

JANET ANTHONY

VP of Latin America

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An Invitation from Our President

I've asked KidZ at Heart's President and CEO, Gordon West, to share with you some exciting plans we have to continue developing our KidZ at Home initiative. We want to invite you to help parents across North America and around the world help their own children fall deeply in love with Jesus. Please take a moment to watch this [brief video](#) (approximately 5 minutes).

From One America to Another

As the landscape of our organizational structure at KidZ at Heart morphs with incoming new staff members, I have been asked to take on the role of VP of Latin American Ministries and Maureen Berger will assume my former role as VP of North American Ministries.

I begin this new role with friendships already formed in Honduras from previous training trips, although it won't hurt me to brush up more on Spanish! Anny Segovia, our veteran translator in Honduras, is going through the process of becoming a National Training Network Coordinator (Honduras) with KidZ at Heart. Carolina de Portillo is the Regional Training Network Director for Latin America with KidZ at Heart, and is already leading the network of trainers in her home country of El Salvador through a time of strong growth. Haiti, Costa Rica and Guatemala are in the beginning stages of hosting training, and I just connected this week with a couple interested in hosting the training in Bolivia! It will be an adventure to see where God opens doors, bringing teams and leaders.

Living out this 2 Timothy 2:2 model (model and train those reliable leaders/teachers/parents who then model and train, who then model and train...) is the DNA of KidZ at Heart, realizing the most qualified people to reach children in their own culture are those who live in that culture.

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KidZ at Home

Life has changed dramatically for families around the world as we all scramble to understand how to deal with COVID-19. In my own family history, I have discovered that one of my father's parents died from the Spanish flu pandemic in 1918 when my father was only two years old. Our struggles during this current pandemic are real, painful and may have brought unexpected grieving and loss into our lives.

But I think you will agree that good has come from this unusual time as well. Families have been motivated to find new ways to spend time together, connect relationally and be creative together. We are all rethinking our role in the family as parents or grandparents, and, spiritually, we are rethinking our role as disciplers of our children and the role of the church in equipping families spiritually. Prayers have been increasing in intensity over the past few years for God to draw the hearts of the family together and to love God deeply together. As a result, in ministry to children, the focus during this time has been to develop practical ways that families can draw together in spiritual ways as they live everyday life together. Sounds like Deuteronomy 6:4-7, doesn't it? Check out [KidZ at Home](#) for resources that will help you help the kids in your life love Jesus more deeply.

Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

Personally...



Our oldest granddaughter, Hayleigh Anthony, graduates this month from Highland High School. She will attend Marion Tech to begin her nursing career and we couldn't be more proud! Normally a time filled with excitement, she has forgone the prom, her final summit competition in Florida for her competitive cheer club and other memory-making events. We will watch her graduation on video, but all the same, she will be a 2020 graduate!

Prayer Requests

- Our Honduras trip has been postponed, at least until fall. Please pray for God's protection, provision and clarity for Honduras and for El Salvador since one of our team members will be coming from El Salvador. Airlines will need to be open and safe to travel. Governments in 3 nations will need to align to have details open and safe for us to travel and train.

Financial Support Update

Monthly Support Currently at 100%! Your support helps me continue to train in North America and internationally. Thank you.

One-Time Gifts will help with expenses to Honduras this fall as we train the Hondurans to be trainers! This is an exciting turning point in our ministry there.

Join my Support Team

Updates and Prayer – Are there others you know who would like to receive my monthly updates? Please contact me with details so I can verify contact information and their desire to be connected. My contact information is listed on page 1 of this newsletter.

Finances – Would you prayerfully consider giving to KidZ at Heart as we help children fall deeply in love with Jesus? Donations are received securely online or by check.

Checks – payable to KidZ at Heart and noted for **Janet Anthony**; mail to address above

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