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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

- ✠ for God's perfect healing for Britany.
- ✠ for a faith missionary in the position of property/construction manager.
- ✠ for more people to accept the challenge to be involved with Hogar de Vida.
- ✠ for God's wisdom and perfect plan for the future of His ministry - Hogar de Vida.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Michell, Axel and Tatiana arrived late one afternoon rather withdrawn, subdued and distant. They had just that morning been removed from their "at-risk" home and had spent the day in the child protection office while social workers frantically called around inquiring about placing the siblings. With ample love and room available, Hogar de Vida whole heartedly opened their doors and hearts to welcome these three precious ones as they became part of the family of casa tres.



In need of pajamas, clothes and shoes for all three kids minutes before Olga was scheduled to leave for her two days off, Mama Olga searched through the bodega and miraculously found just the right sizes for each child.

Settling in to a completely, unfamiliar house, with other children and Tias whose names are still unknown is extremely stressful for most, let alone for children whose back ground has been unstable and neglectful. But with God's love and grace abounding, Michell, Axel and Tatiana very quickly found peace and a loving place they could call Home. Axel and Tatiana have more energy than they can possibility use up each day, so laps around the outside of the house are routine just before bed time. Michell is quite a bit more tranquil but still enjoys the vast area where she can now run and ride bikes. All three are gifts from God.

To make a difference in Michell's, Axel's and/or Tatiana's life by becoming one of their monthly sponsors email info@homesoflife.org

FRUIT FROM THE FIELD

- ✠ Baby Britany's heart has not enlarged, making it possible to further delay heart surgery. And she can see and hear!
- ✠ The Lord brought three Godly women as live in Tias: Melina, Veronica and Lindsey
- ✠ Many concerned friends have already heeded the challenge to "secure the wall" and given towards the security wall project.

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.



Anytime there was opportunity for prayer Kenneth would pray, "Thank you God, for my mama, papa, grandma, grandpa and sister. Amen" He had heard many times God had a

plan for his life; and that in God's perfect timing God would bring Kenneth a new adoptive family. As time dragged on with no news from Costa Rican adoptions, it was sometimes difficult to listen to Kenneth's earnest prayer. But Kenneth never gave up, nor lost hope that God had a new family for him.

On May 25th God answered Kenneth's prayer when met his new adoptive family. Total, giggly delight and joy filled all four of this dear new family as they were united and left Hogar de Vida to begin a new chapter in their lives.

Thank you Lord for lives changed for eternity through your perfect and unconditional love, grace, and plans.

CASA UNO ¿ QUE PASA ?

Casa Uno, formally called "the upstairs house" is filled to capacity with giggly girls and one lone handsome baby boy.

Anghela and Priscila are doing great in public school Kinder learning their colors and how to write their names. Hannia, Tania, Esmeralda and Rachel enjoy their time in preschool with Barbi as they listen to Bible stories and play "mommy" with their baby dolls.

Baby Emmanuel loves crawling but can only have true freedom when someone is available to watch him closely so he doesn't eat everything he finds. Britany's heart condition has maintained therefore allowing for a further delay in her surgery. She is behind developmentally, partially due to the "fault" of her overprotective, loving tías. Mar Darling and Brenda are toddling machines going faster than their little feet will move and truly enjoying being big girls. Gypsy and Naidelyn are using the potty quite successfully during the day and are very proud.

Nine month old Shelsea arrived in April bringing the number of kids to an amazing fourteen. Melina became the newest live-in tía in April and is providing the extra help, hands and big heart this family needed.

Noemy and Ana are on vacation in Guatemala securing legal paperwork and enjoying life with the Hogar de Vida family there. Olga is content having a fully staffed home finally which gives her the much needed time to organize all the bodegas.



Coni is working hard as always providing for the needs of all her charges. Faye came from North Carolina as a live in tía for a month to shower the kids with extra loving

CASA DOS ¿ QUE PASA ?

Casa dos, formally called "the downstairs house" is resounding with the tromping of many little feet. Roxana, Mia, Alexis and Juan Pablo keep their tías quite busy chasing after the very busy doings of the foursome. Tiny Armando is crawling around very happy with his more active life style. Six weeks old new arrival Julia is cute as a bug and content to be held whenever possible. Jacsell, Kevin and Kenneth enjoy racing off to preschool each morning for some serious playing and unintentional learning. Dorian and Genesis attend public school Kinder where they are learning their letters, number and colors.

Tía Denia is faithfully consistent in giving her whole heart to the kids as she lovingly cares for all eleven. Yorlery has returned to her home in Nicaragua to acquire legal papers needed to pursue residency in Costa Rica. Nancy is working part time while continuing her university studies. "Ma" Marielos is a pillar of strength and faith as she guides the tías and kids in their daily walk with the Lord. Even with several health issues in the past months, Marielos glows with the joy and peace of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



To fill a great need, Veronica was hired in March as a live in tía and is totally enjoying her new life.

Madysen came from Nebraska to help out as a live in tía for a month.

CASA TRES ¿ QUE PASA ?

Casa Tres, formally called "the new house", has been in almost constant motion for the past many months. Baby Jake was the first to move when he left to live with his grandmother in Nicaragua. Sebastian came and left in a few short months to live with his very thrilled new adoptive parents. Michell, Alex and Tatiana arrived in March raising the noise volume a few notches!! Baby Dayanna came in April followed in close by 3 month old Jesus. The latest arrivals were siblings Jousephine and Jhurgin making the current kid count at ten.

Kimberly is in fourth grade this year and acing her exams like a pro. She shared in devotions one morning with amazing understanding



and insight. Jousephine began second grade with gusto while Natalie and Michell are triumphing through first grade with noble grades. Julio as always loves going to school and is working at learning to add. Tati is in Kinder and quite enjoys the social aspect of school. Axel is in the bigger class at preschool

and always an inquiring question ahead of his teacher. Jhurgin enjoys being a big boy and going to preschool. Only Jesus and Dayanna stay home all day to help keep their tías busy with bottles, diapers and schedules.

With the house filled with laughter and kids, Lindsey was hired as the second live in tía and a great help and support to "Mama" Merla. Lourdes is still a big part of casa tres but also helps out in the other two houses. Kendra arrived from Minnesota to help out as a live in tía for a month.

PROJECT PROGRESS

The major project on the front burner at Hogar de Vida is the purchasing and installing of a cement wall around the perimeter of the property. After a break in and theft one pre dawn morning in December, the need to secure the property became a project of upmost importance. Friends in Minnesota rallied together and put on a huge fundraiser in May, with all proceeds going towards the wall. Many others have also individually given financially towards the expenses of the security wall. Hopefully construction will begin soon.

Three different teams put in many, diligent hours to transform Casa Uno into a brightly, freshly painted home. Another team helped to pour a cement sidewalk surrounding the exterior of the house which will help keep the rain outside and the patios clean and dry.

To be personally involved in this important part of the ministry of Hogar de Vida, please email info@homesoflife.org.



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