

GATES OF HOPE

2012 Holiday Newsletter

RECENT UPDATES

Violence Prevention in Costa Rica

In the month of October, Gates of Hope was given the opportunity to partner with Fundacion Casa Abierta to implement a pilot Violence Prevention Program for kids and parents at El Rosario School in San Jose, Costa Rica. Joel Ryman designed a two-day sports festivities program that specifically addressed developing communication skills, coping skills, and working together as a team for children between the ages of 4 and 8.



The kids were absolutely amazed at spinning a ball on your finger so Joel attempted to teach them all how to do it...



At the end of the second day, Deborah gave a presentation to the parents and teachers on how to prevent violent behaviors in their children and how to facilitate a culture of peace in their homes and communities.

The program was a great success! We would like to thank El Rosario School for allowing us to come in and work with the children as well as Fundacion Casa Abierta for setting up this project. A very special thank you to Laura Arroyo for interpreting for all 12 classes and throughout Deborah's presentation! We could not have done any of this without you!

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Holiday Gift Ideas

Give a Gift that Keeps on Giving this Christmas

Keychains from Kenya

Need some stocking stuffers? Purchase a magnificently hand-crafted keychain from Kenya and you give a beautiful gift AND contribute to a GREAT CAUSE!



Email Deborah@gatesofhope.com to place your order.

How about purchasing a goat, some chickens, or some tools this Christmas? You can also make a donation toward the supplies we will need once we arrive in Kenya such as paint and lumber...

\$6 for a Chicken

\$60 for a Goat

\$9 for a Hammer

From Gates of Hope Board Members

So far, this has been a year full of opportunities and we want to take this one to stop and mention the many things we are thankful for. As an organization, we have to thank each and every donor, partner, and prayer partner who have all been so vital to our growth.

We are especially thankful for the upcoming trip to Kenya and the time the team will have to spend with our children. We can't thank Lana Turner and Mike Wootton enough for their volunteer service!

Finally, we are so thankful for every child and adult at Gates of Hope and the chance we have to provide a positive difference in their lives. It is a unique experience to work with people from all over the world and one we relish in on a daily basis!



THE BOARD:

Chad Nicholson, Jake Proffitt, Jon Munn,
Mike Hammer, Joel & Deborah Ryman



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Thanks From Our Kids

“I thank God for bringing us this far. Pastor Mary, thank you for helping so many disappointed and frustrated children and also families and helping them see their dreams coming true.”
-Alice

“I would like to take this golden opportunity to convince you how thankful I am for your support all these years. I thank God who touched you and made it possible for you to assist me by paying my school fees.”

-Robinson

Thanks to You!

Thank you Citipointe Christian College in Brisbane, Australia!

Year Eight Students led by their Teacher, Mrs. Sophia Borinetti, held a special Market Day on Friday, November 2, as an Outreach Project to raise money for Gates of Hope Foundation. The students went to great lengths to prepare various food products for sale within the School Community. Their enthusiasm and generosity raised \$1,398.00 for Gates of Hope! The kids have decided to donate these funds toward the further development of the chicken project!

Thanks to the hard work of Lana Turner (Brisbane, Australia) and the generosity of employees at UnitingCare Community, \$233.00 has been raised through the sale of Keychains from Kenya!



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