



News of the Niños

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Red Viva

With the help of our partners at Red Viva, (a Christian organization that works with young adults that have come out of orphanages) **we began meeting with 55 alumni in March to train them in “Entrepreneurship”, “Personal Strengthening”, and “Employability”.**

Within Entrepreneurship, the alumni will learn the basics of how to start their own businesses. The training covers what it takes to create a business and establish it for future success, covering things such as market research, marketing, sales estimation, structural organization of a business, proper focus on the client, costs, sales plans, initial required costs, etc.

For Personal Strengthening, Red Viva works to empower the alumni by teaching the value of work, self-organization, decision making, conflict resolution, teamwork, communication, and responsibility. To help set them on the right path, each person will develop a life plan—including specific steps that they wish to take to achieve this plan.

Within Employability, the alumni will receive education to open the door for more work opportunities. They will start

at the beginning learning the basic characteristics, attitude, and personal schedule needed to enter the labor force. Next, they will explore networking techniques, interviewing practice, and how to excel as an employee. Finally, they will go over the personal documentation required for obtaining and keeping a job, as well as labor rights within Honduras.

Red Viva has a deep understanding of the pain and difficulty of being separated from family. Their trainings are not only designed to teach the information necessary to start a business or be employed, but also to focus on the challenges of the individuals in the programs and to help empower them. **The gospel is woven through their efforts to build up these individuals, because they know we need God in order to do any good works.** John 15: 5: “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” ■



Red Viva is working to empower young adults that have come out of orphanages.



ALL GOD'S CHILDREN (AGC) IS A MINISTRY OF COMPASSION TO THE ORPHANED AND DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IN HONDURAS

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14

New Alumni Training Programs

It has always been the desire and goal of AGC for the alumni to be independent and successful followers of Christ. When the pandemic hit we saw needs arise for many of the alumni, so we stepped in and provided emergency care packages to alleviate the economic turmoil the country was facing. We realize that the time for emergency relief has passed, and so we are transitioning to a more long-term approach to assist the alumni. We have developed programs and employed professionals to train the alumni, not only in skills but also in the knowledge necessary to run their own businesses and supplant the emergency relief.



The first set of Alumni Training Programs successfully launched on Jan. 9th and 10th. **The courses aim to provide skills that enable alumni to find better-paying jobs or to build businesses that can be run from their homes.**

The initial three courses are Beauty (manicures and hair), Baking, and Driving.

BAKING PROGRAM

14 young women have signed up for our Baking class, where they are learning how to run small bakeries out of their homes that will serve their communities. This class is taught by a professional who has years of experience working from home and training others to do so. We have already had participants reporting that they have been able to apply what they learned in the first three weeks. **A few of them have already baked and sold successfully, earning almost double the minimum wage.**

DRIVING PROGRAM

The Driving class meets both virtually and in the classroom with a total of 15 participants, and we are encouraged to see that no one has missed classes! The driving program has three parts, for a total of six weeks. The first part of the course teaches the basics of safe driving,



car maintenance, Honduran transit laws, and how to handle different situations. The second part is a 3-hour course by the Transit department in which students must pass a written test. Participants who successfully complete the first two parts will then go to driving school, consisting of 10 hours behind the wheel paid for by AGC. **Jorge took the course two years ago at the Granja, and is now driving a delivery truck and making a good salary.**

BEAUTY PROGRAM

The Beauty program is teaching 23 participants skills that will enable them to run small beauty salons out of their homes. The class is taught by a professional with years of beauty experience and, more importantly, years of experience employed by the government to train women. **Upon completion of these programs, AGC has offered to purchase the necessary equipment for the alumni to start businesses from their homes. ■**



Our Training programs are helping Alumni find better-paying jobs and learn to run their own businesses.

Spring 2021

Dear Friends and Supporters of AGC,

As you may know, AGC's work in Honduras has had a dramatic, and at times, painful change over the past year. AGC was removed from Hogar on February 22, 2020 just as the Covid pandemic was shutting everything down. When the pandemic struck we soon realized that the Hogar alumni were desperate for help. They were not allowed to work or leave their homes. Juan Francisco and Angel received special permission from the police to be on the road helping the Hogar alumni. They purchased food and other necessities to distribute to over 100 alumni every two weeks until January 2021. Your funds helped them to receive what they considered "Mana from Heaven." Thank you for your generosity, may God be Praised.

As we reflect on the past 30 years we are in awe of God's provision & faithfulness. What a privilege it has been to help raise so many wonderful children that were in need of love, guidance and protection at the Hogar. We know that they have left a mark on all of our lives, and we trust that the Christ like love, compassion & guidance that we all instilled into them will help them live a life serving the God that called us to serve them.

We have been in prayer and know that our work in Honduras is "Unfinished". AGC's desire is to be obedient to the last marching orders Jesus gave us found in Matthew 28:19-20 - "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." These are the last words Jesus said to His disciples and to us before He ascended to Heaven. Jesus did not give it as an option but as a command. AGC's work is "Unfinished".

Please join us in prayer as we seek God's guidance to partner with another Project and as we continue serving the Hogar alumni, Nelly, Arvil & Miriam and AFE school.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Al Heerema

Our College Students

Since AGC was removed from the Hogar, the new leadership has excluded the university students from their care. Through God's grace and support from AGC donors, we have stepped in and provided for ten of these students. Jeni Cristina, Wendy Benitez, Glenda Xiomara, Vivian Lopez, Roberto Sosa, Jimmie Calix, David Doblado, Nora Alvarez, and Elba Alvarez are among those whom we are supporting.

With the help of Angel and Francisco, we were able to find apartments and furnish them. We are also providing funding for food, education, and living expenses. We understand they have lost more than just financial support and we are doing what we can to support them in other ways as well. We have weekly zoom calls to discuss classes with them and we are receiving weekly updates regarding their successes and the challenges they face. **We have been very pleased to see God's work in their lives as many of them are attending weekly bible studies.**

Each student is required to obtain experience in their field of study. It has been difficult due to Covid, but **by the Grace of God all of the students have now been able to volunteer or secure an internship,** and some have been able to get necessary training with Angel in construction. ■



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