



Emmanuel Ballet Academy Annual Report 2008-2009

By Kirsten Avelar

Fall of 2008 Children registered for classes

All of the children at the home were given the opportunity to register for the dance classes of their choice. We were blessed to have 8 individuals or dance studios sign up to sponsor dancers!



December 2008 Christmas Concert

Children performed a Christmas-themed concert in the dance studio, with a guest performance from Cor Ignis Dance Company. Four students received medals for leadership, perfect attendance, good attitude, and a strong work ethic. All of the students received a gift bag.



January 2009 Trained in new teachers and teachers' assistants

Top students and graduates of the dance program were chosen to enter a training course to become dance teachers or assistants for Emmanuel Ballet Academy.

February 2009 Ballet Magnificat! Workshop

America's Premier Christian Ballet Company, Ballet Magnificat! from Jackson, MS, came to Emmanuel Ballet Academy to give a workshop on Creative Worship Dance. Thirty students participated in this workshop.

March 2009 New Documentary about Emmanuel Ballet Academy
KRWG TV, the local PBS station, filmed classes at Emmanuel Ballet Academy and created a twelve minute documentary about the dance program.

April 2009 Took top students on field trip
Thirty-Five of the top students at Emmanuel Ballet Academy were taken to International Dance Week at Paso Del Norte Centro Cultural in Cd. Juarez where they saw performances from all over Mexico.



May 2009 Culminating Performance
All of the children in dance classes had the opportunity to perform at Emmanuel Christian Church as a closure for the 2008-2009 school year.



We also acquired a new sponsor for Emmanuel Ballet Academy who has pledged \$500 a month to the program.



June 2009 Summer Dance Intensive & Mission Outreach

Hosted the 4th annual summer dance intensive & mission outreach where fifteen girls from the home were given full scholarships to attend. Four dance teachers and one photographer from Connecticut came to the intensive and donated their time and talents.



August 2009 Change in Leadership (Note from Betel)

Kirsten Avelar stepped down as Director of Emmanuel Ballet Academy and recommended Becca Wilson as her replacement. We thank Kirsten for her inspiration, artistry, dedication and love for the children of Emmanuel Children's Home expressed in the decade she was with us, beginning with the Christmas program in December of 1999.

Our prayers go with her as she pursues other opportunities and she knows that she always has a place here.

We are thankful that Becca is willing to take on this new role. She has worked with our children for the past several years and her love for them and her dedication to her art is evident.

Financial Report

As you can see on the income statement for Emmanuel Ministries, Emmanuel Ballet Academy is pleased to announce that we finished the fiscal year in the black by approximately \$1,350. We have asked that this money be given toward the general budget of Emmanuel Ministries.

Emmanuel Ballet Academy Goals 2009-2010

To increase the *Sponsor a Dancer* program sponsorship to cover 50% of the children participating in dance classes

To raise the additional support for Becca Wilson, our new director: \$700 more a month is still needed

To have a Christmas/end of semester performance in December of 2009

To host a summer dance intensive & mission outreach in summer 2010

To host a mini version of the summer dance intensive & mission outreach in summer 2010 specifically for the boys

To have a culminating performance at the INBA theater in Spring/Early Summer of 2010

To increase attendance and decrease tardiness to all dance classes

To continue training students to become teachers and teachers' assistants in dance classes

