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When we lived in Israel, we visited some amazing displays in a re-creation of a 1st century village. One display that I always remember is the rope weaving art. They used vegetables and fruit to dye the rope and make beautiful art. It has always made me think about God using the different parts of our lives to weave together a beautiful picture. When we moved to NYC, we had plans of what we would do. In our time here, God has continued to weave together a different and beautiful picture. This weaving has created some exciting announcements in our lives.

Sharayah, along with friends from our community, have started a multi-ethnic and multi-language pre-school group for families in our neighborhood. They named it Peque Play. They have worked hard to create a curriculum that would reach out to anyone in our



neighborhood. The mothers of small children in our community have a deep need for support and resources. The group has been packed every week. Some of the participants have even started coming to church with us. This has gone so well that Sharayah and the team are planning to continue the group and hopefully even grow in size. Please pray that this continues to be a way we can offer love to our neighbors.

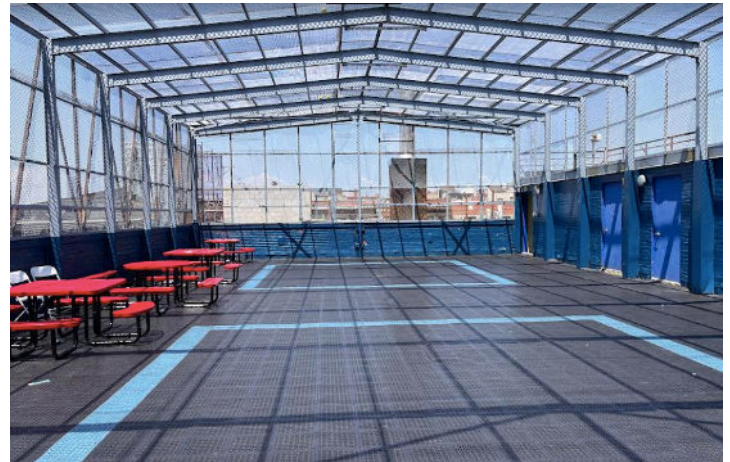
Last summer was the first summer I (Cody) had not worked at camp since 2016. I missed the kids, the activities, and the wonderful volunteers. Space is limited in NYC, so I wasn't sure how I would use my camp skills. In the past couple of months, two amazing opportunities have been opened to me. First, I was asked to help an urban school run a camp. I will be using the skills I learned from years of program managing at camp to interact and love on kids while playing games all of July. I am excited to get involved more with the kids in the neighborhood and be a part of mentoring them.



The second opportunity was even bigger. My gym asked me to run an after-school kids program. Logistically, this is such an amazing open door. We not only have space, but a local community business that wants to help us reach out and offer resources to families. Our goal is for the program to be low-cost. The ages will range from 6-13 years old, and we will focus on getting kids moving and having fun. The unseen benefit of this program is that it offers inexpensive after-school care for parents who don't have the resources, helping lower the crime rate in our neighborhood by mentoring kids at a young age and

reaching a whole new group of families. Our plan is to start this fall.

This is just a snippet of the amazing things God is weaving together in our lives from the training and gifts we have developed over the past years. We are continually reminded of the global work that God does right in our neighborhood as we get to work with families from all over the world. Thank you for being a part of supporting these global impacts and the weaving of God's story in the lives of those in NYC.



Prayer Requests

- Financing for the after-school program called Uptown Movement Kids (we want to offer scholarships to allow kids to come for low to no cost if possible).
- Peque Plays continued growth and reach
- Doors continuing to open for us to love our community

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