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FINDING EVERY TREASURE:

CHERYL TREVOR

DIRECTOR, MONTEVISTA SCHOOL (BAJA)

If you've ever spent time with children, you know that kids love rocks. When my children were little, we'd go walking, and they would constantly find rocks that they thought were cool, and EVERY rock was special. Either it was bumpy or smooth or had a neat color; they were stripped and spotted, rough and jagged. Once, we were given a special rock for the kids to discover. On the outside, it was a rough, non-exciting rock. But when they hit it with a hammer and broke it, they discovered that there were beautiful crystals inside. There was a treasure in that seemingly normal rock, and my kids loved it.

Here at Montevista School, our goal is to find the treasure within our students; in the same way, children look for treasure in rocks. We receive students with all sorts of gifts and abilities. They are all unique and different, but they have one thing in common: many don't feel important or loved. They cannot see the treasure inside them because of situations they have lived through with important people in their lives. So, when they are with us, we try to help them see the great value inside them so they might understand that they are treasures.

Our school is named Montevista, "View of the Mountains" because of Psalm 121 that says, "I lift my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven



and earth.” We want our students to be academically successful, but even more, we want them to understand that the creator of heaven and earth loves them and is with them always. We want them to lift their eyes to the Lord for help.

We are extremely proud of one of our older students. Jose Eduardo came to the children’s home when he was young. He had trouble hearing and had not been successful at school for many years. But a few years ago, one of his teachers discovered the treasure inside him and helped him start learning. He has been enrolled in the adult education program, and last year, summer of 2021, he graduated from elementary school at the age of 17. We are extremely proud of him because this year, summer of 2022, he is graduating from middle school! He has worked hard to advance and achieve his goal, but his attitude is the most wonderful thing about Jose Eduardo. It doesn’t matter how many times he fails; he always gets up and tries again. He is the epitome of an optimistic attitude. We are very proud of Jose Eduardo for his hard work and great achievement!



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HIS HAND IN EVERYTHING:

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This year, at the school in Oaxaca, we have seen the hand of God in all the plans we set for ourselves. God completed our team by bringing teachers with a great desire to serve Him and a lot of love for the children. We wrote every project we dreamed of last year, trusting that God would provide the necessary resources and people for it -- and He did! The classrooms, the patio, the office, the school garden, and the bathrooms were renovated. Teachers were given the opportunity to receive specialized training, becoming better equipped for their work with the children. Likewise, the art workshops have advanced, and in Taekwondo, some of the boys received their first tournament medals. God has been so good!

But before all this, the most successful thing for us has been to see how God has worked and transformed the hearts and minds of the children through His word and the love of the teachers. We see happier children -- children who like to be in school, children who return after school to spend "extra" time in activities, and the best children who know that God loves them. He has a purpose for them, and we trust His seed will bear fruit for their salvation in due time.

Next year, one of the main goals is to design an Educational Intervention Plan focused on the attention of the children we receive who have never been to school. The other big project is the creation of a media classroom where children have access to information through technology. This will require hours of planning, study, work, and a lot of training for teachers. We trust that God is with us and will sustain us. We thank the directors and leaders for their support in these projects. Likewise, to all those who lovingly contribute to His Ministry, carrying us in their prayers, advising us, and carrying our burdens. May God reward you. Thanks be to our amazing God.

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