

## CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY EXPANDS

We are thrilled to have officially opened the third neighborhood site for our Children's Enrichment Ministry. The newest site is located on the grounds of Iglesia Presbiteriana Lirio de los Valles (Lily of the Valley Presbyterian Church), right across the street from our coffee shop, Café Justo y Mas.

Throughout the five years of the children's enrichment ministry, we have experienced how the interest in learning grows in children who are at risk of dropping out of school. This motivates us as a team to open new educational spaces working together with our partners in different parts of the city.



On May 21st, we dedicated new classrooms, where children from the surrounding community will receive a nutritional meal, tutoring, and spiritual and emotional enrichment each day. The important thing is not only that the children can receive a good grades in school, but that they develop their potential and feel that they have learned it in a safe space where everyone is valued.

Carmina, secretary of the Board of Frontera de Cristo and member of the Lirio de los Valles Church, commented: "I would have loved to have

someone to dedicate time to me like this when I was a child. I always thought I did not know because I did not understand anything, and sometimes I went to school without even a notebook. Without a doubt we want to create opportunities, intellectual development, and the expansion of the Gospel."

Our hope is to bring life to the children of the community, and we have seen how feeling valued helps them grow in a different way, improve their educational level, have a healthy diet, increase their interaction with other people, improve their self-esteem, and grow up to be mature and responsible.

Pastor Ramon of the Lily of the Valley Church and member of the FDC board celebrates with emotion at being part of the educational and Gospel ministry. "We are excited to be part of the project and hope to contribute as well, and we celebrate that it is a means of gaining knowledge and the space where the Gospel will be shared."

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*  
—Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

