



**John and Adele Swift Development & Enrichment Center (JADE)**

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

*Mrs. Adele Swift*

**Newsletter for Summer 2022**

**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, prepare and deliver food boxes to recipients in Belize, offer free sewing classes, and provide transportation and spiritual support.

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

Greetings Everyone. It has been a busy summer, but we survived. The United States of America celebrated its Independence Day on the Fourth of July. Although it is not a Belizean holiday, expats gathered with family and friends to commemorate the passing of the Declaration of Independence.

Belizeans celebrated the defeat of the Spaniards by the British and then getting its independence from Great Britain on September 10 and 21, respectively. There were parades and food festivals as local communities observed the holidays.

I am grateful and thankful to have joined in the merriments as citizens of the USA and Belize exercised the freedom

afforded by both countries. God bless America and God bless Belize.

There was also great sadness as Queen Elizabeth II, Head of the Commonwealth, passed away. Belizeans were afforded time to reflect on Her Majesty's reign including her dedication to public service, leadership, and modernizing the monarchy. May she rest in peace.

As always, we are busy here at JADE. Some of our activities are described below.

**English Writing Workshop**

High school students were required to participate in the Workshop on Fridays during the weeks of July 15<sup>th</sup>- August 19<sup>th</sup>. Most of the high schools were going to reopen for the new school year at the end of August. Getting students prepared was our primary goal. An average of 14 students attended each Friday. Absentees were afflicted by COVID.

Trainers included three retired teachers: my sister and Director Gloria Swift, Marilyn Lopez and Marilyn Robinson, who also assisted Margery and me with the agenda and materials. Students learned how to use the various types of sentences and punctuations correctly; used phonics to spell words correctly; utilized "Web Mapping" to create a story; and improved their vocabulary to engage in formal conversations.

On the first day, students were assigned a reading book, *Robin Hood* or *Moby Dick*. They were advised to incorporate the writing techniques into a written summary which was due Week 5. A formal presentation was required the last day of the Workshop.

There was marked improvement by each student in writing and speaking from Week I to

Week VI. The training was worth it. Another workshop is being planned for next summer.

**Volunteer teachers Mrs. Marilyn Robinson  
and Ms. Marilyn Lopez**

**One-on-one assistance**



**Group activities**



**JADE's Food Pantry**

We are packing food bags on a monthly basis. Many families come by and pick up their food. For families who reside in the city (about 35 miles away), my sister Margie and I make deliveries to their homes. We distribute an average of 35 food bags each month.

From January to September 2022, JADE has served 323 families in Belize. Most of the recipients continue to struggle with the demands of paying their utility bills and coping with the ever-increasing food prices. We appreciate those of you who continue to donate to JADE.

Thanks to Vanessa & Gerald Stanton and the Stryffeler family for their donation of food. Many thanks to Pastor David Gomez from Sunrise Church, Rialto, for his contribution.

Pastor Gomez loading the boxes into the vehicle.



All loaded up and ready to go. Director Gloria Swift will empty the boxes and pack items in barrels.

Thanks to Directors Eva & Margie Swift for emptying the barrels and bagging and distributing the food.

**Women's Small Group**

Our Women's Small Group continues to meet on Friday afternoon. However, the amount of heavy rain over the past few months resulted in dangerously flooded roads which made it impossible to drive and transport the women to and from classes. Online Bible Study is now the norm. God has been good to us in keeping us safe even as we saw an outbreak with 'flu' symptoms in many of the young children in our communities.

## Upcoming Events

A Youth Event is planned for the end of October. The theme is "Education, Empowerment, and Engagement." Guest speakers will include a police officer, a retired educator with over 48 years of experience in Education and is now in charge of the National Organization for the Prevention of Child Abuse, and JADE's President.

Last December, the Christmas Program which recounted Christ's birth was a success. Another one is planned for this year. Cast members are being recruited and rehearsal should begin in November. We pray that God will continue to bless and guide us in all that we do. God's blessings to all.

"Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." Matt 5:42 NIV

## Daily Acts of Kindness

Director Gloria Swift has been distributing food bags to the homeless on the streets.

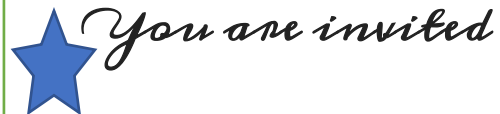


### JADE is at Work with its Partners providing:

- financial support to 24 primary and high school students in the form of tuition payments to schools,
- monthly food bags to villagers within an 80-mile radii,
- transportation for women to and from small groups ministry,
- outreach and counseling to villagers,
- multivitamins and iron supplements to children with HIV/aids, and
- daily acts of kindness based on human needs.

## JADE's Board of Directors

Evadne Swift	President
Gerald Stanton	Vice President
Cheryl Russell	Secretary
Margery Swift	Treasurer
Earl Allen, Johnnel Cole, Alma Edison, Sonia Hicks, and Gloria Swift	



We invite missionary groups to visit us in Belize. Please visit JADE's website [landingessentials.org](http://landingessentials.org).

## Donations

Your generous donation, which is tax-deductible within the limits prescribed by law, will enable us to feed the hungry and provide tuition assistance to students.

You can donate now to **PAYPAL.ME/JADEBZE**.

**JADE is also accepting donations at**

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**JADE's next meeting, November 4, 2022,  
7 P.M. PST via WhatsApp**