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OCC PACKING PARTY WRAP-UP

The Operation Christmas Child Special Distribution Packing Party was a huge success. Congregants of all ages participated to pray over and pack 3,209 shoebox gifts during Sept. 22-24. Samaritan's Purse has invited CBC to participate in this special distribution over the last several years. These particular boxes go to "hard to reach" or "closed" countries around the world. There are strict regulations as to what can go into these boxes. This opportunity is different from the National Shoebox Collection that is happening in November. Special thanks to Teresa King, Toots Smith, Janet Chinnis, Kayla King and all of our volunteers that work year round to supply items for these boxes. Please continue to pray that lives will be changed by the gospel through these shoebox gifts.



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KCA UPDATE

Kairos Christian Academy (KCA) infant-K5 and grades 1-12 started their first day of school on campus on Tuesday, September 5th. This year, there are 26 faculty & staff members, 236 enrolled students, and 65 classes offered in the grades 1-12 homeschool co-op program. There are 33 faculty & staff members and 80 students enrolled in the infant-K5 program.



PASTORS PERSPECTIVE: LEE CHINNIS



I grew up in Hollywood, a farming community. Every year, there were tomatoes and cucumbers being harvested by immigrant workers living in a labor camp. I saw their living conditions and even worked alongside them, but I really didn't see them as Jesus saw them...as His children. To me, they were just workers. Now that I am a little more mature in my Christian faith, did this affect the way I saw people in Ecuador? Yes - with help from the Holy Spirit, I saw people through the eyes of Jesus. I saw a loving home for the mistreated girls who didn't deserve what happened to them. I saw young girls with

smiles on their faces worshipping the Lord, learning a skill, and receiving an education. I saw a place that wants to be self-sustained by: growing and cultivating fruits and vegetables and by raising cows, sheep, chickens, and rabbits. I saw girls experiencing a normal life or childhood (some- for the first time in their lives.) I saw Boris and his family in step with God and serving others in His name. I have seen the support of our church at work in a very real way, and I am deeply grateful.



ECUADOR MISSION TRIP



The Ecuador Mission Team successfully traveled to and from Quito, Ecuador in September. The team interacted with residents at Dunamis Foundation and the surrounding community - engaging in several projects including sewing and construction work.

ECUADOR MISSION TRIP TESTIMONIES



Last year when I worked with the Dunamis girls, there was one particular girl (J), that caught my attention. She had more trouble than the other girls mastering sewing skills. Many times, she would just look at me with a blank stare. She was around 14 years old and had never been to school. She was described to me as having 50% mental capacity. When I first saw J this trip, I was amazed at the girl she has become...so outgoing, confident, and her sewing skills are excellent. J's transformation made me reflect on God's goodness and love. He doesn't see us as we see others. His love is amazing. We all have value and worth regardless of what the world says. I'm so thankful for J...her transformation and what she has taught me.

-Toots Smith



I am so grateful to have been able to work at Dunamis for a short time. Meeting these girls who have endured so much trauma but still are learning to trust God, has changed my heart. I am truly humbled to have been allowed into their lives, as they have a hard time trusting others. It has been an honor to help them learn new life skills, such as sewing, and to help with building on the property. We were able to work on a greenhouse that will not only help these girls become self-sufficient, but will endure for others who will need this place in the future. Thank you, CBC, for allowing us to serve in Ecuador.

-Amy Shirley

I felt God wanted me to see through his eyes on this mission trip. God sees these girls as emptied cracked vessels he can pour into and not as damaged goods. It was humbling for me, to see the light of Jesus shine through them. We worshiped 5 nights with the girls, and you could see a wholly attitude of worship and praise on most of their faces.

Even though I have minimal talent as a sewer, God used me to show his love through one on one time sewing with them. In the beginning, the girls were reserved, but by the end of the week smiles beamed and hugs were given. We completed 2 full quilts and were well on our way with the third one. The fourth and fifth quilts' fabric are already picked out and ready to be put together.

God has given Boris a clear vision for this ministry and he has truly followed the Lord! We felt everyone's prayers, and I am very thankful God called me to go and participate in a God-honoring mission. My heart for missions has been awakened again. I can not wait to go again to this beautiful place to serve the Lord.

-Janet Chinnis

Dunamis Foundation has left me speechless. All I could say was "WOW"!! What a beautiful God-run organization in a broken world. I saw that transformation is only possible with the power of God! From the moment I met Boris and the girls at the safe house, I knew this place would forever be part of my life. I did not think I could have more love for Ecuador and its people, but I do. I enjoyed teaching, gardening, cooking, and playing games with the girls. They each captured my heart forever. We made lasting impact through our different work projects that will outlast us and change many generations. I cannot wait to return, and I am thankful for many new friendships!

