

Partner Updates, 4/9/26

Children of Faith (Ginny):

In India the end of 10th grade is an occasion for celebration. At Children of Faith the 10th students have completed their general education and will move on to Junior college for 11th and 12th grade. The Home recently hosted a celebration to mark this milestone, a “Farewell” for the students who have just completed 10th grade at the Home’s school. After completing their exams some students will remain at the home for Junior college while others might return to the community and live with relatives for the next two years. Read about this and more at the Children of Faith website, <https://childrenoffaithmissions.org/news/>

Fotokids (Marjorie):

Easter Week is one of the most vibrant and tradition-filled times in Guatemala. It is also one of the most transformative moments of the year-when learning turns into real-world experiences for the students at Fotokids. The streets fill with thousands of people, and the Fotokids students navigate dense crowds, searching for the perfect angle, working alongside professional photographers and looking for that “perfect shot”.

Claudia Amelia strategized to be able to capture a young boy, wearing the traditional crown decorated with flowers, and posing as an apostle. Because of her interest in portraiture, he becomes the main focus of the photo, with everything else blending into the background. In Santiago Atitlán, Emerson worked his way through packed streets, to arrive at the church, reaching the front to document a ceremony just before the procession began. Estrella’s goal for the day was to capture a singular photograph of the Maximón procession, one that reflects the cultural depth and richness of the local celebrations. As a result of Estrella’s persistence and determination, she was able to convey the color, excitement and significance of the day.

Easter Week is more than a celebration. It is a powerful teaching opportunity. Your support makes these moments possible. The students not only learn photography, but are able to tell their stories, preserve their culture, and see new possibilities for their future.

Thank you for being part of their journey.

Stand! (Steve):

Rhonda James, the ED for STAND!, announced her retirement to the board last year. Rhonda's "final" day is June 30, 2026, however she will remain with STAND! to onboard the new ED if necessary. She will also remain in her current role if landing a new ED extends beyond June 30. The board has been thrilled with the resume response and is confident that a qualified candidate will be found.