



# Nielsen Newsletter

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Spring 2015

## Growth!

This spring has continued to be a flurry of activities for our family and ministry.

At the end of April, Ryan and the two boys went on a retreat to Malinche (one of the nearby inactive volcanos) with school. They camped at about 9500

feet and then Saturday morning they all set out to reach the summit at 14,636 feet above sea level. They had a great weekend



where they were challenged physically and spiritually.

The first weekend in May, the ministry held its annual conference, called Es Tiempo. The weekend was filled with challenging speakers, profound worship and more. This year, we even expanded the confer-

ence to include children 12 and under. It was an amazing way to bless both the kids and parents.

This spring we have also had several new children come into Esperanza Viva, including a two-year-old, Patrick, which is the youngest we have had for quite some time.



As we have said before, each child we receive comes with a unique history, but we are always excited to watch God work and heal the wounds of their past.

Just last week, we had two boys graduate High School. Brian has been at EV since he was 9-years-old and Jorge since he was 11. They have both had to work extremely hard to get to where they are, and Jorge even ended up

graduating Valedictorian of the entire on-line high school. We are so proud of both of them and love watching them reach their goals.

As we watch the kids at the Home grow, we are also watching our own kids grow and mature right be-

fore our eyes! Isaiah is taking a big step this summer and will be flying to MN on his own at the beginning of June!! He will be spending the 4 weeks before the rest of us arrive going through driver's ed, visiting with family, and keeping busy.

Please pray for Isaiah as he travels June 1st, as well as PEACE for mom and dad as we send him out on this great adventure! The rest of the family will be in MN from June 29-July 29.

### Prayer Requests:

- Prayers as we continue construction on the Living Hope Community.
- Pray for consistency and an increase in our monthly pledges and support.
- Our Minnesota Trip, as well as Isaiah as he travels alone

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## Construction Update

Ryan has been working on several miscellaneous projects this spring; mostly improvements and maintenance of the existing buildings.

We are nearing the completion of a major stucco project on the main dorm to help better protect the building from the heavy rains. Once the dorm is repainted that project will be done.



As the rainy season is beginning, Ryan and his team are making sure all the lawn and landscaping equipment is ready for the busy season of mowing, weeding and raking!

Finally, Ryan is also planning ahead to this summer and all the short-term teams. He is lining up all the supplies and equipment for each team's work projects.

## MINNESOTA TRIP and DINNER

As the weeks go by, we are getting more and more excited for our trip to Minnesota. As we have mentioned, it has been over two years since we have been back, so we are really looking forward to seeing you all. Our favorite part of each trip is reconnecting with our friends and family, and hearing more about what has been going on in each other's lives!

This summer, we will be hosting a **Family Fundraiser Dinner with Ice Cream Bar on Thursday, July 16 from 6:00-8:30pm at North Height Lutheran Church in Arden Hills.** During the dinner, we will have a short presentation on all that has been happening in our family and ministry over the last few years and what is coming up next. It has actually been FOUR years since our last dinner, so there will be plenty to update.

Please note, unlike years past, we will not be able to provide childcare. However, if you would like, your children are welcome to join us for the evening.

Please send in the RSVP card in the provided envelope by July 8, email your RSVP, or respond to our event via Facebook.

If you are unable to make our dinner, but would still like to see us, please email us or call us so we can make sure we put you on our schedule. **SEE YOU ALL SOON!**

### Support Information:

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