



“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE”

If the smiling faces on these works of art don't grab your attention, we're not sure what will. They're just plain fun, and in those faces, we see so much personality, so much excitement, so much light.

These pieces of art were created by our students with the help of our June mission team, and they were displayed at a school-wide art show to which families, teachers, and team members were invited. We took pictures of the students; they painted and colored fantastical images that gave us glimpses into who they are.

This was our second art show, and one father told us that he still has the art his daughter created three years ago when she was four. He smiled as he said that he now has a second piece to add to his collection.

Scripture inspired the art.

Our Kindergarten students focused on part of **Ephesians 5:8**, “Walk as children of light.” We emphasized thinking of ways that they can spread the love and light of Jesus in their school and in their homes.

Our older students (who are still pretty little, really), worked with **Matthew 5:16**, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

The beautiful thing about the artwork is that it is uniquely **them**. They chose the colors, the objects they painted, and the composition.

We hope they continue to see how fearfully and wonderfully made they are and that God uses them to show people around them His goodness, even in the silly fun they have. These fun experiences mean something.

SUMMER TRIPS 2025



What did we do this summer? A little bit of everything!

We promise that we tried to pick just one photo to capture the essence of our summer trips. As you can tell, we weren't successful. We picked the biggest number of photos we could share in one small space without ending up with a bunch of colorful but unintelligible blobs. Life is all about compromise!

Speaking of compromise, the two teams (one in June, one in July) that we took to El Salvador compromised nothing when it came to service. They gave of themselves completely and truly blessed Bright Hill's ministry.

Each mission trip follows a similar plan: church on Sunday, evangelistic outreach service on Monday, with the rest of the week devoted to projects on our property and throughout the neighborhood and Bible studies with women, men, youth, and kids. The week is packed, and we feel we've done our job if everyone leaves exhausted but having had a great time. Basically, we want everyone to work hard but still be able to have a genuine smile while doing it.

This summer, we continued a new project that started on our Spring Break trips--home visits.

Our missionary family, the Escuderos, has been able to identify individuals and families in our community who need extra help and encouragement. Small groups from our teams were able to visit with these neighbors, pray with them, and provide them with food and other things they might need.

In addition to home visits, each summer team got to participate in some pretty special activities. From the first page of this newsletter, you learned that our June team hosted an art show. Our July team had lots of young team members, so we knew they'd be the perfect group to participate in Colegio La Luz de Jesús' annual Sports Day, our school's version of Field Day.

From cheering on students to squaring off against them on the soccer pitch, the kids on our July team had fun and made lots of memories with our students. We saw parents supporting their children, teachers having fun outside of the classroom, and a whole community coming together.

If any of this sounds like fun to you, keep an eye on your email and our social media for 2026 Bright Hill trip dates.

Bright Hill Sponsorship

One of the most joyful parts of any Bright Hill trip is Sunday lunch. For one thing, that's when we get fried chicken, reason enough to be happy. But, the greater cause for excitement is that Sunday is Sponsor Lunch, the time when sponsors get to meet the students they sponsor and their families.

Everyone has lunch together, and, often with the help of translators, gets to know each other a little better. From the sidelines of the event, we get to see relationships forming, and we get to witness the joy our students have at finally meeting (or getting to see again) the person who's been praying for and encouraging them.

We have people who sponsor as individuals, as families, and as part of a group like a church or Bible study. This summer we had so many sponsors on each trip that we were serving up fried chicken for over 70 people at each Sunday lunch. It was some work, but that's the kind of work you do with a smile.



**“Let the children
come to me; do
not hinder them,
for to such
belongs the
kingdom of God.”
Mark 10:14**



Let's celebrate. Let's SHINE!

It's almost that time of year again! Time for our annual fundraiser luncheon. It might sound a little crazy that we're excited about it. It's a TON of work, and nobody wants to ask people for money. We promise that we don't.

But, the fundraiser isn't just about raising funds, it's about telling people of the amazing work that God is doing through Bright Hill Collective in a small part of El Salvador. It's about telling the stories of people that nobody would know about otherwise, about shining a light on a place that's so often overlooked.

Over the past year, we've been able to see the good that comes from showing people the needs that they otherwise wouldn't know about. When that happens, people get the care they need, the prayers they have craved, the human connection that's been missing from their lives.

If you want to learn more about how you can be part of this work by attending our annual (free!) luncheon, scan the QR code here, go to brighthillcollective.org/fundraiser, or contact us at the phone number or email below.



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