fixtures. Framing has begun on the second floor, as well as framing for the ceiling tiles in the bathroom. Work also continues in the duplexes, including installation of the last few cabinets and finishing the bathrooms.

Throughout Casa's history, interaction with our children is always the highlight for the teams. This summer's teams came armed with activities, Bible lessons, crafts and games which furnished numerous opportunities to intermingle with the children. We witnessed many smiles, multiple shared hugs, comforting camaraderie, and friendly competition.

Singing and praising God together, sharing skits, eating s'mores around the bonfire, enjoying meals side by side in the dining hall and barbecues in the amphitheater, engaging in water play, basketball and baseball-all of these and more afforded many chances for the love of Christ to shine on children and teams alike. Many new friends were made, and old relationships were strengthened and renewed.

Finally, outreach to the community of Anahuac and surrounding villages brought a deep sense of fulfillment to the teams and our accompanying Casa teens. Team members sorted clothes and toys for distribution among the poor and purchased food (onions, beans, rice, potatoes) to hand out door to door to needy families. This summer we were able to give out 4,300 pounds, or two tons, of food, thanks to the generous purchases of teams. 'Gracias a Dios,' as we say in Mexico!

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3: 20-21

Gracias a Dios

Welcome to Emery Throneberry

We want to give a warm welcome to from Third and Central Church of Christ in Lovington, New Mexico. Emery has been coming to Casa for twenty two years, beginning even before Gil became our director!

He has only missed a couple of summers in all those years. You may have met Emery if you visited this past summer. He has felt drawn to commit more of his time to the children at Casa. In fact, when asked his reasons for coming, he didn't hesitate to declare, "I love children!"

Emery is a retired IT manager for an electric cooperative, but his passion was the bus ministry he and his late wife Gloria ran in Lovington. For twelve years, they picked up about 150 children each Sunday and brought them to church where they could learn about the love of Jesus. After this ended, they purchased a big van, so they could continue to bring children to church.

At Casa, Emery joins the children at all their meals for camaraderie and fellowship. He is the new English teacher for our Casa Christian Academy. He has also donated his woodworking equipment, hoping to help develop a vocational workshop to provide training for trade skills. A big Casa "WELCOME!" goes to Emery



Casa Family Additions



Brayan



Cesar



Cristian



Edwin



German



Ivan



Julian



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Vanesa

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Needs List

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR SPONSOR A CHILD PROGRAM,
PLEASE DIRECT YOUR INQUIRIES TO GIL AT HIS EMAIL:
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SPECIAL NEEDS:

- 16 Passenger Van in good operating condition (One of the vans among our small fleet at Casa is beyond repair. One of our vans used to transport groups from the US to Casa is being converted for use in Mexico. We are lof the two vans stationed in the US to help haul groups this summer).

ONGOING NEEDS INCLUDE:

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Hair conditioner
- Tires for the school bus



Wanting to Visit Us?



If you plan to visit Casa, this is a friendly reminder that we operate on a first come first serve basis. If you are not certain of your exact arrival and departure date, we will schedule you on a tentative basis reserving your spot. As in previous years, we will provide assistance with border crossing and travel from El Paso to Casa and back again if necessary. Unless you plan on traveling to Casa on a chartered bus, we are using the Santa Teresa border crossing located on the far west end of El Paso avoiding travel through Juarez all together.

Hope to see you this spring or summer.

*Come and see what God has done,
how awesome his works in man's behalf.*

Psalm 66:5