



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Homework Centre & Reading Lab



The Homework Centre & Reading Lab was created as there was a perceived need within the community for assistance in this area. It was recognized that there are many children who, after leaving school in the afternoons, wander about aimlessly, not attending to homework or to anything productive to their development.

Additionally, there are several children in our church community and beyond who are unable to read at their grade level, with some even having difficulty recognizing letters.

Seeing the need, the church started the Homework and SRA Reading Lab Ministry.

Children between ages 5 - 16 years, attend the Centre from 3:00pm to 5:00pm each afternoon, Mondays to Thursdays during the school term, in comfortable air-conditioned classrooms, conducive to study, lesson preparation, reading and instruction. A snack is provided during the first half hour, when the students have a chance to relax before starting work.

The SRA system is used which provides a guided approach to improvement in reading and comprehension ability. The staff /volunteers guide the children through the series of SRA cards, and Skill Builder Cards are used where there is need for remedial work on specific areas of grammar, comprehension or word usage. Personalized attention is also provided to the children in small groups. Special classes are held weekly in Spanish and Mathematics by Teacher volunteers.

Assistance in homework is provided through approximately ten regular volunteers. The presence of male volunteers, in particular, enhances the social aspect of learning which is also integral to what is being delivered.

At the end of the sessions (approx. 4:45pm) time is spent in daily devotions and the children are encouraged in the other areas of their daily lives, and seeds of the Kingdom planted in their hearts. Through God's guidance and blessing, many young lives have been improved for the better, and the academic success stories are growing. God's grace and goodness are evident in the lives of all who attend and participate in the ministry.

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