

# Season of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is in the air. With that at the forefront of my thoughts, I am so pleased to take this opportunity to say thank you so much for your ever-enriched blessing of friendship and prayers for us as we enjoy ministering to God's people. We too, pray for your seasons of celebration during the fall and early winter. As our Father is all power-

ful, all present, all knowing, all loving and all caring, the joy of Christmas just ahead can bring the highlights you have been looking for. I urge each of you to make these days so special that the memories of 2017 remain in your most cherished thoughts for the rest of your lives. God loves you that much and it is His desire to make this winter that special!



## Blessings of Ecuador

Cristo Vive International Ecuador has been busy again in the past few weeks as they hosted yet another camp for Special People yearning to get to know Jesus better. It was an amazing encounter for the young people who came and spent their time in Bible Studies, music, worship, fun, beach and friendship.

There are so many testimonies being lived out for the Kingdom through this consistent and willing effort to love the Lord and love their neighbors. The labor of love this team gives freely to the hungry and thirsty youth through these discipleship camps is truly amazing and abundant with first fruits.



Cristo Vive International  
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*...Building Dreams*

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Where does Cristo Vive International operate?

Conroe, TX      RGV, TX

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Coming in June 2018: Iquito, Peru!

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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.

## Busy in Soldotna

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Here in Soldotna, Alaska we too have experienced a great month of splendor as we hosted and facilitated the first annual "SPEAK Information Fair". There were about 12 resource agencies represented from the community wanting to connect with families to offer help and information concerning special needs assistance. It was truly amazing to have each of the groups come together, some of them for the very first time, to meet one another and understand a bit more of what is available in our community. The

families that came seemed quite pleased to meet each agency and left with a sense that there are a number of people in the community that really care for them and are willing to walk with them to meet their family needs. It was awesome!

Just a week after the Information Fair, we hosted a "Parents Night Off", an event to give caregivers a short break and to minister God's love to their children. Our team members here were amazing as

they came together and loved on the children that came out that night. Highlights of the night included a great show "Star of Christmas", a drama about loving others, parachute games, activities with dance and music, and so much more. The kids were so excited to share their fun time with their parents when they came to retrieve them it didn't seem like any of them wanted to leave to go home! It was precious for those families.

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## Iquitos, Peru

As you receive this letter, the two of us, are soon to be with a ministry in Iquitos, Peru to share the heart of love God has breathed into us through Cristo Vive International. We will be setting things in motion for our outreach there in June, this upcoming year. Please pray for us to fulfill the call for this outreach on this trip. Thank you so much, for those of you who were able to assist us to go, with your finances and prayer.

May you have a spectacular Christmas and celebrate with your families the true love Jesus gives to you and us. As you review your end of the year giving, we ask that you prayerfully consider adding Cristo Vive International to your fruitful ministry to sew your overflow into. Thank you and we love you.

*Gene & Jordana*