

School is out for the summer!

The countdown is on for the last day of school and our 175 students will enjoy their 2 month "summer" holiday with their families. Some will travel to the countryside to visit extended family, some will attend the Lighthouse of Hope Camp, and some will stay close to home playing with siblings and neighborhood friends and probably lots of soccer on the street. Overall, 2016 was a good year and we had lots of moments where we could see the Lord at work. We had a guest speaker share with the parents about the importance of appropriate discipline in the home, we have had volunteer tutors, and Christian formation study with the junior high students. We also



had a team of dental hygienist students come and do check ups at the



Dental Checkups!



school. One of them Carlos Rojas (bottom left), a grad from our school who did an excellent job teaching the kids proper dental hygiene.

The Christmas party was also a big success and the kids all loved receiving their gifts and letters from their sponsors. The junior high students led the younger ones in some silly songs followed by each class doing a special performance. Each classroom teacher had their rooms decorated and ready with games, food and other activities as they awaited "Papa Noel" to bring his sac of Christmas presents from their sponsors.

Students will be in exams on Feb 20-24th. Please pray for a safe holiday for all of our students and staff.

Baby Dedications

In the month of December, 4 children were dedicated to the Lord in the church. Their parents brought them forward to be prayed for and to accept the responsibility as parents to raise their child(ren) teaching them about Christ's love for them and His salvation. We are excited to see our church community grow. Beginning in May



the church will begin the study "The Story" as a congregation which will be used in kids



club, youth ministry, weekly Bible studies and Sunday mornings. Please pray for the leaders of our Church (Carlos Ortega, Willian Loza, Felipe Chilan and Freddy Vincés) and other ministry leaders as they teach this study.

Construction Project

As the countdown for the end of school is on, so it is for the breaking ground of the 2 story addition. This space will give us 2 new offices for Sandra and Willian, 2 large storage spaces, a new classroom and a multi purpose AV room.

We are so thankful for the 4 Volunteers from Canada that will be on site at the beginning of March to rebuild 2 bathrooms in the gym and to renovate prior offices into a teacher's workspace.

We now have 2 new offices on the second story of the church property across the street which have been renovated this month. One will be used for the mission, and the other will be a pastoral office.

All of these changes are to give the school and the church more space. Both have been growing in numbers over the years. In May 2017 the school will have approximately 200 kids registered, and church attendance has been around 70 each week (we have outgrown the church building and have been meeting in the school gym). The Lord is working in the community of Bastion.

We are still raising money to complete these projects and to be able to purchase the furnishings for these new spaces. We will need new desks, chairs, cupboards, fans, tables and whiteboards.



Church offices in process

The total cost for the project is estimated at \$70,000 (including furnishings) and we are still about \$15,000 short of our goal.

If you would like to partner with us in this project please fill out the attachment at the bottom of this page and send it to MSC Canada or CMML.



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