



John and Adele Swift Development & Enrichment Center (JADE)

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

Mrs. Adele Swift

Newsletter for Fall 2023

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, CA. 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; provide free tutorial classes to students; contribute monies for medical emergencies; and provide transportation and spiritual support to those in need.

From JADE's President – Evadne Swift

Greetings from Belize. Fall is here and the temperatures range between 60- and 70-degrees Fahrenheit. This is the type of weather we would love to have all year round, but that's wishful thinking.

I am exceedingly thankful for each one of JADE's directors who is serving so faithfully to promote JADE's vision and mission. In addition, on behalf of all the directors, a heartfelt thank you to each doner who has given generously to this worthy cause. I am honored to serve as President of JADE and continue to be inspired by my mother who celebrated her 98th birthday this past November. May God continue to bless Mama Adele and may God bless us one and all

as we continue to make things happen. A look at Colossians 3:17, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Amen.

Let's take a look at JADE at work in the community.

Math Tutoring

Beginning in September, Math tutoring was provided free of cost to high school students on the second Saturday of each month. Between 16 and 22 students attended each session. Math is a fundamental subject that students must pass to graduate, but it is also a subject that is challenging for many students.

Improvement in Math scores were noticeable. As a result, the program will continue in 2024, starting on January 13. A two-hour program "Breakaway" was developed and implemented with the tutoring program. It gives the youths the opportunity to participate in skill-building activities and Bible devotion.

Christian Assembly Women's Conference

Nine women from our ministry participated in the Christian Assembly Women's Conference. It was hosted by Mrs. Patricia Lanza on November 20 in the nearby village of Double Head Cabbage. The theme was "Flesh and Blood Cannot Inherit the Kingdom of God" taken from 1 Corinthians 15:50 (KJV).

Even though there was flooding in some of the villages due to heavy rains, over 100 ladies attended. This non-denominational conference is an annual event hosted by volunteer(s) from a church in the Belize River Valley or within the Belize District.

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry sponsored a successful fundraising Turkey Dinner on October 14. The ladies donated the food items and cooked and baked. The dinner consisted of a choice of stewed or baked turkey served with rice and beans, potato salad, cranberry sauce, stuffings, and coconut tarts for dessert.



Christmas Program

The third annual Christmas Program was held on December 16. The Lord heard our prayers. Although it rained all week, there was no rain on the day of the performance. Rain did resume the next day and continued all that week. While the weather was good, it was flu season. Many of the cast members were ill, but others stepped in to fill the roles. The audience consisted of seventy members from nearby villages. The Program centered on the Birth of Jesus as recorded in the Bible from the Book of Luke. It was a privilege to see the young people demonstrating their understanding of the Birth of Christ through acting.

Women's Christmas Party

The Women's Christmas Party was held on December 20. Twenty-four ladies attended, and everyone brought a gift to exchange. Mrs. Cheryl Russell, who also serves on JADE's Board of Directors, treated the group to some delicious Belizean tamales. It was a time of

fellowship as we sang, ate, and played trivia games. We look forward to next year.

To conclude, as I go about my daily tasks, I can smell the wonderful aroma in the air from the cooking and baking as families get ready for Christmas and New Year. Cookies, tarts, pies, and cakes are baked early in the week leading up to Christmas Day. Many of these treats last through the first week of the New Year. I trust you will have a festive time with friends and families as you celebrate the holidays and welcome in 2024.



Linda Crawford to the Team

Introducing Linda Crawford

I was born in the small Tennessee rural town of Ripley. It took a while for my County to experience integration in Education, so I attended segregated elementary and high schools. After graduating from high school, I earned an AS at Dyersburg State Community College, BS in Education from Le Moyne-Owen College (HBCU), and MS in Post Secondary Education and Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee. After teaching for 33 years in public schools in Tennessee and California, I retired. I have two sons and seven grandchildren. I currently live in Dyersburg, Tennessee.

When Director Gloria Swift, whom I have known for over 25 years, shared what JADE was doing for people, my response was "I want to help. Sign me up." I am excited to be a part of this organization.

My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 136:1 which reads "Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endureth forever."

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38 NIV

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 which operates from Belize City. KAB educates the general public on preventative measures to avoid kidney problems. In addition, KAB offers or ensures availability of comprehensive and essential treatments and counseling to kidney patients and their families.

KAB's representatives reached out to JADE and the Board approved \$500 US to assist two kidney patients who desperately needed medical care.

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. Director Swift reported that this fall she has encountered more young people, including women who are homeless.



JADE is at Work with its Partners providing:

- financial support to 25 primary and high school students in the form of tuition payments to schools,
- transportation for women to and from small groups ministry,
- transportation for students to and from JADE campus,
- outreach and counseling to villagers,
- multivitamins and iron supplements to children with HIV/aids,
- financial contribution to patients with kidney problems, and
- daily acts of kindness based on human needs.

JADE's Board of Directors

Evadne Swift	President
Johnnel Cole	Vice President
Cheryl Russell	Secretary
Margery Swift	Treasurer
Directors: Linda Crawford, Alma Edison, Aracely Herrera, and Gloria Swift	

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 annual meeting will be held on
January 19 at 6 P.M. PST via WhatsApp.**