



Project Bethany

July - August 2026

Busy Summer Life

At Project Bethany, we hosted our third annual family camp. This is an enjoyable time for the mothers and their children. We use it as an opportunity to focus on their spiritual growth, as well as play games, hike, fellowship, and worship in a beautiful setting. The mothers studied the book of Ruth. The key lesson was about the decisions they make in times of difficulty. These often times change the course of their lives and that of their kids. The children learned that Jesus is their friend. To reinforce this topic, the kids enjoyed Bible stories, activities, crafts, and music.

This summer, we hosted a couple of teams. We are so appreciative of every group that comes to give of their time, finances, and energy to bless Project Bethany. Our Kentucky group served in construction, but also in some rather unconventional ways. A hairdresser came prepared to cut and style the mothers' hair. A number of gals took advantage of this fabulous service. There was also a photographer on hand that treated the mothers to photo sessions with their children. It was so fun to see the mommas dress up, pose, and have a little fun with their kids. After receiving their photos, one mother commented on how different her countenance looked since she arrived at PB a year ago!

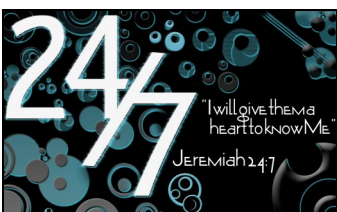
Our South Carolina folks came ready to work and play. This team was comprised of families. Some of the ladies beautified the premises by planting shrubs and plants in the flower beds. The kids played Gaga Ball, an alternative to dodgeball, with the children in the daycare. The men worked tirelessly on the construction site. This team also visited a "Mommy & Me" ministry in Los Guidos, a very impoverished area. It is headed up by our dear friend and co-laborer on the field, Heather Campbell. This group led worship for the mothers and their children, prepared a skit on the miracles of Jesus, and led activities for the children while the mothers received a devotional about the parable of the Sower. Visiting this ministry is always a reality check, as there is so much physical lack and spiritual need.

Our daughter, Bethany, had the chance to join a short term mission trip to Guatemala with Cornerstone International last month. The team consisted of missionary high school students who served by lending a helping hand at a couple of schools, tackling demo work, doing home visits, sharing their testimonies, and worshipping and praying together. Although MK's are familiar with life on the field, being a part of a trip like this gives them the opportunity to see God move on their behalf. Trusting God that HE impacted lives on that trip!

Stephen, Georgiana, & Luke Thomas

Hope, Our Anchor

The Bible talks about hope as an anchor. **Hebrews 6:19** says that it is *secure and firm*. A ship's anchor serves to steady a craft in perilous waters and keep it from drifting. Spiritually speaking, the anchor of hope refers to the steadfastness and faith that maintains us in times of uncertainty. We all go through turbulent times, but Hebrews reminds us that, "...it is impossible for God to lie." Therefore, His promises have a holding power as our hope is rooted in His Word, our firm foundation. Biblical hope is not a fantasy, but rather a reliable assurance founded on the trustworthiness of God. Hope offers daily consolation to our souls.



"I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord. They will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with all their heart."

Jeremiah 24:7 NIV



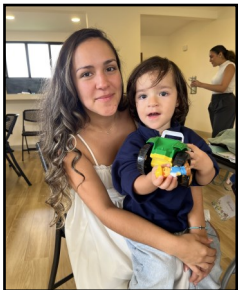


Welcome to the family!

On July 24th, we were delighted to host a “Welcome Breakfast” to our two newest families. After vetting candidates for the program, we are excited to welcome them into the fold! These two mothers are eager to begin their college education next semester, which begins in September.



Leidy and daughter Ari



Cristel and son Rowan

Both families have moved on-site and are adapting to their new space. Both Leidy and Crystal are going through our orientation program, and beginning their vocational assessments in order to select their future careers.

Rejoicing with Josseline

Last year, Josseline graduated from our program as a computer technology teacher for primary and high school education. While she was at PB, she was receiving a stipend from the father of her sons. She decided to save that money because, in her words, “We had everything we needed at Project Bethany.” When she left the project, she wisely used that money to continue her education. Josseline found a part-time job in administration at a public school. The other half time she studied to obtain her *Licentiate* degree, an academic qualification that sits between a Bachelor's and a Master's degree. Last month, she defended her thesis and was awarded the title of Licentiate Josseline Ilima. She is the first mother to graduate from our ministry, and go on to further her studies to obtain this title. We rejoice that God brought a young lady from a humble background to a life of fulfillment and purpose in Him!



generosity in action

We are immensely blessed and thankful to be in partnership with the most faithful, generous supporters. Through your gifts of generosity, our family stays on the field, urgent construction needs are met, college tuition is paid, and daily living expenses for the mothers are covered. Thank you for giving!

With the chapel still under construction and new mothers coming into the program, we need **YOU!** We are looking at overhead that is above and beyond our normal monthly operating expenses. Any extra assistance at this time, would be an invaluable support to our family and to the ministry. Contributions should be sent as directed below to Cornerstone International and made payable to “**Thomas Family,**” or to Abraham Project, Inc. with a memo stating your desired area to benefit: “**Project Bethany**” (mothers ministry) or “**Phase 2**” (construction).




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For those who desire to contribute financially, please follow instructions per your designation preferences:

For the Thomas Family

Make checks payable to Cornerstone International and note in the memo section “**Thomas-Costa Rica**” for our personal support,

Mail checks to the following address:
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P.O. Box 192
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Make checks payable to Abraham Project, Inc. and note in the memo section “**Project Bethany**” for operating expenses or “**Phase 2**” for construction costs.

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