



John and Adele Swift Development & Enrichment Center (JADE)

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

*Mrs. Adele Swift*

Newsletter for August-September 2021

**JADE's Vision**

To change lives today for a better tomorrow.

**JADE's Mission**

To develop partnerships with 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, CA. JADE was created for public and charitable purposes to provide funding in education and humanitarian needs. JADE has developed partnerships in communities within the Inland Empire, San Gabriel Valley, Los Angeles, Belize City and the rural communities of Belize to provide financial assistance in education, prepare and deliver food boxes to recipients all over Belize, offer free sewing classes, transportation, and spiritual support.

**From JADE's President – Evadne Swift**

Greetings Everyone! It is true that it takes sunshine and falling raindrops to make a rainbow. Here in Belize, there was plenty of rain and sunshine in August and September; consequently, on several occasions, I saw some spectacular rainbows. We are thankful that the rain kept everything growing, including fruit trees, vegetables, and grass for the animals.

Due to COVID restrictions, we postponed Summer Fest that was planned for high school students during the first week of August. The focus was on team-building activities and how to succeed in high school. It will be rescheduled once restrictions are lifted.

JADE provided 33 and 35 food boxes respectively in the months of August and

September. We are grateful for the financial support from you our faithful partners.

Our three Women's Small Groups met weekly in the outdoors. It had been a blessing to meet and sing, pray, and study God's word. With the restrictions implemented in mid-September, we have planned online meetings.

JADE continues to offer free bi-monthly sewing classes for ladies and young girls. It has been an adventure for many of these ladies as they learned to sew for the first time turning a piece of cloth into a shirt, blouse or dress.

How time flies! We are having a rewarding journey as we continue to give and serve. May God continue to protect, provide, and prepare us to make a difference in a life, one person at a time.

**JADE's Food Pantry**



Getting ready to load food boxes in delivery truck

**Ms. E, a Monthly Food Recipient**

Every month, Eva and I deliver food and spend time getting to know the recipients of the food ministry. Recipients share how grateful they are and what an impact this ministry has on their lives.

Ms. E, a woman in her eighties, is caring for her 54-year old son, who recently became visually impaired. For over fifty years, Ms. E has been cooking and selling tamales. She mentioned that even though she is old, she is still trying to help herself.

COVID has made it rough on her livelihood. "Some weeks I sell a few; other weeks, I do not even sell one. I am very thankful to receive a food box from JADE. When other villagers drop by and they do not have any food, I share with them."

Ms. E continued, "I am very thankful for everything I receive, and JADE has been a blessing to me and others in the villages."

Ms. Margery Swift Director



### **JADE is at Work with its Partners providing:**

- financial support to 20 primary and high school students in the form of tuition payments,
- monthly food baskets to villagers within an 80-mile radii,
- transporting women to and from small groups ministry
- outreach and counseling to villagers,
- monthly distribution of free bibles, tracks, books, and DVD-movies to the elderly,
- weekly acts of kindness based on human needs, and
- monthly bibles and texts books to youths.

### **Thank You to Eric, Tina, and Debbie Swift**

A few months ago. Debbie visited Belize. After hearing about the positive impact JADE has in the various communities, she asked, "What do you need? How can I help?"

"We definitely need a larger vehicle to deliver food and pick up women for the small

groups. Right now, we are looking at three trips per activity on the day of the event."



A few days, after Debbie left Belize, she called. "I spoke with Eric and Tina. They will donate their vehicle (lovingly called "the Tank"), and I will pay all transportation costs from California to Florida and all Customs charges in the US and Belize."

What a gift! On behalf of JADE and its recipients, a heartfelt thank you to Eric, Tina, and Debbie Swift.

Ms Eva Swift. President, JADE

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**JADE's next meeting via Zoom TBD.**