



John and Adele Swift Development & Enrichment Center (JADE)

"...hard work and education will carry you through the world."

Mrs. Adele Swift

Newsletter for Summer 2024

JADE's Vision

To change lives today for a better tomorrow.

JADE's Mission

To develop partnerships in communities to transform lives now in hope of a better future.

JADE's Partnerships

JADE is a tax-exempt non-profit organization based in Rialto, California. JADE was created for public and charitable purposes to provide funding for education and humanitarian needs. JADE has developed partnerships in communities within the Inland Empire, Belize City, and rural communities of Belize to provide tuition assistance for education; package and deliver food to the homeless, elderly, disabled, and low-income families; offer free vocational classes to women; providing students with free tutorial classes; contribute monies for medical emergencies and dialysis treatments; donate vitamin and iron supplements for children with HIV/Aids; and provide transportation and spiritual support to those in need.

From JADE's President – Evadne Swift

Greetings Everyone! I hope you had a fulfilling summer. Belize has two seasons, wet and dry. Earlier in the year, everything was brown, now everything is green. It has been very hectic here, although the weather dictated how much we accomplished. I am pleased to share some of our undertakings with you.

I pray that you are staying busy and connecting with friends and family. I hope you are living each day with a purpose and making a difference where it counts. May God continue to bless you.

SUMMER SCHOOL

From July 8-18, classes in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics were provided to students in grades 6-12. In Math, students learned several strategies including reading the problems, identifying the questions, identifying what is given, and solving the problems step by step. In ELA, strategies learned included making predictions, asking questions, clarifying, making connections to real life, and summarizing. Students can use these strategies in their regular classes when school resumes in the Fall.

Thank you to the teachers who volunteered their time and expertise: Dr. Deborah Swift, FL; Ms. Gloria Swift, Mrs. Katheen Holm, and Ms. Asucena Herrera, CA; Ms. Tammi Turner, NV; and Mrs. Shauna Nicholas, BZE. We are grateful to the Minister of Education, Honorable Francis Fonseca of Belize, who donated \$2,000 BZE to help with transportation cost to bus students to and from school.



Pictured with students, standing l to r: Mrs. Nicholas, Ms. Swift, and Ms. Turner

In addition, JADE sponsored Bethany Rowland and Breyah Perry to participate in activities for five days at the Conservation Camp at Belize Zoo & Tropical Education Center. The young ladies enjoyed the experience as they interacted with students from across the country. Breyah is ready to participate again in 2025.



Bethany Rowland & Breyah Perry

TUTORING CLASSES WILL CONTINUE

Mathematics and ELA are core subjects that students must pass to be promoted to another grade or graduate from high school. Monthly tutoring classes for high school students began in September 2024 and will continue through April 2025. Math and ELA tutoring classes were financed by the Rotary Club of Rialto, which is located in California, and Director Alma Edison, respectively.

UTILIZATION OF BASKETBALL COURT

Again, thanks to Ms. Evadne and Ms. Margery Swift for financing the basketball court. Youths in the community continue to use it, mostly on weekends. JADE is pleased to provide them with a safe environment where they can develop their basketball and team-building skills.



Women's Ministry

Bible study sessions are held weekly in Flowers Bank and Bermudian Landing. The women took time off to grieve the loss of one of our sisters in Christ, Anita B., during the month of September. We extended our deepest condolences to her husband and family. We live with the hope that we will meet Anita again in glory. Sadly, weeks later, Anita's father joined her. Again, we offer our condolences to the family as we mourn the passing of our close and dear relatives.

Planning for Christmas Celebration

Christmas is less than three months away, and the ladies are planning a delightful Christmas program. This is usually the season when residents of the neighboring communities join us to celebrate the Reason for the Season.

JADE's Partnership with Hand in Hand

Hand-in-Hand is a 501(c)(3) organization operating in Belize. It is the only organization in Belize that provides for children with HIV/AIDS. Hand-in-Hand has partnered with JADE to provide vitamin and iron supplements for the children.

JADE's Partnership with the Kidney Association of Belize

The Kidney Association of Belize (KAB) is a registered NGO in Belize. KAB educates the general public about kidney problems and offers or ensures availability of comprehensive and essential treatments and counseling to kidney patients and their families. JADE provided financial support to KAB to assist patients with dialysis treatments.

JADE's Partnership with the Salvation Army of San Bernardino County

The Salvation Army is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization whose mission is to extend a hand up to the less fortunate in the Inland Empire. Giving locally enables the Salvation Army to provide meals to those struggling with food insecurity. It also maintains a safe, secure, and loving environment in its family shelter as it invests in the family unit for the future. JADE contributed financially to the Salvation Army Transition Center.



ADE is at Work with its Partners

- providing financial support to high school students in the form of tuition payments to schools and purchasing textbooks for students,
- packaging and delivering food to those in need upon request,
- transporting women to and from small groups ministry,
- transporting students to and from JADE campus,
- offering outreach and counseling services to villagers,
- purchasing multivitamins and iron supplements for children with HIV/Aids,
- contributing money to the Salvation Army Transition Center, Inland Empire, California
- contributing money to Kidney Association of Belize, and
- providing daily acts of kindness based on human needs.

Daily Acts of Kindness

Directors Gloria Swift and Alma Edison continue to distribute food and care packages to the homeless on the streets and in encampments in the Inland Empire.

“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” Prov. 22:9 NIV



Thank You to everyone who contribute to JADE's Mission. To the sponsors, please know that you are appreciated and loved. May God continue to bless you.

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You are invited



We invite missionary groups to visit us in Belize. Please visit JADE's website landingessentials.org for more information.

Donations

Your generous donation, which is tax-deductible within the limits prescribed by law, will enable us to provide tuition assistance to students, provide emergency food packages, vocational training, and transportation to those in need.

You can donate by **Zelle to jadeidollyMS@gmail.com** or **Zelle to (909)576-1180**.

JADE is also accepting donations at

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JADE's next meeting will be held on January 24, 2025 at 6 P.M. PST via WhatsApp.