-LuRae Heffner



You cannot go to Dunamis and stay the same. You see the love of God in such a new way, and He reveals to you- His heart for His children. This past week, with the staff and women at Dunamis, truly changed my life. It was an honor to work, learn, pray, and worship alongside them. The ministry of Dunamis is a ministry that displays the Gospel in all they do. You can feel the presence of God the moment you drive onto the property. I am thankful to have gotten to see a small glimpse into the eternal work and transformation that is taking place at Dunamis! I am excited to go back soon!

-Brittney Heffner



This trip meant the world to me and changed my life, because I don't have to feel the guilt of being privileged and being safe. These girls are the definition of strength and power, and it proves that you can do anything through God. Even in their hard times, they still have found a way to be grateful and praise the Lord. Dunamis has done an amazing job teaching these girls basic life skills to help them go back into the real world. The love that these girls have for one another is amazing to see. And, even though they were skittish at first, they found room in their hearts to trust us. And, that, in certain situations, takes time. I am extremely grateful and thankful that I had this amazing opportunity, again, to go and preach the love of God to these amazingly beautiful people.

-Maddie Gladwell



ARE YOU GIVING?

This lady, whom I later adopted as my abuela (grandmother), opened up her home and gave us the ability to interact with the community. She has an angelic face and smile, which I told her, and was happy to have us. This simple gesture reminded me to have an open hand when giving to others. When you give, in accordance to God's will, His blessings far outweigh what was given by you. Because of your generous donations and prayers, y'all allowed us to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Thank you again for your support.

- Nat Hopper (gringo loco)





I WAS GLAD TO BE A PART OF IT

Our mission trip to Ecuador was amazing. God was at work and I was glad to be a part of it. There were 3 different areas where I was involved: construction of a greenhouse in the morning, ministering to the local community in the afternoon, and ministering to the girls living at the Dunamis facility in the evenings.

The construction work was challenging. There were 6 to 8 of us working on a steep slope to put in support pieces for a massive greenhouse. We had to dig holes and pour concrete. The altitude and the steep slope added to the difficulty, but God gave us the strength to accomplish a lot in a short period of time. I enjoyed working with my brothers and sisters and getting to know some of the staff that also worked on site.

In the afternoons we went into the local community near Dunamis to share the love of God. The plan was to play games, paint faces, teach some English and share the gospel. On Monday, we canvassed the community to invite people to the events later in the week. The community was very poor, with small houses, poorly paved roads, lots of garbage on the road, and stray dogs everywhere. A few of us connected with a sweet family that owned a tiny corner store, about the size of a small bedroom. The grandmother and her son were warm and welcoming and introduced us to the 3 children living with them. We invited them to come to the community house the next day. The next day, when we returned to the community for the event; however, nobody showed up. Nat and I decided to walk down to the store to visit our friends and invited them to come. We were excited that they were planning on joining us, but the excitement quickly faded when we returned to the community house. The community leader had decided to cancel it and try again the next day. We were so disappointed and had to turn around to tell the family that we weren't meeting, but it didn't bother them at all. The dad just smiled and told us he would see us tomorrow.

On the way home, I was riding with Boris, and we spotted someone breaking into a lock at a building. Boris stopped further down the road and told someone that it looked like a robbery was happening. The man laughed and told us it was the owner of the building, a place where people were taught about God. That got our attention. Boris turned around and went back to the couple that were trying to break into the building, and sure enough, it was an evangelical church and the couple had lost the keys. Boris quickly promised that we would come back to help them get in. We returned in about 30 minutes with tools and helped them break into the church. We had a good laugh about that, but more than that, it was a connection. Boris didn't know about the church before and now he did. He was able to make a connection that could lead to future events in the community with support from the small local church. What started as a disappointing day turned into a God ordained encounter. On Wednesday, as a small group of us returned to the community to focus on the family in the store. We decided to bring our event to them.



The grandmother, Eva, was so kind. She invited us to their side yard so we could have a place to sit in the shade. She also wanted to invite her neighbors. In just a few minutes, we had about 8 kids there. We met a young teenager named Daniel and his two brothers, who lived nearby. We played games and did some face painting and "tattoos." We played bingo and shared a Bible story. Near the end of our time, Eva came out of the store with a 2 liter of coke and a tray of crackers. Even though she didn't have much, she shared with us. It was beautiful. We left the day filled with gladness and hopeful that the rest of the team would be able to experience the same joy we had experienced.

On Thursday, when we arrived, only a few kids were there, but it didn't take long for things to get busy. Before long we had over 20 kids and some adults, too. Carla was cutting hair. Some of the team were teaching English. We were playing games, painting faces, and just enjoying our time together. Friday was similar, but even busier as more people came out to see what was happening at the community house. I was able to translate for Brittney and LuRae, as they shared the gospel with two older ladies. One of the ladies had strong faith but was down and alone - she had recently lost her husband and had no job. We helped her get connected with Boris and Dunamis with the hope that some support could be offered. The other lady we shared with, was in pain. We shared the gospel with her and prayed over her. She gave her life to Christ. It was amazing to see the team rally around her and pray for healing. As the day was winding down and we were saying goodbyes, LuRae started talking to Daniel, who had been with us for all 3 days. We shared the gospel with him, and he also gave his life to Christ. God is so good. What started off as disappointment turned into an amazing series of events that ultimately ended with salvation of two people and lots of seeds planted.

