

# Cristo Vive International

## Times of Harvest



*Campers & Friends singing praise songs for their parents the last day of camp!*

### Founders:

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### *Where does Cristo Vive International operate:*

Conroe, TX

RGV, TX

Harpster, ID

Soldotna, AK

*Cuenca, Guayaquil, and  
Quito, Ecuador*

August, the month of sun, rain, hot, and cool. What a time to be in the harvest of God's awesome kingdom. This month often reflects images of gardens and orchard harvests, so also this a special time of people discovering the love of God; as churches, organizations, and families spin up their activities to demonstrate the essence of God's love for those in their communities. We are at the closure of our sowing and caring for the fields as we embark upon the harvesting of lost and wayward souls. Thanks for joining us in the excite-

ment of showing the way to God's love and presence to those who had a life changing encounter with Jesus this month.

Harpster, Idaho camp was a great demonstration of God's generosity and compassion to the children and youth in a great place in America. Fourteen campers came and encountered such intensity of love and fun with the workers who presented the message of Jesus' love for all. Along with the local warriors of faith, others from Minnesota and

Alaska came and gave their all to make the camp fun, engaging, and filled with awesome memories. Following the theme for the camp, "God in Science" we experienced some quite amazing feats with things that could blow up, bubble up, fly up, or just down right "laugh" up! It was truly incredible to see and hear the campers praise the Lord and pray to receive salvation at the camp. By the time we closed the camp, every camper had demonstrated their faith in Jesus.

### *A Gift of Love*

On the coast near Guayaquil, Ecuador, South America, some equally exciting events were happening this month. Another awesome camp with 12 excited campers, (some which were first time attenders) joined with 22 friends of campers, to have a

fully equipped team to make it a healthy and meaningful camp. They had the theme "A GIFT OF LOVE" and incorporated pantomime play acting (A Night without Words) with each team of campers and friends participating.

It was truly a rewarding and fruitful time for each one. The key scripture used throughout the camp was Romans 5:8. As we experience so often through this ministry, God prevailed by offering unexpected opportunities for friends to receive a

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*...Building Dreams  
...Changing Lives*

**Looking ahead** as Fall sets upon us is a bright place for the active service of ministry. From mission conferences, church informational presentations, community awareness opportunities (to include fundraising), and of course getting normal activities going forward we are anticipating a busy period throughout the coming season. We are especially looking forward to our trip to Peru in December to begin the process of opening the door for an outreach to the poorest of the regions of the indigenous peoples of that great land. In Texas and Alaska, we will be leading in camps, evening events, and supporting outreach endeavors to keep the messaging strong of how much God loves to bless His kids.

**Mission of CVI**

To provide children and youth with disabilities and their families an opportunity to experience the love of God and faith in Christ through a fun and engaging camp experience.

**Vision of CVI**

To create opportunities which will inspire participants to respond to the message of God's love and delight in them and lead them to a genuine experience with Jesus as Lord and Savior.

**Family Time!**

On the personal front, we are very active with our lives in family and work. School is back in full session which places Jordana in the center of a heavy work schedule. Our little man (most of you know him as Osito) is aggressively pursuing his skill in football as well as being fully excited about being a 6th grader. With that spurt of development, he has made his desires known that he prefers to be called by his given name Benjamin

(Ben or Benny is acceptable). Hopefully, with all this said, we will be home a bit more frequently than these last few months allowed.

**We are excited** to share these few updates with you and know that many of you reading this note have made a great effort to keep up with us. Please join us in the days ahead with your prayers and finances to continue the plans that God has for this ministry to reach the world for the kids to en-

counter His love. I personally send this appeal to you to send a contribution to us this month and help us continue to go forward to fulfill the call to ministry God has charged us with. We do need help for the expenses to Peru this December. In fact, we need to get our tickets very soon so having some of those funds available very soon could be critical. We love you and pray for you often.

*Gene & Jordana*

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donation to cover their expenses to minister at camp. It was an absolutely tremendous outreach to all, including the core team members who are so dedicated and committed to serving the Lord through this ministry.

