

HEART TO HEART

The latest news from *Connecting Hearts Ministry*, a ministry of Chapel Hill Christian School



Mayra leads activities for children on Sunday mornings

My Grandma's Lambs by Carol Traugh, Friend of CHM

My wonderful Grandma Molly went to meet her Savior twelve years ago when she was 96. She was a humble woman who walked faithfully with her Lord. For days before she died, she lay in bed praying and thanking God for His love for her. As we sat at her bedside and her eyes were closed, she told us to "take care of the children." Although we were never sure which children she meant, she said this repeatedly. She also

talked about the beautiful sound of the lambs. She mentioned how sweet they were, and how their "baa-baa" sounded so precious. Even though we reminded her that there were no lambs nearby, she insisted, "Can't you hear them?" Although this was twelve years ago, these memories remain close in my heart. Every time I see a picture of a lamb, I immediately think of my grandma.

A few years ago when I was in Guatemala, I heard about a church inviting neighborhood children for breakfast on Sunday mornings. After breakfast, the children would attend Sunday School. The church was feeding the children's bodies physically and then feeding them spiritually with a lesson about Christ. Although this did not seem possible for the Amigos Church in Peronia, the idea remained in my heart.

When I visited the Amigos Church in October 2018, I was thrilled to witness Mayra, the pastor's wife, teaching Sunday School! I realized she had a heart for ministering to the com-

munity, and my heart was stirred. It seemed the time was right to begin providing breakfast for area children and inviting them to Sunday School.

On November 18, 2018, a new ministry was born at the Amigos Church. God had faithfully provided a gift which allowed Mayra to cook black beans and eggs for breakfast. Twenty-five children heard about Jesus that morning!

A short time later, I began thinking of how my grandma would be thrilled that these children were being cared for. Tears filled my eyes as God planted the idea of naming the ministry "Ovejitas de Jesús" ("Little Lambs of Jesus"). Now, each Sunday morning at the Amigos Church, as many as 48 children enjoy breakfast, activities, and the

Word of God. Sixteen women of the church help cook, organize games, and teach Bible lessons. Teens of the church are being trained and disciplined to work with the children.



Children enjoy breakfast before their Bible lesson

Our prayer is that more and more neighborhood children and their parents will be reached for Jesus. In John 21:15-19, Jesus tells Peter to "Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep..." "Follow me." This is happening in Peronia, and my heart is happy as I feel certain that my grandma's wishes are coming true, and that her legacy lives on.



Dear Friends... A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

God continues to show His faithfulness to our CHM friends, from those who serve for a week in Guatemala to faithful ministers living there. In this issue, you will read how Darwin, pastor of the Amigos Church, and his wife, Mayra, serve selflessly in a new ministry called "Ovejitas de Jesús." Many children attend church and hear God's truth because of this ministry. What a blessing to serve alongside our friends as we seek to do God's work!

"Be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24



In Christ, Kelly Foguth, CHM Director



My Trip to Guatemala

by Caitlin Moyer

When I was in Guatemala, the thing that impacted me most was the way people are thankful for everything they have, even when they have so little. When we were driving to La Tinta, we threw out balloons to children on the road, and their faces would light up. It made me happy to see the way they reacted to a balloon!

Once we arrived at La Tinta, all the children came running to us. They were so happy to see us. We handed out school supplies and fitted uniforms for all the students at the San Marcos School.

While I was at the school, I met a couple of twins. I had so much fun playing with them! They were always beside me, and I found out that they are my same age. We decided that we wanted to sponsor them.

Later, we went on home visits. It was amazing to see how the families lived. Some of their homes were made out of sticks and some out of concrete. There was no electricity in most homes. The people welcomed us into their homes and showed us around. They were so happy to have us in their homes. I also visited the homes of the students sponsored by our sixth grade. This was significant for me, because the children that we sponsor are so much like us, and we were able to relate to them.

Overall, my trip to Guatemala showed me how people lived there and how grateful they are that they can go to school. I can't wait to go back and help more children some day!

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Praising...

♥ We celebrate Carlos David Rivera as he graduated in October as an architect. He has worked tirelessly to achieve this goal, becoming the third CHM college graduate.



Carlos celebrates with his family

♥ Ten sixth graders from Chapel Hill Christian School traveled to Guatemala this past January. Praise God for students who desire to serve Him!

♥ God has faithfully provided for the front section of the wall around the newly constructed classrooms at the San Marcos School. Although there is more to complete, this section deters much unwanted traffic through the schoolyard and helps protect the students.

♥ After 11 years, Monica Till was able to return to Guatemala with her daughter, Heidy. What an emotional day as they visited Forever Changed, the orphanage where Heidy spent the first few months of her life!



A special day shared by mother and daughter

♥ Praise God for the growth of sponsorships this year! More than twenty-five students have been newly sponsored, including seven from Northside Christian School in Medina, where students host a talent show to raise money for their students in Guatemala.

Praying...

♥ Please pray for God's continued provision for building projects in La Tinta.

♥ Pray for Darwin, Mayra, and Cesar, sixth grade teacher at the Amigos School, as they travel to La Tinta to hold a workshop for the teachers from the San Marcos School. Pray that this would be a great time of fellowship, encouragement, and sharing ideas to use in the classrooms.



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