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# Cristo Vive International

## Reflecting the Past & Moving Forward

Greetings to our Friends and Family:

Here we are at the end of February already! The new year well on its way to wrap our attention around its accomplishments and missteps. We all get so excited about the accomplishments and then look forward to those amazing things where we can see defined results through our efforts. But not so much for those "missteps," as none of us like to miss opportunities and the great feeling of winning. But along the way through our life and our busyness when we look back at our successes, we find that they are usually discovered due to many missteps and failures in the process.

So as we look forward to what's happening on our agenda for 2017, let's not be discouraged as we encounter obstacles and disappointments at times. But instead we should look forward to reaching beyond those things that seem negative and turn them to a positive by finding solutions in God's lessons and learn where to change and move forward. For sure, the political and religious leaders during Jesus' ministry here on earth (as He was living amongst us) made severe missteps. Yet God in His amazing mercy went through and far beyond them to meet you and I today with grace and ac-

ceptance. Wow, it doesn't get any better than that!



Jordana & friends at camp in Edinburg, TX 2016  
Rio Grande Valley TX!!

## SO WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON AS GOD LEADS THIS MONTH?

Camp in the Rio Grande Valley Texas is coming right around the corner, March 16-18. With high expectations and a lot of work, things are looking very good to have an amazing camp for a number of new and active campers this year. The team in the valley are very committed to meet their neighbors with such

an awesome love of Jesus, and it has all the marks of an outreach worth remembering! If you have availability and desire, please contact us so we may help you to have what you need to head off to Texas and be with them this year. Also, important: if you are able to include a financial gift to make a difference for the

camp, you are invited to do so either to Cristo Vive International or we can help you direct it right to the team in that area. Please consider, pray, and let us know how we can help you.

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Where does Cristo Vive operate:

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### *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.



### PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

In Soldotna, Alaska the team is preparing a "Parents Night Out" event on March 24th. This will be our second event there and we are looking forward to having several new participants at this event, which will set up a connection that may lead several new children and youth to join us at the next camp we hold in Soldotna. Kudos to Holly, one of the local team leaders in Soldotna, for her intentional efforts to see CVI reach more families in the area.

### [Vote for Jordana:](#)

Go to youtube.com, type in Jordana Engebretsen on the search bar and then watch video. After that just scroll below the video and right underneath her name you will see the thumbs-up and thumbs-down. Just click on the thumbs-up to give her a yes vote. Hurry because voting is only open till March 7th!!!!

## On the Homefront with the Engebretsens!

Some of you may have already been contacted but we would like to share anyway through this media source, Jordana is working diligently to compete for the "Holman Prize". This is a program designed to connect to a blind person so that they may enhance the lives of others and to fulfill a dream. She has entered the competition and has an 85 second video posted on YouTube. Please help by searching her name; Jordana Engebretsen on YouTube and view the video, scroll down that page and give a thumbs up for her before March 7. Do so and you will help her make a difference for more kids and their families in the months ahead!

On a personal note from us, we are doing well here in Soldotna, AK. We are very blessed in so many ways as God for sure is on the move to take us through this year while following His plans in fulfilling our dreams. Osito is growing very rapidly and doing so well in school. Jordana is fully engaged in her pursuits to develop her technology skills for serving others. We are looking forward to attending a couples retreat this next month to spend some dedicated and quality time together concerning our love and life together with purpose.

May you discover something amazing this month! We are gearing up for a new and amazing partnership endeavor between this ministry and those who are looking for effective and meaningful ways to invest in the work of God in our culture. We would love for you to reach out and connect us with those who you know, that may lead to a financial and prayer support relationship.