



# Cristo Vive International

## Greetings to you our dear friends

March is a wonderful month of transitions in a variety of ways. For us here in Alaska, it means there is a *chance* that soon we may get past the ice and snow with a bit fewer disruptions due to frequent freezing conditions following the warming trends in unseasonal weather. But as well, it gives smile to the children's hearts as they so much look forward to being able to spend more

time outside in the sunshine rather than staying in doors to avoid the freezing cold. However, for us at Cristo Vive, it is usually one of our busiest times of the year. With summer on the way, we are expending many hours of planning and developing the outreaches that are being hosted for ministry through the regions of our teams. It truly is a great time of the year!



## March 2018

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*Where does Cristo Vive International operate?*

Conroe, TX

Harpster, ID

Minnesota-July 2018

RGV, TX

Soldotna, AK

And Ecuador

Peru-June 2018

## Camp Blessings in TX

Team "Rio Grande Valley" near McAllen, Texas hosted an awesome camp experience for more than 30 kids earlier this month. Mayra and her team in the valley did an incredible job of bringing together an awesome team of workers with the children to praise and celebrate Jesus. From the laughter and pleasure of playing games, competition in team events, worship in God's presence, satisfaction of

great food at mealtime, dancing to music before the Lord, excitement of learning creative skills during their crafts, to developing new friendships throughout their time together, it was truly a life changing experience! Many of the children experienced a new-found relationship with Jesus while there and took Him home with them. Just notice the pictures with this letter and you will see

the great joy and fulfillment for the campers. Team members came together and gave their all to be Jesus to these kids and as a result, lives have been forever changed for the better.



## Joy in Heaven Awaiting

March has also brought to us some unexpected sad news. A dear loved friend and ministry partner, Eunice Solis passed away. She is survived by her husband and three children. The memories she has left for us is fully alive with her love and compassion for children and caring for the campers at so many camps in Ecuador since 2000. We offer our love and prayers for her family as their lives will never again be the same without her. Yet believing God will fully comfort and restore them with His compassion and power.

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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.

**Check out our website**—we are adding new pictures and videos all the time: Great new Alaska camp courtesy of one of our college student volunteers—Thank you Josiah Martin!

Go to [www.crisovive.net](http://www.crisovive.net) and link onto the Alaska Camp page. Also videos on other camp pages.

## Excitement for Peru Trip

**Coming soon**, we will be taking a team to Peru. Right now, we have about 12 preparing to go. Please be praying for us as we continue to move in the direction of travel as we need to have a few things in place in the next few weeks. One of the greatest needs is finances for the team and us personally to make it all happen. Please consider what God may ask of you to join us in. We are preparing for several fundraisers in the future. We are expecting to raise about \$32,000.00 to make this trip have the impact we are planning for in Peru. We know God can do it and He has positioned us at a proper place to receive the help to get there. Keep praying and giving.



## Keeping on with the Lord's Work

As a family, we are doing well. Benjamin is working towards his transition to middle school, though this is scary for dad and mom. Gene has spent nearly a week and a half down but is now recovering from a serious bout of bronchitis. However, he is very busy with activities doing the things that matter most; sharing with others the love and comfort of God's spirit. Jordana remains as busy as ever but is trying to ward off a bug of her own so she has missed a few days of work to keep herself healthy as well. These days are filled with busy activity for her as well with work and ministry never leaving a dull moment.

## Your Prayers and Faithfulness

Thanks to each of you for your prayers and dedication to the fulfillment of God's plan for your lives and for Cristo Vive International. May you discover an amazing abundance of God's provision and love and increase your ability to giving more to the furtherance of God's kingdom this month. Please reach into your hearts and give from your blessing to encourage others for faith.

Love from the center of our heart, Christ our Savior,

*Gene & Jordana*