



Esperanza de Ana

2018 In Review



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## You Crown the Year with Your Blessings

*You answer us with awesome deeds.  
Your hope resounds, God our Savior,  
To distant lands and farthest seas.*

~ Psalm 65 ~

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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We invite you to celebrate the storyline that God has written for EA which now includes a family of ministries (see next page). Above all we continue to remember we are a tiny part of His work in His world. The real story is about the beauty of Christ's redemptive works in each individual life which we have been allowed to see accomplished at Esperanza de Ana in 2018.

In each ministry we strive to create an environment of peace and order where relationships are built which grow through the grace and mercy of Christ in us and where the gospel message is communicated so that eternal life becomes the hope of kids and parents. Education has become the principal avenue through which our mission work is carried out. Working for the restoration and preservation of families continues to guide us.

**All of these good things are possible because of the church (individual and corporate) who collaborates in giving, serving, encouraging, praying, and worshipping with us.**

God continues to show Himself as Provider as we walk in obedience and growing faith. Through the ¡Que Rico! Fund-Our-Food Facebook event \$24,569 was raised and many shared their joy in participation. Simultaneously, God has continued to raise up givers to our building fund. We now have \$107,000 of the \$130,000 needed for Phase Two. And we received a grant from Samaritan's Purse: \$20,000 for our 2019 scholarship fund! The favor of the Father is on this place and we are humbled and moved to walk more fully in the fear of the LORD who will accomplish His purposes.

For His world, for His sake, for His glory,

Jim & Tkay,

*and the amazing national and missionary staff of EA*



## Family of Ministries



### Casa Esperanza...is 8 years old

**Deysi, Enrique, & Katy** were restored to living in family this year! We continue to walk with the whole family. The three kids, and now step-sister Cristina, receive full education scholarships and attend Esperanza School. And what about **Nataly**?! God is so good—the last of our original 9 kids is now living in the U.S. with the **Dyer family** and studying at **Summit Christian Academy**! **God does more than we could ask or imagine.**

18 children - 2,532 breakfasts - 4,223 dinners - 2,092 snacks



### Familias Fuertes...is 7 years old

At our Christmas celebration one of our single dads, **Luis Curilla**, shared with everyone gathered, *"I want to thank the whole EA family...they have helped us, I believe, to strengthen our families. I think that God, our heavenly father, has put them in our path to help us be strong in the face of all the pressures that we encounter in our lives."* **Luis recognizes that God is our Provider! That is the outcome that we pray and work towards.**

58 dads & moms - 45 home visits - 241 counseling hours



### Esperanza School...is 6 years old

Our after-school program supports learning six hours a day. This year we added a 2 & 3 year old class. The sweet testimony is that the teacher is **Guisela Mallqui**, who herself was one of the first kids in Casa Esperanza. As a child we could see Guisela's leadership, responsibility, and quick-mind were evident. She fights for the rights of our kids in the school that they attend in the morning. She has become a valued staff member at EA. **This is a storyline to celebrate. God is faithful to His children!!**

65 students - 35,760 tutoring hrs - 40 education scholarships



### Launching Leaders...is 1 year old

LL provides support for young adults entering higher ed programs, beginning career paths, and starting families. Despite a teenage pregnancy, God has done a redeeming work in Maricielo's life. She, Alex, and their daughter live with her in-laws. The first safe home she has known. Maricielo passed her college entrance exam and will begin studying accounting this March. She is among several of our highschoolers who graduated this year and plan to be the first in their families to attend college.

17 young people - 164 home visits



EA  
Staff  
Team

## Go and Serve - Teams & Interns

Here we grow again. Meet Jocelyn.

**Jocelyn Branco** was homeschooled and now she is an early childhood education teacher with a focus in special education. She interned at EA in 2018. Jocelyn complemented our missionary team and had invaluable insight in improving our learning environments. Jocelyn is being sent by **Main Street Church** to serve as a full-time missionary. She will develop, implement and teach a one-room style PreSchool Pilot class in Esperanza School. Joc arrives on February 22. **Pray for her as she adapts to life in Peru. We can't wait to have her as a part of the EA family.**



Retirement? ...just say no!

In March-April we were blessed by long-term visits and special services from several different couples in transition between their career years and the years that they have ahead to serve in accordance with their passions and talents. We want to say a special thanks to **Paul and Robin Pfannenstiel**, **Jim and Monica Logan**, as well as **Dan and Mary Lou Fritts**. In addition to their other giving and serving, they provided the wisdom of years and brought great encouragement to our missionary and national staff. **We love you all so very much! Thank you.**



Medical Missions. Evaluating health.

Long-time friends of EA, **Rick and Kirsten McBurney** (doctor & nurse) helped us to create and implement a 3 day project focused on evaluating the health of our families in 7 areas. Alongside our national staff, Rick and Kirsten spent time asking provoking questions and listening to the hearts and minds of each of our parents. The goal of this project was to raise awareness and educate in areas of health outside of physical alone, focusing on introducing Christ, the only way to be completely whole. The McBurney's are from **Hudson First Baptist (NC)**.



Four churches, one heart.

