

SERVING THE LORD IN

BELIZE

Jordan, Justin & Malachi Logston



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Scattering the Seed

"My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord." – Psalm 145:21



Not only is it raining mangos at Camp Concordia, but also God's blessings! Jordan and Malachi enjoy picking mangos from the four massive mango trees at Camp. Thanks for checking out our latest newsletter!

In July, we hosted a five-person team from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Cape Girardeau, MO) and, together, we held the inaugural English Family Camp at El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd in Spanish =D) Lutheran Church in Valley of Peace! The camp was Wednesday through Saturday, with a worship service at the close of the camp on Saturday night. Our theme verse was Psalm 145:21, as we shared not only English instruction, but more importantly, God's Word. We sang songs,

played games, broke into small conversation groups, and shared food and drink. Approximately 30 kids and adults attended each afternoon, and they lingered at the church longer and longer every day, not wanting to leave. It was a beautiful sight watching relationships blossoming before our eyes! Praise God!



The inaugural English Family Camp was a magnificent blessing!



The children learned (and colored!) about creation and some of Jesus' parables.



Jordan (top right) teaching the adults our theme Bible verse during the English Family Camp.



Byron (right) playing an instructional game during the English Family Camp as Idalia looks on.



Maura (left) rolling the dice to see which words she needs to use to make a sentence.

Jordan's ESL classes continue to be a blessing to the Valley of Peace community. She led the efforts on the English Family Camp, and one of the goals was to give potential new students a preview of what her ESL classes look like. Several people have inquired about joining her next classes, scheduled to begin in January. Recently, two students from her Level 2 class had recent success stories:

- Byron (14 years old) was able to renew his passport on his own at the Office of Immigration, where solely English is spoken.
- Maura was able to translate for a team of doctors visiting from the United States, who were holding free clinics for the Valley of Peace community. She translated for three full days, and, thanks to her, the doctors were able to appropriately diagnose and write prescriptions when necessary.



The short-term team from Webster Gardens in Valley of Peace at George Price Park.



Kathy Odegard (center) and librarian Jose Amaya discuss how to organize the books.

We were also blessed to host a short-term team from The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens (St. Louis, MO) for a week in June. This six-person team helped to revitalize the Community Library in Valley of Peace, which had been closed since

the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as read stories to children at a nearby school. Thanks be to God that the Community Library has now reopened, and dozens of children are stopping in to discover the joys of reading!

Prayers

- Thanksgiving for the safe and successful relocation of our brother-in-law, Bobby, and his two sons, Harper and Brooks, to Florida. We pray that God would bless this new chapter of their lives.
- Prayers for the McFadden/Logston family as they continue to grieve the loss of Larry McFadden, Justin's uncle. We rejoice in his saving faith! His Celebration of Life service was solely focused on Jesus' Saving Word, and we pray for those ripples to affect many lives to His Glory.
- Prayers of thanksgiving that we think the hot/dry season in Belize is done for the year! xD

Thank you for your ongoing love and support of our little family serving the Lord in Belize. We look forward to continuing to share with YOU how God will shine His light in all of us!

Vivit,

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