

Palo Blanco Connection



Fountain of Living Water School Staff Meeting Covid Style! We had many meetings to relay all the protocols for Covid-19 from the Ministry of Health and plan how virtual learning could work with our kids at risk and how to get the families more involved in it all. The Ministry of Education also provided some training over Zoom for the teachers on virtual learning. We are proud of the staff and the way they grew and learned a lot during all this process and the efforts they made in a very difficult situation.

Dear Fairview Family,

Greetings! Oh, how our world has changed and will continue to change and bring its' challenges. My theme song has been the little chorus "How great is our God, how great is His name. He's the greatest one and forever the same. He rolled back the waters of the mighty Red Sea and He said I'll never leave you put your trust in me." I am so grateful our God and Savior has not changed and remains faithful in our lives. It is a blessing to know HE will never leave us or forsake us! May we lean on Him and His promises for us and all those around us.

One of the most difficult challenges for our staff and children with Covid-19 has been virtual learning. To start with the electricity is not always reliable and when it is often the internet is not. Many children do not have devices and have to use their parent's phones to connect for class which they do not always have available which makes it difficult to have instruction time. The teachers also make up work packets that go along with their virtual learning lessons that parents need to pick up and return each week for their children. This helps the students who are having trouble connecting virtually or don't have devices. The positive thing is that the children continue to learn about Jesus and the Bible, as the teachers continue devotions with the children virtually.

I want to thank each of you for your continued prayers, support and/ giving to help make the ministry possible and reaching out to children at risk and their families. Especially during these COVID-19 times with added costs of supplies for CCOVID safety and education and then adding to that extra food distribution for our families. Besides the normal help for children with dental problems, medical issues and other needs there have also been some extra unexpected medical costs that we have helped with including an emergency surgery and help with several funerals involving our Palo family.

I will be sending out more updates and pictures on the ministry by email – if you would like to be a part of that and have not received updates please send your email address to janburkey@kidsalive.org letting me know you would like to be on my list and have not received my updates. I will be sending another update soon similar to this with prayer requests and praises included 😊! In the meantime, please pray that the students can return to school at least part time for some instruction so we have more contact with them. The government has at least finally started to talk about it and work towards a gradual return. We miss having the children at school that is for sure, it just isn't the same on line! We praise the Lord that we have felt the Lord's protection against COVID! Thank you for being the Lord's hands extended here in the Dominican Republic sharing Jesus' love! We sure missed having your team down this year!!!!

Blessings, Jan Burkey General Director Fountain of Living Water Kids Alive International