

Loads of Activity



Our wonderful staff and missionaries of the camp at the retreat.



Dan, Samantha and I enjoying some nature at Antisana Volcano Park.

Praises:

- WE FINALLY GOT OUR TAX ID NUMBER!
- The staff retreat went well. We all learned a lot and have some ideas on what we need to be working on as a team.
- We now have 27 kids that are a part of the foundation. They started school this past week.
- Summer activities are done but we had a lot of fun with the kids and staff.
- We enjoyed a visit from Wayne and Grant from the Orphanos Office.
- We heard from one of the families that walked to the States. Most of them made it.
- Most of the kids have sponsors for the year.
- The Lord continues to guide and direct each day.

Prayer Requests:

- Balance as a family with regards to time with the Lord, each other, school, ministry, life and rest.
- Our staff continues to grow together and in the Lord.
- We submitted paperwork to the government to be able to “rent” an abandoned school.
- Wisdom for the president of Ecuador as the government and indigenous negotiate terms from the protests.
- The Lord would be glorified in all that is done through the family and foundation. He is to be praised!



Samantha is so thankful her friends have returned from the US. She has been really enjoying them. She has to do some form of exercise to have screen time; hence while, she is hanging out in the door. Samantha is so creative. She is always writing a book, painting, learning piano and inventing something. I look forward to how God will use that for His glory.

After 2 years and lots of work by the lawyer, accountant, Johanna De La Vega (board member) and Dan, we have all the government paperwork for the foundation! Praise Jesus! Dan and the accountant are now working on a bank account for the foundation. Just an example of what it takes to get a foundation bank account here. All the paperwork from the government. Two character references from Ecuadorians for both Dan and I (so four different people). \$4000 that is left in the account. Four additional references that will verify that the Foundation is real and not a money laundering scheme. And plenty of other things. It is always interesting to us how much paperwork, money and time is spent by missionaries to be able to share the gospel in a different country, but the souls are totally worth it. Also, being legal in a country is very wonderful and we don't have fear of being in prison for not doing it legally. As a social services foundation, we applied to the government to "rent" (rent free) an abandoned school. The contract could be as long as 60 years without paying rent. We do have to fix and maintain the building. We could hear as early as Wednesday. This would allow us to expand as we are at capacity where we are. We also have about 60 kids on a waiting list. I trust the Lord will do what He has planned. His plan is perfect!



This is my favorite part of my job. (well besides these beautiful kids knowing and growing in Christ) I was not at the foundation for a couple of days because I was sick. This was my greeting when I got back. I love the hugs and the closeness! I love the smiles when I know their lives are rough. I love that they get to just be kids at the foundation.

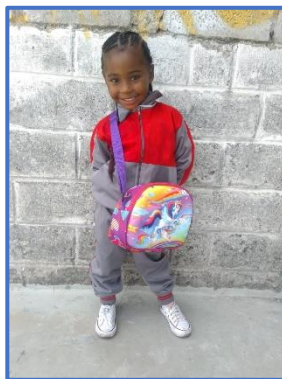
We have heard from one of the families that walked to the US. A family of 6 (mom, dad, brother of mom, three kids 16, 12 and 10) The mom and 2 younger ones made it across the border and were sent to a processing center in San Antonio, Texas. The Dad, uncle and older son were detained in Mexico. The Dad was eventually connected with the family and they were all sent to Chicago. The uncle and older son are still in Mexico. I am so thankful most of them are safe as we discouraged the move as it is illegal. Praying for my dear State of Texas. Praying for the people who are so desperate and traveling there. Praying the cartels end and they stop making so much money off of this. Praying for safety of our dear border patrol (love ya Jake).



We had a wonderful and encouraging visit from Wayne and Grant from Orphanos. We so enjoyed having them even if they did beat us in the game Sequence way to many times. Thank you to the whole Orphanos team as yall are an important part of what is happening in so many countries. We appreciate yall!



The summer activities for the kids have come to an end. The kids spent many days at parks and experienced a culture event at one of them. They went to a recycling center run by Christians and learned about our part of God's plan to care for nature. They learned table etiquette and were rewarded with a trip to a Korean restaurant. Only 2 had ever been to a restaurant which included KFC. Only one of them mastered chop sticks. They went to a water park which was a first for all of them. They did art and dance and many other things. They learned about Jesus each day in so many different ways. I pray that He grows in each of them.



Classes have started at the schools. We have been busy getting uniforms, school supplies and getting kids registered for school. Public school is technically free but you have to have the PE and school uniform for your school and school supplies; otherwise, you can not attend school. Thank you to all those who have sponsored kids and adults this year. We have 27 kids and 4 adults attending school this fall. Pray they will learn what the Lord has for them. The other picture is a few of the parents at a class on parenting that was lead by our physcologist and drug and alocohol counselor/pastor. The parents shared a lot of what is happening in their homes. May the Lord continue to heal these families.

The first scripture I ever memorized was Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding and He will make your paths straight." This is my prayer for the kids, families, staff, the foundation and our family. May He direct us.

Many blessings,

Dan, Gina and Samantha