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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

God creates



New friends



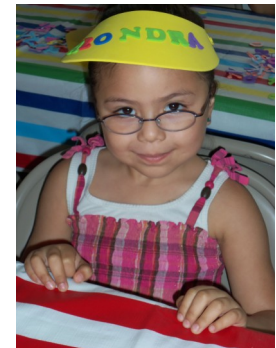
Summer Camp at Garden Ridge Apartments

Summer Camp was an awesome success! We created relationships with 50 kids, 10 Mothers, and 2 Fathers. 15 Volunteers from St. Paul, Plano learned about the mission of Jesus in action.

Children used English and Spanish Bibles, looked up passages and read them aloud during devotions. Lay Deacon Ed Torea taught the kids Spanish Christian songs. The kids love the songs and are still singing them at the After School Program devotions.

At Summer Camp the kids were very creative. They made a wall mural of God creating from the blackness of nothing. They created clay animals just like God, drew what their apartment would look like if Jesus restored it, and they got their hands dirty finger painting wonderful pictures just like God did when he made us. They had a lot of fun and their creations are still up at the Community Center, now called la Esculita or Little School, by the residents.

At the end of the week we celebrated with a Fiesta. There were 3 Pinatas, 40 kids, 12 Mothers and a new awesome volunteer, from Garden Ridge named Rocio. Rocio, bought the piñatas, candy and donated cupcakes for all the children. These relationships are why we host events. Pray for these awesome relationships to grow deeper in name of our Savior Jesus Christ.



One of our new friends

Jeremiah 29:7 Seek the peace and prosperity of the city...because if it prospers you will too prosper.

After School Program



She loves the pencil sharpener

It has begun! The first week, 35 kids attended and 3 mothers volunteered from Garden Ridge. The kids finished all of the homework. Lucy, a Garden Ridge Volunteer and Sherry worked with the K - 2nd grade group with their homework and they played alphabet bingo to learn their English letters. Grisleda, another Garden Ridge volunteer, helped in the toddler room with children from 2 to 4.

Sherry is teaching the mothers to teach the children to use materials to foster eye hand coordination using puzzles, manipulatives, crayons, pencils, scissors and games. Marlinni, a volunteer from Garden Ridge and Darren helped the 4th and 5th graders with their Algebra homework and played numbers bingo in English to learn their numbers. Sherry leads a Bible story each day. Two or three children volunteer everyday to read the Bible story and tell the whole group what it means. Four Dollars a week provides enough supplies to engage one child and his or her parents in After School and the discipleship of Lord Jesus Christ.

Maria, a mother with four children was asking how she could find a better day school for her kids. Darren told her that is why we have After School to help the children engage in higher level academic opportunities.

Acts 17:28 For in him we live and move and have our being ... We are his offspring.

Family Thursday Nights and Dia de Muertos

Our called Lay Deacon at St. Paul has committed to help start and a Spanish bible Study on Thursday nights with activities for the kids. We will invite the whole family to a fun night with Jesus as the main attraction. Darren will disciple Ed to lead Biblical Life Skills classes. We will start with showcase of how great it is to be a teacher, financial issues, navigating the U.S. governmental systems and discipleship in Jesus Christ.

In Hispanic culture, EL Dia de los Muertos is a day of remembrance for their departed ancestors. We celebrate All Saints Day to remember our departed love ones who now reside with our beloved Savior. One of our new friends has had three loved ones depart this year and she has a deep desire to remember where here family now resides. She has volunteered to plan the day and decorate the Community Center for the celebration.

Darren and Ed, are visiting the families homes to ask them about their gifts, skills, dreams and how they could help their community. Pray that these new celebrations bear fruit, in new discipleship relationships in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Summer Camp Fiesta,
We had Three Piñatas!

Thrivent Grants and a Trip to Strasburg, IL.



Thrivent has given Full Circle two \$1600 Grants, These grants allowed us to buy the materials for Summer Camp and are allowing us to buy the material to start our After School Reading Program. If you are a Thrivent member we ask you to give your Choice dollars to Full Circle. Contact your Thrivent representative to learn how to complete this gift.



We went up to Strasburg, IL., hometown of Darren's Grandmother, to tell the story of what Jesus Christ is doing in Dallas through Full Circle. St. Paul Strasburg has been a great supported of the mission and Darren's time at Seminary for years. Many of his relatives and our friends in Christ gave mightily to further the mission of Jesus in Dallas where no feet have taken the good news, Rom. 10:15.

Prayer & Support

We ask you to prayerfully consider a financial gift to Full Circle Communities. Sherry is our Full Time Director of Education, but we are unable give her what she deserves, 1 Tim. 5:18. We are raising \$20,000 a year for three years, which is a very small salary for a teacher these days.

\$20,000 a year, only takes 20 people giving \$83 dollars a month for three years. Then, Sherry can lead the children and parents in empowering themselves to a more abundant life in Jesus Christ our Savior, John 10:10. Consider being one of the 20 people who support this mission of Jesus. Thank you and God bless you and your family in Christ Jesus.

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Matthew 10:8 Freely you have received, so freely give.