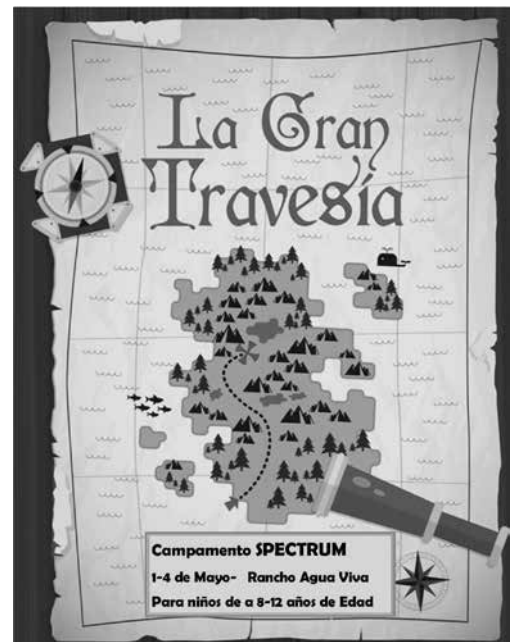


## Preparation

March 2020

With less than two months to go there's a lot to get ready! The dates have been reserved for our annual Spectrum camp, May first through the fourth. Now the time is rushing towards us and the excitement is building! We're sending out fliers in our neighborhoods and distributing them to orphanages. This is really only needed for communication with the parents. The kids already know it's coming! And since camp is now open to both boys and girls, it's all they will be talking about when we see them at our outreaches. Last year we had one hundred and fifty eight kids. This year we're hoping for two hundred!

That means we have to plan for transportation. Buses, vans and drivers are needed to get the kids down and back safely on the seventy mile journey south. Cabin counselors are being contacted and asked to mark the time off on their calendars. The games, craft supplies and free time equipment are being evaluated to ensure everything is in working order. It's the one time a year kids get to shoot bow and arrows and bb guns. Do we have enough bb's? Efren (Spectrum staff) is already buying food and paper supplies. We



We're excited about this year's camp theme!

know the way many of these kids eat in their homes throughout the year. Sometimes there's no food to put on the table. That makes the burritos and other delicious food the children receive, an integral component to their camp experience!



Camp is a place to deepen friendships!

We already have this year's camp theme. It's the story we will unfold throughout the four days we have the kids. Yes, for the first time ever the school schedule worked out so that there is no school on Monday the fourth. Now we get to use an extra day to share with the kids about Jesus! In Spanish our camp theme, La Gran Travesía translates into The Great Journey or Adventure. It's easy for kids as they grow to align themselves with their environment and fall into all the pitfalls that trap so many. Romans 12:2 says to not conform to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. The Great Journey is about three young people who discover a map that



Paul Alvarado (Spectrum Staff) leading worship at last year's camp

guides them on a new path. A journey that takes them away from their old life. They begin to see that old life for what it is, and even with plenty of mistakes that need forgiveness along the way, they discover a new life full of purpose and meaning. They even encounter the cartographer, the Designer of the map! It's all about how God's Word transforms our hearts and minds through faith in Jesus Christ and every bit of it leads us to Him!

God leads you, we sure could use your help preparing for that! We also would greatly appreciate your prayers. Asking God to work in lining up all the logistics. Petitioning Him for good weather and for safe travel in well working vehicles. Pray for our communications with parents, churches and orphanages so that we can get the word out clearly and effectively so every child can come! Pray for the interactions the kids will have with our staff and counselors, that we will reflect Christ. Ask that God would work through the skits, the fun videos and the teachings to to open the kids eyes to who He is. And may He use this time away from all the problems and struggles they have back home to reveal to them a loving God worth giving their lives to. In the end, that's our goal.



Kids are looking forward to camp!

That God would be the star of the show. That He would be glorified! In the midst of all the fun, in the beautiful camp setting, and surrounded by adults who love them, we want each child to hear the message of God's great love for them and the salvation He offers through His Son, Jesus Christ.



Kids love the games we have for them each year.

We will continue to prepare for that, and we thank you for your role in helping us get ready. Through your support and prayers for Spectrum, you allow this type of work with kids in our poor neighborhoods to continue. Life is bleak in our tough neighborhoods and camp is a time each year that shines the light on the only answer that can give them hope. A transformational relationship with Jesus Christ!

From all of us at Spectrum,

Matt Kooi  
Director of Spectrum Ministries

PS - Just a reminder that we are moving to quarterly giving statements. The first giving statement will come in April and will total your gifts given during the first quarter. The newsletters will continue to come as they do now however to keep you informed with all that God is doing here. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email us at [info@spectrumministries.org](mailto:info@spectrumministries.org). We are so grateful for your partnership with Spectrum! Thank you!

*"May the favor of the Lord rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes, establish the work of our hands." - Psalm 90:17*