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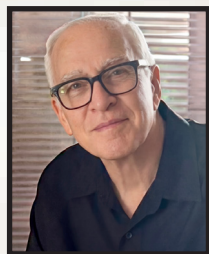
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People God Sends Our Way

Across the years, I have come into conversation with random strangers, and come to realize this was a divinely appointed encounter. Such was the case a few days ago when we had the privilege of hosting two young men, we soon discovered were from Ukraine. We were curious about how they were allowed to leave their country when young men are needed to serve in the military.

We discovered they are not here as tourists but soldiers on military assignment. They and their team of 10 are here to train our soldiers at Fort Carson, nearby, in drone warfare. They were very respectful young men on a very important assignment.



The war in Ukraine, against the aggression of Russia has escalated from man-to-man combat to the use of missiles/rockets, to attacking the enemy with drones. The Ukrainians have found a way to use inexpensive drones and to source parts, quickly. The results are the destruction of very expensive Russian weapons. This is what our military is rapidly moving towards in combat. Through this short interaction with these men, I was able to give testimony of God's control over injustice, his grace and presence even on the battlefield. I prayed with them, for their families and for peace in their nation. This certainly was God's appointment, to encourage these men whose lives, families and country hang in the balance, between Russian suppression or peace and life of freedom.

Please join us in continuing to pray for the country and people of Ukraine.

IT'S OVER ... ALL TOO SOON!



by Callum King, Camp Supervisor

As we begin to look towards the end of another summer camp season, we rejoice in all the Lord has done this year.

The majority of our camps this year have been for children from children's homes and children from disadvantaged families.



We thank the Lord and our faithful friends for the provision of funds and sponsorship to make it possible for us to be able to invite so many of these children this summer.

By the time we finish with all camps, around 250 children will have come this summer either fully or partially sponsored. As always it has been a huge privilege and blessing to be able to invite children to camp who otherwise would be unable to afford to come.



May the Lord bless all who have given financially and supported the work in this way.



We have also been incredibly blessed by teams and individuals from Scotland, England and the USA who have come to serve alongside us again this year. Not only did they come prepared with teachings, games and crafts but they demonstrated Christ's love to our children. We know their sacrifices and efforts are not in vain. As always there are too many stories to tell of God's working in the lives of the children, but I was personally encouraged last week to see what the Lord has been doing in the life of a

young guy called Alex who is now 17 and lives in a local children's home. Two years ago Alex came to Friendship Camp as a camper for the first time. During that week of camp he gave his life to the Lord. This was the result of the hard work of the Christian family who run the children's home and years of investment in his life. However the Lord was gracious and allowed us to play a small part in that process and see Alex come to faith.

This year Alex returned to camp as a young leader and did an excellent job ministering to the younger kids in small groups, playing the kajon in the worship team, and organizing games and activities. It was a huge encouragement to see the Lord at work in his life and his desire to return to camp and serve others.



Memories Are Made Of This



This week we have a smaller camp with severely special needs kids from a Christian children's home. There are 27 children accompanied by caregivers who look after one or two children each. Many of the children are unable to communicate verbally but we know from their smiles and the affection they show that

this is a special week for them and a good change from their normal program.

May the Lord, in His special way, bless them and those who look after them every day throughout year. We hope to be able to invite more of these children in the future, with the help of our friends' donations.



Please continue to pray for all the children who have visited Friendship Camp so far this year. Some of them we will see again throughout the year and most of them we will see again next year at camp.



Pray that God will continue to water the seeds planted in their hearts and as they grow up they will come to have a personal relationship with Jesus.



Cayo School of Music and Arts SIX MONTHS CELEBRATION A Milestone Event July 26, 2026



This was another milestone for our music and arts school. We had a full afternoon of celebration, recognizing students who completed

6 months of lessons, students and teachers performed for parents, family members and friends.

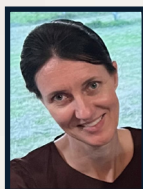


New Courses Starting in September



German Figueroa

- He will be teaching a course in Sketching
- This is his first 6 week course at CSMA
- He is from San Ignacio, Belize



Betty Hein

- This will be Betty's second time teaching a 6 week course using Acrylic Paints
- Betty is from the Mennonite Community of Spanish Lookout

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

1. Donations received for the Student

Scholarship Program - we are able to send 4 kids from larger families to learn at the school. We still need scholarships for 6 more children. (group lessons are US\$10/ private lessons are US\$12.50)

2. We received a generous donation for the purchase of a needed new piano - we now only need \$1,000.- to buy the second piano.

THANK YOU LORD, THANK YOU FRIENDS FOR YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

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