

Children's Christian Concern Society

Sharing Jesus' love with children around the world through Christian Education



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GOOD NEWS:

Insituto Luterano began as a pre-school and each year added a grade. The year before the first class was to graduate from high school, the building and land were confiscated by the government and they had to move.

Good News is that the new school is almost complete, and although the school is smaller they plan to grow to their former size of 500 students. The CCCS provides scholarships for 32 children plus ½ the salaries of 2 Christian Education Teachers, one who is a pastor.



Scholarship student Cocinera Rosaria, Bolivia.

NICARAGUA:

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Gethsemane Lutheran Church of El Viejo, Chinandega was truly on fire. God's Holy Spirit blessed with faith in Jesus to twelve children and two adults. They publicly confessed for the first time their trust and confidence upon our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Pastor Maximo Urroz proclaimed the Word to more than 200 people attending the Confirmation Service. Among them were many proud parents who also confessed their sins and received the absolution from our merciful Father through the healing words of the Gospel. The Lord is abundantly blessing this His Lutheran Mission in Nicaragua. Please pray for these new souls who have received the assurance of salvation and eternal life for Christ's merits.

Sandor Arguello, missionary

Damian Quispe is the Educational Director of the Iglesia Luterana de Bolivia and director of the CCCS project...

Other Good News: The CCCS sometimes has several projects in one country. The two projects and directors for Liberia have joined with 12 churches to form the CCCS Committee of Liberia. Four Schools will be under their umbrella as well as providing scholarships for upper class students in 12 Lutheran Churches. Rev. Amos Bolay was elected Chairperson with Rev. Sam Freeman elected Vice-Chair. Over 2,000 students are studying as a result of the CCCS work in Liberia. The complete story is on page 2.

Nigeria:

Rev. Chris Ekong, CCCS Director shares that 46 children are being supported with CCCS scholarships: 12 are in a Children's Home in Obot Idim, the others are children of widows, and Seminary Students. Rev. Ekong writes: "My mouth can talk about the goodness of God. The Lord is doing it for our children and the church through you. Each child you support is a great gift to the church and to Nigeria."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Fourth CCCS Mission Conference will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Topeka, KS November 5, 2005. Another inspirational program is being planned Executive Director of Missions Robert Roegner will be the Bible Study Leader. Luncheon speaker and workshop speaker will be Nury de Milian. She and her husband are part of the team of founders of the Lutheran school of Guatemala one of the newest CCCS schools.

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LIBERIA:

Dear Madam Jorns,

With much prayer and patience, we finally all got together with Rev. Freeman to form the Liberia CCCS Committee. This was on the 9th of April, 2005. Patient in that we did not want to set up a leadership or a committee that all concerned would not have participated in its formation. People are more willing to work with what they put together. So in our first two meetings we did not get Sam, but he was surely present at this last one which formed the committee and leadership.

The committee is yet a six men committee with four leadership positions. We hope to enlarge it in the future to include some ladies and other men. But for now, these are our elected or appointed leaders by consensus:

- 1. Rev. Amos Bolay-----Chairman
- 2. Rev. Sam B. Freeman -----Co-Chairman
- 3. Rev. Jackson S. Jaylah -----Secretary
- 4. Deacon Martin F. Kamara --Treasurer
- 5. Evangelist J. Janga Kolee --Member
- 6. Evangelist Geman P. F. Ballah II --Member

The CCCS Committee of Liberia is a make up of men from various congregations. The leadership was set up after all positions was declared vacant. However, we must admit that it was done through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and recognition of previous or past services and experience.

At the same meeting, the committed unanimously concluded that we forward to you our approval for the past project of Rev. Jaylah which was earlier forwarded to you. Said request now has the full approval and support of this committee. We however, realized that the final approval for request forwarded by this committee rest upon you.

We are committee to helping you with the many request that are usually sent to you directly. We know the people and can help you to correctly identify the most needed.

Attached are some photos of the newly formed committee. Please teach us what you will want us to do and how we are to function as a committee

Yours
Rev. Amos Bolay
Chairman-CCCS Committee for Liberia/Lutherans

GUATEMALA:

Beatrice Catalan is the director of Family of God Lutheran Church, Guatemala City, she has a college degree in engineering which she obtained through scholarship help. Her goal is to ensure that the children of the church have a chance for an education. This year 3 are studying in the university, in law, medicine and psychology. University Education is free, the hard part is finishing high school.

Twenty eight students are in this project and we received thank you's from each one. It is hard to choose which one to share, but Lester Ariel Pineda Sosa, a 13 year old 5th grader writes;

Dear CCCS:

I am so thankful for the help which you provide. It provides my school supplies, uniforms, enrollment fees, and is an encouragement. I would like to give you something but I can't so I will guard you in my heart and pray for you that nothing bad happens to you. May God keep you safe in where you are, and bless you..

Lester Ariel Pineda Sosa



Liberia : Left to right is Sam Freeman, Martin Kamara ,Amos Bolay, Jackson Jaylah, German Ballah & Janga Kolee who is kneeling.

JESUS ES AMOUR!

"Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." *Romans 8:39*

I was blessed to be part of a four-member delegation that traveled throughout Guatemala and visited 11 of the participating Children's Christian Concern Society Scholarship sites from March 1st thru the 10th of this year. Other members on the tour, were: Dr. Edie Jorns, one of the CCCS founders, Dan Murphy, a CCCS contributing member from Manhattan, St. Luke's. Alfred Aufdemberge, vice-president of the Society.

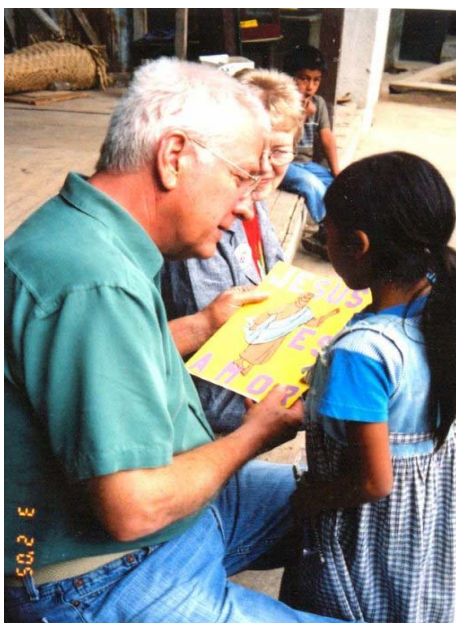
One purpose of the trip was to introduce me, the new executive director, to the school children, directors and Lutheran pastors in Guatemala. Another purpose was to deliver school supplies to many of the school children. My church, Faith Topeka, and St. Luke Manhattan, supplied big boxes of school supplies, such as, pencils, pens, magic markers, pencil sharpeners, chalk, finger paints and many other such items. Dan, who owns a music company, supplied numerous musical instruments to the students who needed them. The Faith Sunday School classes, in Topeka, donated one month of their class collections. A music store in Topeka, Hume Music, donated a beautiful guitar for one of the schools. District President Keith Kohlmeier and his wife Marlene also contributed a box of school supplies. Others, Jessie Wood, Topeka and Rosalyn Borchers, Great Bend contributed money to buy yet more supplies. May God bless those wonderful congregations and individuals and may His name be praised in touching hearts to enable us to reach out beyond our own children and grandchildren who also have needs! We are all children of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am most happy to report that the children warmly received the school supplies and I personally was able to distribute many items to the children directly and that was a major highlight of my trip because the gifts are so greatly appreciated shown by the light in the eyes and the joy in the hearts of the children. I, on behalf of these children, thank the members of the Contributing Churches for their prayers, good wishes and generous gifts.

But what I really learned above everything else on this journey, is that I as a "giver", became a "receiver" when a little 6-year-old girl in Santiago Zamora (Redeemer of the World – Lutheran School) came up to me and gave me a poster she had made. The little girl said to me, in English, "that Jesus loved me and that she loved me as well". The poster, in the picture, shows, "Jesus Es Amor" (Jesus is Love). Now, who was the teacher and who was the student? Now, who was the giver and who was the receiver? Now, who was the least of these?

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" *Matthew 25:40.*

Jesus' through this very young Guatemala missionary had once again delivered His never changing message to me and the entire world. Jesus loves me! We all need opportunities and experiences like these to serve and to be served



beyond our own selves or our own communities. We all need these reminders. In each of our families and in each of our congregations we need to tell each other that with the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ's love comes to us through service, through giving and through going beyond ourselves. It is not that we earn anything by giving but rather Jesus' transforming love inspires us, motivates us, and most importantly changes us to give what we have with a clean heart and a right spirit. This is the real mission of the CCCS.

The CCCS provides scholarships to over 10,000 children at 121 school sites, in 15 countries throughout the world. The Organization has been operating for nearly 38 years. Guatemala was the first country served by the CCCS Mission. These students are missionaries in that they often they lead their parents, sisters, brothers and other relatives to Christ. You too are a missionary to your own families and congregations.

The most important thing we learned in our travels is wherever we went Jesus es Amor!

Paul M. Klotz,
Executive Director

CCCS FACTS TO REMEMBER AND SHARE!

- FACT:** It takes \$150 to support a child for a year, \$500 per year to support a boarding school student.
- FACT:** All scholarship sites are administered through a partnership with Lutheran Missions.
- FACT:** CCCS is a 501 C-3 tax exempt non-profit organization and Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS.
- FACT:** Direct deposit is available.
- FACT:** An 18-minute CCCS video is available by calling the LCMS Kansas District Office Media Library at (785)-357-4441 or by writing 1000 SW 10th Ave. Topeka, KS. 66604.
- FACT:** A new video made **especially for children** is now available by contacting the Kansas District Office Media Library.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Special Need: Dr. Martin Luther School in Chajabal, Guatemala wants to begin a high school but the government requires computers for at least half of the classroom. Rev. Martin Chan writes he is praying for a miracle. \$5,300 will buy the 10 computers. The CCCS does not use its funds for such projects but depends on outside gifts.

Haiti: Please pray for the Lutheran Church in Haiti. Rev. Benoit has been diagnosed with diabetes, and Rev. Thomas Bernard with typhoid both pastors are directors of projects in Haiti. Medical care in Haiti is often primitive at best.

Thank You: The Lord is so faithful Thank you to the donors who have responded since our last newsletter. We pray you can get a glimpse of the difference you are making.



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Students, Tinquipaya Bolivia



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