

# Happy New School Year!

Thanks to your consistent generosity, the La Represa Children's Ministry has been able to show up in a big way during this new school year! We never want gifts to distract from our main goal, which is to teach the truth of God's Word to the children and families of La Represa.

However, sometimes physical gifts show the people of the community that we recognize their needs and are here to help. They give us an opportunity to remind families the reason that we love them, because God first loved us! The community of La Represa is very grateful to New Vision and SCORE for investing in their children.



Before the children started classes, the teachers and staff were already hard at work planning together for the upcoming year. We stopped by to say "thank you" with a coffee mug, a small bag of coffee, and some chocolates. In the same way that parents get to thank their children's teachers in the states, loving on these teachers is a huge part of the children's ministry. They are impacting the kids daily, and we want to appreciate them for the valuable work that they do!

Speaking of teachers, we got to help them prepare their classrooms thanks to the Teachers Serving Teachers donations. We got a few extra supplies to add to what New Vision members and friends donated. The teachers were so excited about the decorations and materials, and they sent their gratitude to those of you who made that possible!



Remember last year when I said our school years start off a little slow here? Well, on the first day of school that the majority of the students actually attended, we handed out school



supplies. Each student received notebooks, pens, pencils, a pencil sharpener, and an eraser. It was very rewarding to experience their thankfulness at receiving something school-related! THIS is what we're talking about when we say that EVERY child benefits from your monthly giving. About one-third of the children are paired with a sponsor, but

every child received a back-to-school gift to remind them that we care about them and are invested in their lives.

While we were at the schools, many of the children asked if we were there to kick-off the Bible program, which is equally exciting! How worthwhile it is to see young people enthusiastic about learning God's Word! These children love getting some extra attention and participating in unique activities, and we love making that happen for them in a way that is based on God's Word!

For those of you who are wondering when the Bible program will start again, the answer is SOON! We are currently preparing for the October 5-12 mission project, in which a team of 17 will serve alongside the baseball ministry boys in improving their baseball field, playing their favorite sport, and learning God's Word. After that team, we will be kicking off a new year of the Bible program for the kids. Our plan is slightly different this year, and we are excited to be more intentional than ever in building relationships and teaching the Bible. We are praying for gospel transformation in their lives and those of their family members. Thank you again for being a huge piece of what makes family ministry happen in La Represa!

