

Ebenezer





Summer of 2019 we received news that a church building for one of our congregations had been sold and was going to be torn down. The pastor of this church shared with me the sadness her kids expressed, about leaving their handprints behind. A project she told me that wasn't meant to be permanent but became a big part of the kids feeling at they belonged and had a space they could call their own. My co-worker, who serves as the Director of Next Gen Discipleship, had a great idea to take photos of all the hand prints and make a banner for the congregation to keep in memory of the building.

Upon my arrival to Ebenezer Hispanic Fellowship, I realized these tiny hand prints were so much more. Walking into the kids room, you are immediately greeted from floor to ceiling with an array of tiny, multi colored hands. The longer you stare the more you notice, the patterns and placement of the prints, the progression of each child's excitement, some neat, some messy, the colors, the space between each set of tiny hands, an overwhelming story to be told was waiting here.

Standing in the space it became clear to me, this was so much more than a banner. I decided then to make what you see before you. I took photos of each wall, close up's and whole frames, to ensure I had every single finger accounted for. When I returned to my office I thought how cool would it be to combine all of these hands into one image. For them to keep and hang in their new building or anywhere they go and always feel like they have a piece of home left to take with them.

This congregation full of wonderful people and children and love, is now using a temporary space to worship during their time of transition. They have a piece of love that will surround their legacy with joy wherever the journey takes them.