

## HOPE AT THE BRICK HOUSE

*To see every family loved and cared for*

**Dear Friends:**

We reflect on a year FULL of blessings. Thank you for the many ways you have supported us through prayers, financial support and the time given by so many volunteers. Each of these is a tremendous act of love to us and we are grateful.

The enclosed pictures and calendar are the faces of all those God has “gifted” us with this year and the many opportunities we have had with them. We ended Our year with 42 children from 23 different families.

Please pray for them as you are reminded.



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Our biggest blessing AND challenge is ahead of us in this new year! Our staff, many of you, and our kids have prayed for what God will do to allow us to build more space onto our present building to bring all our kids together, make the most of time, transportation and staff availability.

We plan to break ground April 1st!

At the beginning of our conversations and prayers, we were told \$500,000 would be our need. We watched as God gave us “surprise monies” through many of you. Over \$135,000 has come in the past couple months. We are putting together the team to build, seeing where we can cut some costs, and continuing to raise the needed finances. Thank you for joining us in the plan for this year.

We embrace a new year with hope in all God has to offer. We will start back on January 3rd. We will be short staffed especially in January as our college students have a longer break. Volunteers are welcome, especially to read one-on-one with kids.

Three new St Ambrose students will join our staff when they return: Leyre, from Spain will serve as an Intern; Ellie and Jonah are both committed in their relationship and walk with Christ and I am excited to have them join our team! We plan to continue to build on leadership skills, phonics and walking the walk that Jesus desires us to walk.

Please join us in whatever way God leads you. We cherish our volunteers, friendships, the many years of financial support, and the prayers that sustain our ministry!

**O Come let us Adore Him this Christmas season!**

Joyce Klopp, Director

“Building Bridges with Books,” is the project chosen by St Ambrose students to encourage kids to have fun reading. The SAU class engaged our students in assisting them planning, painting and installing a Free Library box in our yard. SAU students will help manage the books and volunteer with us after school.  
*Thank you!*







A few pictures of our past month. Most center around our “elves in the work shop.” They are always crafting up something! All 42 will be presenting a Christmas program for their parents on Dec. 19th. Many thanks go to Katie for her hours of planning and directing them with speaking parts and music. Many self-conscious kids have risen to the occasion and memorized parts and joined in the music. Katie has also shared Advent devotionals throughout the month with the truth in the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Along with that, Mrs Shari (bottom left) has challenged the older kids to memorize the books of the Old Testament. Through rap and games, they have learned them all!



(Top left) Many thanks to our great host of families and groups that have provided meals all year. I wonder how many pounds of food our troops have consumed!! *We are grateful!*

