



our biggest summer yet!

If you peeked at the article on the back of this newsletter before opening it, we won't judge you. It had some pretty impressive information about our summer trips. This year may well have been our biggest in terms of number of trippers joining us in El Salvador.

Big turnouts like that are essential for getting big jobs done, and we did that this summer. Bucket-loads of rubble were moved as we tore down part of one building to expand it and to build an access road to another part of the property. We celebrated a quinceañera and hosted our annual Sports Day. Trippers organized our SHIP Shop, taught Bible studies, and helped our teachers. Big things were accomplished this summer.

We love seeing our groups accomplish BIG things. But an even more precious truth comes to light when seeing 138 people spend time in El Salvador: 138 trippers means 138 possibilities of seeing moments like the one above.

The simple touch of a hand, a prayer for a neighbor.

These are the moments we can't plan for or anticipate. All we can do is put people where God leads us to and trust Him to guide them. Each time we step back and let God work through our trippers, we are rewarded by seeing that He knew exactly which person had a need for prayer or a hug, and He knew exactly which person had that prayer or hug to give. His faithfulness carries us.



We are so grateful to Robert Posar from Oak Hills Church in Edmond, Oklahoma, for capturing this and so many other beautiful images from the event.

a moment to celebrate

This summer was full of reasons to celebrate: rooms full of mission trippers, meaningful progress made on our new classrooms, and so many opportunities to visit with and encourage our neighbors. But, one of the biggest celebrations came in the form of our quinceañera held in June.

Every two to three years, we host a quinceañera--the traditional celebration of a girl's 15th birthday in Latin America. For us, it's never just about one girl. We always have lots of girls who've turned fifteen within that time, and this year we celebrated ten girls.

Leading up to the quinceañera, our girls met together with Yenni Escudero for weeks, studying scripture, and learning how precious they are to God.

On the day of the quinceañera, with much help from our trippers, our ten girls were treated to a brunch and paint party with their moms, had their hair and makeup done, and dressed in gorgeous gowns before the event. At the quinceañera, the girls were prayed over and encouraged, and each of us saw a glimpse of the women they are becoming.

a tradition continues

And now for something completely different: In July we hosted our school's annual Sports Day (our version of field day).

Sports Day is an event so fun, so full of excitement and the thrill of competition that even non-sports fans enjoy it. Each grade comes dressed in their class color; parents show up to cheer them on and to compete; and our mission trippers join in the fun.

As our school grows, we see how blessed we are to be close to a big sports complex. Our school now has 120 students, and, when we add in parents and other family and friends who participate, this event is huge.

This year, just like last year, we were blessed to have a mission team with lots of kids. We needed everyone's participation as grades battled against one another to reign supreme in games of soccer, relay races, basketball games, and other feats of athletic skill. Most importantly, we all got to be a part of a beautiful day that brought our school's families together and gave everyone a chance to have fun.



Sports Day is a hands-on activity, though sometimes (like when we're playing soccer) the use of hands is not permitted.



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you're invited

Bright Hill Collective's 2026 Luncheon

OCTOBER 8, 2026 | 12 PM-1PM

College Station Hilton, 801 University Drive East

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.
Come early to shop at our Artisan's Market!

The luncheon is free to attend.
Just tell us you're coming by
September 29:

BrightHillCollective.org/fundraiser
contact@BrightHillCollective.org
979.260.7447

Join us!

four ways to support Bright Hill Collective's annual luncheon

PRAY

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Each year we have 24 hours of prayer the weekend before our luncheon. We'd love for you to be a part of it.

ATTEND

02

Come find out what God is doing in El Salvador!

UNDERWRITE

03

Underwriters financially help us host our annual luncheon. We are serious about being good stewards of your gifts, so most funds from underwriters go directly to the work we do, rather than to hosting the luncheon.

HOST A TABLE

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Table hosts invite friends and family – people with a heart for children and families in need and a passion for missions – and host them throughout the luncheon.



Scan this QR Code
to let us know you'd
like to pray, attend,
or underwrite.
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if you'd like to host
a table.





One hundred and thirty-eight. That is the number of people who joined us on Bright Hill trips in El Salvador this summer. Sometimes you don't understand how big a number is until you write out the words: One hundred and thirty-eight.

In that big number (138!), we had people from eleven different states, one from Cuba, and some from a nearby Salvadoran town. Trippers as young as five and as old as "It's none of your business how old I am."

We had people with talents in preaching, teaching, singing. People with the stamina to break concrete blocks and carry heavy loads all day and people who could fix a girl's hair for her quinceañera. (Sometimes one person was up to both of those tasks.)

We needed people who could do all of these things. **God gave us even more than what we needed.**

That is what we've come to expect. God always gives us more. Knowing that doesn't mean that we don't get nervous before each trip. When we're looking at logistics, wondering if we've got enough room to fit all our travelers (or if we've got enough people to get the jobs done), we have moments of panic.

But on each trip God shows us that the little bit we bring to the trip will always be supplemented--completed--by Him. That's a lesson He teaches us about mission trips, but it's a bigger lesson about life that we continuously need to relearn. Thank God He always gives us more.