In the evenings, we spent time sharing our experiences of the day and then we all went over to Zoe house, which is where the girls lived. Our time over there consisted of worship and a short devotion. I didn't get to spend as much time with them, as some of the ladies did, but what little time I had, was unbelievable. It's hard to explain the emotions I felt being over there. These girls have dealt with so much pain and tragedy, and yet they were able to smile and sing praises to God. They all seemed so full of laughter and joy that can only be attributed to God's eternal peace that surpasses all understanding. Their names and faces are etched into my memory, and I continually pray for them. God is clearly at work through Boris and the Dunamis foundation.

I'm so thankful for CBC and their partnership with Dunamis. I absolutely would love to return to Ecuador to help, and I hope we continue to look for opportunities to do so. Dunamis needs our support, both financially and spiritually through prayer. I'm so thankful God allowed me to go and be a part of His work.

-Ben Rice



ROCK^{the} BLOCK

Fall Festival . Food . Fun . Trunk or Treat . Live Music



ROCK THE BLOCK FALL FESTIVAL

Rock the Block (CBC's Fall Festival) is happening Wednesday, Oct. 25th from 6-8 pm. RTB is an outreach event aimed at bringing our community in so that we can minister to them and show them the love of Jesus. We need lots of volunteers to make this event possible. Registration is now open for participants and volunteers. You can sign up for either on the Next Steps page of the church website: <https://charlestonbaptist.org/next-steps>.

DIAPER DRIVE FOR LPC

During the month, we are collecting diapers for the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center. Most needed sizes are: 4, 5, 6, or 7. You can drop off your donation in one of the collection bins located in the lobbies around campus. **Reminder:** the LPC Walk for Life is happening Saturday, November 4th.

CB KIDS WACKY HAIR NIGHT



The CB kids ministry had a *Wacky Hair* theme night on September 20th.

CB STUDENTS GENERATIONS



The CB students ministry encouraged participants to engage in a *Generations* theme night during their Bridge Event on September 27th.

CBC DISASTER RELIEF TEAM DEPLOYED



The CBC Disaster Relief Team was deployed to help with Hurricane Ida recovery September 10-16. Ron Peek, Calvin Chapman, Perry Koger, along with three people from Conway and another person from our area, traveled to Inverness, Florida to assist in clean-up efforts. It was a tiring and busy week, but the team was able to help several families, ministering to them physically and spiritually.

UPCOMING

OCTOBER

01	Sunday Morning Worship Oct 01 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
03	Two are Better mental health support group Oct 03 @ 6:30 pm
04	Forever Young luncheon Oct 04 @ 11 am
	Wednesday evening activities Oct 04 @ 6:15 pm
06	Assisted Living ministry Brookdale Oct 06 @ 3 pm
08	Sunday Morning Worship Family Dedication Oct 08 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
09	Columbus Day Holiday Oct 09 Church Office Closed
11	Wednesday evening activities Oct 11 @ 6:15 pm
13	CB Students Laser Tag Overnighter Oct 13 @ 7 pm - Oct 14 @ 8 am
15	Sunday Morning Worship Lord's Supper Oct 15 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
18	Wednesday evening activities Oct 18 @ 6:15 pm
20	West Ashley H.S. Football Team Meal Oct 20 @ 3 pm

22	Sunday Morning Worship Oct 22 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
25	Rock the Block Fall Festival Oct 25 @ 6 pm
29	Sunday Morning Worship Oct 29 @ 9:15 am & 11 am

NOVEMBER

01	Forever Young luncheon Nov 01 @ 11 am
	Wednesday evening activities Nov 01 @ 6:15 pm
03	Assisted Living Ministry Brookdale Nov 03 @ 3 pm
04	Lowcountry Preg Center Walk for Life Nov 04 @ 10 am
05	Sunday Morning Worship Nov 05 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
07	Two are Better mental health support group Nov 07 @ 6:30 pm
08	Wednesday evening activities Nov 08 @ 6:15 pm
11	Seasons Ladies Ministry Luncheon Nov 11 @ 11 am

FACTS & FIGURES



Attendance

September Average Online Worship Views: 92 On-campus Worship Attendance: 338



Giving

Weekly Budget Goal\$24,477.26

Weekly Budget Receipts:

Sept 03.....\$21,214.16

Sept 10.....\$25,477.89

Sept 17.....\$19,788.76

Sept 24.....\$22,870.16

Challenge to Grow Weekly Goal.....\$ 3,500.00

Challenge to Grow Weekly Budget Receipts:

Sept 03.....\$ 360.00

Sept 10.....\$1,560.00

Sept 17.....\$ 380.00

Sept 24.....\$ 132.60