

Project Bethany

October 2024

Last month, we enjoyed our first ever family camp. Our social worker, Alejandra, has connections with Gracia Missions. Their aim is to provide a safe and fun camping experience for children and, in our case, their mothers. A number of our moms had never been to camp before, so this was something new for them also.

We welcomed the campers to Camp Ohana (which means “family” in Hawaii) on a drizzly Friday night. After unloading and getting settled into our cabins, we had a delicious dinner before embarking on our camping journey.



The weekend was filled with games, art, swimming, hiking, and Bible lessons for both the mothers and their children. The kids learned about God’s spiritual armor and the importance of putting it on daily and using it. Meanwhile, their mother’s gleaned important concepts about being women of influence from the story of Rahab.

They learned that one decision to leave the old ways behind led Rahab to redemption along with all her family. By choosing to follow God, she influenced her succeeding generations and formed part of the lineage of Jesus.



Camp Ohana was an incredible time for our Project Bethany families. We are eternally grateful to Gracia Missions for choosing to sponsor our group and cover all the costs associated with the camp.

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

Psalms 112:5



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Are you an influencer or are you being influenced?

Today’s social media platforms are full of “influencers.” They seek to have an important effect on others. One very important way that we should all be influenced is by the Word of God. **Romans 12:2** says, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” After being reshaped by the Word of God, we are to be a spiritual influencer for His Kingdom. How do we do this? We inspire and guide others toward the greatest influencer of all times, JESUS. His love was limitless. He served the marginalized, preached the gospel, healed the broken, and sacrificed His life for humanity. Ponder this: Are you an influencer for God or are you being influenced by the world’s system and values?



“I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord. They will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with all their heart.”

Jeremiah 24:7 NIV



Be an influencer who will influence this world, to follow Jesus Christ!

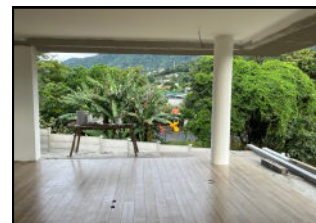
August 15th is Mother's Day in Costa Rica. Our staff decided to bless the moms at Project Bethany with a "Spa Day" experience. We prepared a light breakfast (yogurt, granola, fruit, orange juice, and coffee). Then we treated the ladies to a facial and a foot mask. As they soaked their feet, our Biblical counselor shared a timely devotional with them. Afterward, they received a Burt's Bees gift set. We are grateful for these sweet opportunities to serve the mothers.



During the month of August, our kids came for a visit. We enjoyed some family time at the beach for a few days. We missed Caleb, Sophie, and their boys who were unable to join us. Looking forward to seeing them soon!



Construction Project



Our office building is beginning to take shape! This past month, the workers have labored tirelessly laying the tile throughout the entire building. It is a beautiful wood finish that will give the offices a welcoming atmosphere. The workers have also applied stucco to the walls and prepared them for painting.

We are diligently working to finish up all the details inside the building. Then we need to furnish the facility in order for it to be move-in ready. We are hoping this will happen by the end of this year. We are trusting God to provide the needed funds to wrap up this project.

Would you prayerfully consider donating to the building program? Your offering would go a long way in helping us meet our goal! To contribute, follow instructions on the bottom of this page for Project Bethany, Phase 2 donations.

Thank you!

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Make checks payable to Cornerstone International and note in the memo section "**Thomas-Costa Rica**" for our personal support,

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