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June 2016 Monthly Newsletter A Team Member's Perspective

THIS MONTH IN NUMBERS....

Our Santa Madre Homeless Shelter is Central America's only homeless shelter open to any person, of any age, of any race and creed, who needs a safe place to stay. It is used most by homeless and throw-away youth and women fleeing violent homes.

17

... # of homeless shelter floor lay-outs studied by GOD'S CHILD Project founder Patrick Atkinson, prior to his building the Santa Madre Homeless Shelter in 2005

85

... ideal shelter capacity

112

... average nightly shelter population

6,012

... # of total people cared for at Santa Madre

2

... # of babies born at Santa Madre Homeless Shelter (neither mother knew she was pregnant prior to giving birth)

A TEAM MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE....

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being wonderful and for accomplishing so much more you think.

My name is Danielle Adler and I am the Special Activities Coordinator for The GOD'S CHILD Project. Ever since I was a little girl, I have been passionate about other cultures, social justice, human rights, children, and travel.

In grade school I wanted to end the suffering that people experience. In high school, I wanted to bring Human Trafficking victims home.

This past April and May I had the opportunity to travel to The GOD'S CHILD Project's supported programs in Guatemala. While there, I worked at the Atkinson Family Clinics, and collected food donations from local farmers to distribute to the program's widows and abandoned mothers.

The Project's social workers, many of whom grew up in the Project, took me to visit the urban neighborhoods and mountainside slums. We then stopped to feed the malnourished babies yet again.

At the time, everything seemed like such random acts, but over time I saw the connected beauty of all that was happening. I gained a newer and more powerful perspective on life; this now drives me to share the amazing work that The GOD'S CHILD Project does.

The staff members I worked with, like Rina Larrios who is the "mother-director" at Casa Jackson for Malnourished Infants, share my childhood passion for service and dedication. They know the resiliency of the mothers and many of them also know first-hand the joyful spirits of these children who once battled extreme hunger, poverty and hardship in their lives.

A deep desire of mine now is to bring to you the works of The GOD'S CHILD Project, and to do

whatever I can do to help you support this amazing team. Together we are battling hunger, exploi-



tation, and the lack of access to basic rights such as education, medical care, shelter and safety. The transparency of everything I've seen within The GOD'S CHILD Project is much more than what I could have hoped for; I'm also impressed that 91% of every donated dollar goes directly to help the poor.

I feel honored to be part of The GOD'S CHILD Project family, and to share the founder's visions, goals, and life of service. I hope you can visit our Project to see firsthand the impact we make every single day. If you can't, please let me know. I would love to bring it to you.

Thank you once again for making this work possible

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danielle Adler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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