Each church that visits brings Christ. Especially beautiful are weeks when churches from different locales come together. Our last team of 2018 was made up of folks from **Gateway Church (BS,MO)**, **Main Street Church (STL,MO)**, **Community Bible Church (Illinois)**, and **River's Edge Community Church (Michigan)**. They worked hard on property projects and brought cool learning activities to our classrooms. It was an amazing way to end our year. We are super-blessed through churches committed to getting dirty with us in the mission work to which we are called.



2018 Mission Team Members: **Jan** Jess Brumbaugh, Sianny Starks, Nathan Peach, Jake Sellers, Belen Veras-Alba, Ben Hess, Claire Shearer, Casey Carr **Mar** Jay & Mary Wortley, Amy & Amelia Hayward, Paul & Robin Pfannenstiel, Jim & Monica Logan, Tim Dyer, Jeff Reeder, Dan & Mary Lou Fritts **May** Josh Bowman, Alisha Cannizzaro, Ethan Crane, Lina Duiker, Juliette Entenman, Gary Gramling, Travis Kaylor, Dan Min, Margaret Vanderhoff, Alex Zubler, Alisha Hebert, Rebecca Ryder, Kevin & Lori Hewitt, Chase Baker, Galen Grabill, Deb Jagiel, Noel Sanor, Cassie Garcia, Sarah Portillo, Joseph Portillo **Jun** Tim, Andrea, and Shelby Dyer, Lauren Sterling, Betsi Sterling, Michelle Marble, Stanley McDaniel **Jul** Rick & Kirsten McBurney, Hope Laingen, Bonnie Laingen, Matthew & Kaitlyn McBurney, Sarah Malicoat, Logan Rash, Lewis Miller, Jonathan Penny, Alexis McBurney, Kassie Woody, Sharon Shook, Jonah McBurney, Paul Renfrow, Rebecca Pence, Kelsey Meyer **Oct** Lisa Guier, Shawn Ryan, Aynslee Cline, Nichole Banks, Paul & Robin Pfannenstiel, Darla Speck, Jennifer Stinebacker, Terry Monroe, Steve Branco, Carrie Branco, Tara Marlett, Chase Riber, Diana Hurd, David Carlson, Shelley Lundberg



**YOU CAN PARTICIPATE WITH US THROUGH WORSHIP AND PRAYER:** If you have ever had the opportunity to serve in Peru with us you know that each Monday - Friday at 9am we meet together as a missionary team to worship God and pray for His world. We have held this practice for five years. As well, our national staff meets together for prayer when their workday begins. For our missionary team each day includes an intercessory prayer topic. We'd love for you to join us in this most important work.

MONDAY - national staff

TUESDAY - children and families

WEDNESDAY - communities, political leaders, countries

THURSDAY - partners, mission teams, interns

FRIDAY - pastors, missionaries, worldwide church of believers

## January celebration and thanksgiving

- \* Esperanza School's Summer Vacation program kicked off on January 21st. The program is open to the community, 24 new students are being served this year. There is a cost to participate and so new students come from families in a slightly higher economic level, they have not suffered neglect and abuse as many EA kids have experienced. Why are we offering thanksgiving? **EA teachers shared that from day one it was clear that EA kids are academically and behaviorally advanced. Our Father sees each child, He picks them up and rescues them. He puts them in Christ's arms through our staff. He has a plan for their lives.**
- \* Gabby, a recent widow, has been trying to get her 13 year old daughter, Patricia, in Esperanza School for about a year. She is now in our summer program. Patricia was born 4 months premature. Her legs and lungs didn't develop normally, so she fights some unique challenges. Gabby shared that her daughter was displaying several symptoms of severe depression and she had taken her to Peru's children's hospital. **However, in the two weeks she has participated in the summer program her symptoms are disappearing.** Her momma has always fought with her to have polite manners without success. Patricia is now walking with her head up and greeting others as expected in this culture. Her mom asked her why she is finally being polite. Patricia said, "All the kids at EA are, mom!" This is not a small thing. It is the work of our God redeeming a life. **Our Father, you see the widow and the orphan. You rescue. You alone are good.**
- \* The marriage of the first of our children or parents is a reason to celebrate. Guisela Mallqui Cierito will marry Cesar Ollarte Padilla on February 23rd!! **Faithful Father, we celebrate the redeeming work you are doing in Guisela's life. Thank you for giving her a family with Cesar and their daughter Lia.**

## For intercession

- \* We have four Venezuelan refugee students in our summer program. **Pray for their families as they work to build new lives in Peru.**
- \* Gabriel had tuberculosis as a child. Almost 10 years ago EA helped to provide surgery to repair a hole in his lung. Now he has a son, Santiago, who was born with congenital heart disease, a condition called *niño azul* (blue child) by the people here. Children born with this heart defect in the US have surgery before they ever leave the hospital. Santiago is 6 years old and has not been able to attend school regularly, he is behind in all of his developmental skills, especially language. He is attending our Summer Vacation program. **Pray for this momma and daddy as they navigate caring for a Santiago and work towards getting the surgery he is desperately needs.**
- \* Many of our staff and children have come to know Christ through the work here at EA. Watching their growth and transformation over the last 8 or 9 years has been a joy. We are sensing the need to begin our own small church gathering here, to provide the gospel of grace in this religious and legalistic country. God has stirred the hearts of a young couple who are set to marry this April. They are in preparation to come serve here with us after their first year of marriage. **Please pray for God's way and will to be known in these stirrings.**