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We started our English classes! 🎉🎉

The Lord has given us a vision here in El Valle and it is to establish a Transformation Center. We believe that the church is called to go outside of the four walls of the building and that it is meant to reach our neighboring communities.

There is a famous phrase that says "It takes a village to raise a child..." and we added to it "**but a church to raise a generation**".

In doing what we believe is the will of God for El Valle, six weeks ago we started our English Class for 15 students who desired to learn a new language and improve their economic opportunities. They have been meeting every Saturday morning and this past Sunday they graduated from English 101. These community classes serve to provide practical skills and teach students the value of structure, self discipline, and achievement. Praise God!



Our church member Connie Holton is teaching the English Classes and has a heart to see this community transformed. She is originally from the States, but has been living in El Valle for more than 10 years. Truly an answer to our prayers!



Youth Group Thriving!

"He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."
Matt. 9:37-38 NIV

Our youth group recently celebrated its first year anniversary. God has been so good to us in the past couple of months! Many youth from broken families have come and we are witnessing them encounter Jesus every Friday Night. The youth pastors Erick and Emy have been doing a phenomenal job in leading, encouraging, and discipling them weekly.

As the new year began we wanted to do something different and felt it was time for the youth group to have their own name! After praying and discussing it with the youth leaders, NEXT GENERATION was truly highlighted to us.

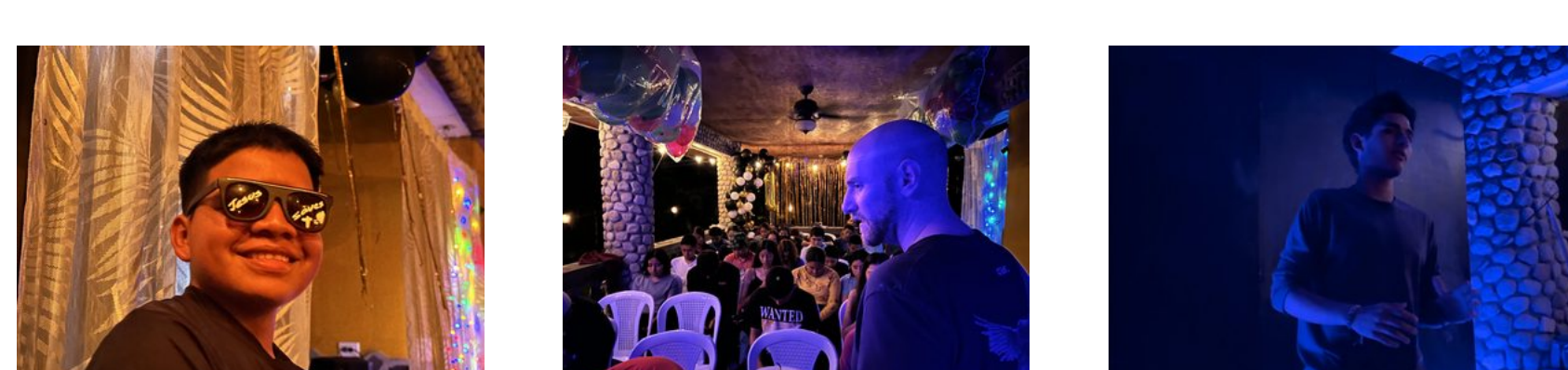
Since you are also part of this journey, we are excited to share it with you! This is the new logo for Behold Youth group:



Special thanks to Raelyn Harrison for designing the logo.



These are photos from when the youth celebrated their first year anniversary. Truly a night filled with joy, excitement, and most important JESUS. We surprised them with the new name and logo, played many games together, and had a time of testimonies. It is wonderful to see each one of these youth have an encounter with Christ.



Home Groups are Growing!

We have started our new model of small groups. The focus is on discipleship and multiplication. The home groups are now taught by leaders who were baptized in Behold Church and completed the School of Discipleship. It is truly a privilege and blessing to witness believers maturing in Christ and leading others.



We still have a lot of work to do, but we are coming closer to our goal!

God is good and faithful to His promises

**Thank you for your continued love and support.
Your kindness means a lot to us!**

Many more exciting things are happening that we will be sharing with you soon. We are so pleased to continue to build the foundations of His church together with you. God bless you!



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