

MADE FOR COMMUNITY

Early on this year, someone shared with me the reason Starbucks had taken off when it had. It was during the transition from a porch sitting culture to the microwave society in which we are living. The need for community still remained, and the infamous coffee chain was born.

*WE'VE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY
MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR
COMMUNITY THIS YEAR.*

In January of this year, our small church started the "Experiencing God" study by Blackaby. We both clearly heard the invitation to participate in heart impact locally. With determination to follow His leading, we applied with Cornerstone International (CI). We realized a depletion of community in our life and a need to walk this journey with others.

In joining CI, He has gifted us with such a sense of love and unity among fellow believers near and far. It has been one of the greatest blessings we have received this year. We would like to encourage you with some of the community building moments we have seen Him provide for our family in the year of 2024.

HIS PROVISION

1 Noé and I were invited to serve alongside our friends in Honduras, bringing hope to the hurting inside the walls of a detention center for teenage girls. We shared creative tools and inspiration to enable the inmates to create a mural together with one unified message. We built community through the creative process.

2 Kathlyn was able to join in on the CI women's retreat here in Guatemala, leading the women in some art instruction. It was a sweet time of community and unity while we all slowed down and enjoyed some peaceful creativity. Many ladies have continued to incorporate art in their daily lives and express their gratitude for the peace it brings their weary bodies.

3 Noé had the opportunity to serve in community with other PTs on two separate trips this year. It was a priceless time of connection and learning. Despite working in different contexts, they discovered that they shared similar challenges, allowing for a sense of unity.

4 Our family was able to participate in two art camps together. The girls got to be a part of the art camp community/learn what it is all about; they still talk about their teachers and sing the songs they learned. We can't wait to serve together again in another art camp!





ONE OF THE GREATEST GIFTS OF COMMUNITY WAS OUR FIRST EVER ART RETREAT WITH 20 MISSION-MINDED INDIVIDUALS...

It was an incredible honor and encouragement to offer a space and a place for fellowship and unity to be born within the mission community here in Guatemala. During this I AM ART Retreat, God drew us closer to one another as He worked in our hearts and minds through quiet spaces of creating with Him.

One participant shared how the experience gave her another understanding of who He is...as the Creator working a masterpiece in her life...because of her personal story other names of God hadn't had as big of an impact for her. She shared with tears as this discovery was made or perhaps "remembered anew."

We know so many people need to remember their identity in Christ: that their lives have purpose and brokenness may be restored at the foot of the cross.

For this reason our desire is to continue impacting lives through community building. Our tools of physical care and art are merely instruments in His hands to invest in relationship.

And through your financial and prayer support you join us in community. Together we can impact lives for the Kingdom. We are ever grateful for your part in this work.

Thank you and may God multiply the fruit of all the laborers.

*The Chan family
Noé, KATHLYN, Hadassah & Alizah*

JOIN OUR PRAYER COMMUNITY

- For safety during our winter training and visits in the US this Jan.
- For stamina in the final stretch of onboarding with CI
- For wisdom as we prepare and plan for what ministry will look like next year
- For homeschool prep wisdom
- For peace for our extended family as we all grieve the absence of our foster nephews
- For health for my sister Alyssa who is expecting her first son next month

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