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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

for:

- ✝ additional sponsors for the children.
- ✝ God's healing of hearts and spirits.
- ✝ an increase of supporters for Olga - Olga's support has dropped to 32%.
- ✝ God's timing for the opening of the third children's house.

COMIN'S AND GOIN'S

January brought precious four year old Priscila to the upstairs house. Olga, Enrique, Estif and Wendy returned "home" to the upstairs house after a year of sabbatical, and Coni left for a well deserved two months of rest. Many visitors also came showering blessings in multiple ways. First to visit was Joan from England returning for her fourth time; Jon and Jessica arrived soon after to spend two months helping in the houses and working on projects. And finally Tim's nephews, Caleb and Josiah came for time with family and the Lord.

February began with the arrival in the upstairs house of three week old baby Mar Darling, and five year old Yerlin with her two year old twin siblings Anderson and Deilyn. The arrivals were followed in short by the departure of Brandon, Pamela and Jacqueline. The three siblings were overjoyed to be going home with their mom. A few days later baby Andrea left to join her new family with her aunt and uncle. Next came Brittany from the states to help in the downstairs house as a live-in Tia, followed in tow by a week's visit from Michelle who administered God's love through soothing massages. Tia Rosa resigned from the upstairs house to be at home with her daughter who just started Kinder. Elester also left and returned with his family to their homeland of Nicaragua. Filling in the gap of Lester's departure is Oscar, Nanci's fiancé who was hired on as the gardener and ground maintenance.

March brought Tim's uncle Roy who instantly became grandpa to all the kids. Siblings, Angela and Reichel joined the upstairs house and soon after Dena and Josh left for Guatemala to host two mission teams. Coni returned from her time away rested and ready for action and Merla from Limon, Costa Rica joined the staff as a mid term missionary for six months. A two day working visit from the Indian Rocks Christian High School mission team topped off the blessings for the month.

And as always many volunteers gave countless hours of loving to the kids, which meant hours of help and support for the Tias.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Jascal when he first arrived



Jascal one month later!

When two year old **Jascal** first arrived at Hogar de Vida in November 2007 he was a withdrawn, scared and terribly sad little boy. Removed from an "at-risk" home environment, Jascal had come to know life as unpredictable and lacking consistent care and love. His 4 ½ year old sister had been his main "stable" influence in his world.

Jascal's first month at Hogar de Vida was very difficult for him. As his tias poured out to him consistent love and care, and as the Lord Jesus Christ ministered to Jascal's hurting heart, Jascal slowly began to open up and gain confidence. He has blossomed into a smiling, energetic, talkative toddler who is discovering life is secure, loving and lots of fun. Jascal's favorite pastime is kicking balls or anything else that is somewhat "kickable". He definitely has a future in soccer!



Jascal's older sister **Priscila** came to Hogar de Vida a few months later, in February 2008. Upon arriving, her first question was, "Where's my brother, Jascal?" After seeing him and realizing he was safe and happy, Priscila began settling into the safety of her new loving home and family. Priscila immediately began a quest to gain back some of her lost childhood. She is always eager to go to PreKinder

each week day morning and once there spends much of her time playing with puzzles. She is a sweet joy from the Lord and is becoming quite the active and friendly preschooler.

The Costa Rican social services and governmental agencies provide approximately 50% of the cost of care for each child living at Hogar de Vida. All remaining costs and needs are met through gifts, donations and child sponsorships.

If you are interested in sponsoring Priscila, Jascal or any of the other children at Hogar de Vida, and would like more information, please email info@homesoflife.org

The suggested monthly amount for a child sponsorship is \$30.00, of which 100% comes directly to the home for your child's care.

FROM DAY TO DAY

Following a blessed Christmas Holiday, everyone settled into a more calm school vacation routine of no schedules, no homework, no exams. It was a welcomed break for both the children and the Tias. Taking advantage of the freedom, Frannia drove a van full of wiggly big kids to the beach for a day in the sun. In a somewhat secluded bay, with very



few waves to contend with, everyone enjoyed swimming, building sand castles and collecting sea shells.

A trip to the movie theatre was also a special treat for the kids, as many had never before seen such a big TV. Extra paseos into town with Barbi rounded out vacation and in due time all were ready for the start up of the new school year - especially the Tias!



With the present, younger population, only five kids including Julio, who is not in this photo, go out to public school; seven kids are

in Prekinder with Barbi at Hogar de Vida. After school, tias Merla and Nanci help the big kids with their homework and studies which has made school work more enjoyable and fun for all.

UNITED -o- REUNITED

Hogar de Vida provides a Christ centered temporary home for "at-risk" children during which time the Costa Rican child protection services investigates the reasons necessitating the removal of the children from their home. Following the investigation and depending on the findings, the children are returned to their family, placed with extended family or made available for adoption into a new family.



A month short of a year's stay at Hogar de Vida came to a close this February for Brandon, Pamela and Jacqueline when they were joyfully reunited with their mom.

These past eleven months, with her three children safe and cared for at Hogar de Vida, the children's mom made some necessary changes

in her living situation and life style and was able to secure the return of her children. All three of the children were ecstatic to be reunited with their mother. Their mother was equally overjoyed to have her children back and to once again live together as a family.

PROJECT PROGRESS



Work on the two one room visitor cabins continues at a steady pace. The men are hanging the false ceiling, finishing up on the electricity and grouting the tile. The additional housing space for visitors will open up more possibilities for guests. The swimming pools are getting some

needed finishing touches, including painting of the cement walls, hanging shelves and hooks in the dressing room and organizing the equipment/pump house. The kids continue to ask on a daily basis, "Piscina hoy?" (Swimming pool, today?) and are always elated when the answer is "Si".

Oscar has done a great job in his position of gardener and ground maintenance. Everything is green and flourishing due to his vigilance in keeping the irrigation system up and running.

Charly is working on the finishing touches for the house parents' quarters in the third home which will hopefully be functional soon.

Jon spent hours painting in the houses and organizing the work shed. There never seems to be a lack of projects or work around the farm.

Interested in **giving towards projects**? Email info@homesoflife.org

FRUIT FROM THE FIELD



A recent volunteer wrote, "I am quite sad I didn't spend very much time at Hogar De Vida, but the time that I did spend with you was very special. The work you are doing is changing the lives of hundreds. Thank you for sharing your lives with me."



Jascel and Priscila have a new start on life because of the unconditional love of Jesus Christ and His healing power.



After spending two months working at Hogar de Vida, Jon and Jessica have a deeper conviction that God is calling them to a longer commitment in missions.



A Costa Rican government agency has granted money to Hogar de Vida for the purchase a new 16 passenger van.



The Mas Grande (Bigger) & the Grande (Big) Prekinder classes.
Thanks for loving and supporting Hogar de Vida. Blessings