



# Hogar de Vida y Nutrición

## San Andres, Guatemala

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## PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

for:

- ✦ a successful school year for each of the children.
- ✦ God's healing of hearts and spirits.
- ✦ additional Child Sponsorships and School Scholarships.
- ✦ God's vision and plan for the future.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Amilcar, pictured with wife Betty, is well known in the small town of San Andres as a "pillar of the community and a stable, solid man of God. Be the need physical, emotional or spiritual, Amilcar and Betty's home and hearts are always open and available to give of God's Love.

After raising their three children, and many years in his satisfying career of teaching, and serving as principal in the area high school, Amilcar "retired" from his education profession. In reality his retirement was little more than a change of careers, as God had other plans for Amilcar. With more time available, Amilcar increased his involvement in his local church helping with the finances and accounting. Through his work in the church he became known to Hogar de Vida and was invited to be a part of the ministry leadership team. Amilcar's talents and abilities in accounting, finances and being a representative for the children in the governmental services have been and continue to be an essential blessing and an important asset to all at Hogar de Vida.

Amilcar works half time as a faith missionary for Hogar de Vida, receiving no salary or benefits. He depends solely on the Lord to provide for his needs through financial supporters. If you are interested in becoming a financial supporter for Amilcar, and would like more information please email [info@homesoflife.org](mailto:info@homesoflife.org).

## SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Thank you, thank you, thank you,** and many blessings to all who contributed to the Don Allison Memorial School Scholarship Fund in 2007. Because of your giving hearts, the children at Hogar de Vida y Nutrición enjoyed a very successful and fruitful school year.

Scholarship money from the memorial fund opened the door for many of the children to attend a private, Christian school. This school offers a much lower student to teacher ratio than the public school allowing more individual attention to the students. Santos, who struggles with academics, had an exceptional year because of the extra help he received. Julio and his brother Manuel, who had never attended school prior to coming to Hogar de Vida, were able to make huge leaps forward in their studies at their school.



Decked out in her cap and gown, Marta was all smiles (bigger than always!) when she received her Certificate of graduation from Kinder. She and the other younger children were also able to reap the blessing of attending a private school because of the scholarship fund.

The young ladies, Lucy, Lorena and Juana attended a private high school giving them more individualized attention which they needed to succeed in their studies.

A solid education is vital to breaking free from the cycle of poverty and illiteracy. Through the generous giving to the School Scholarship Fund the children are successfully breaking that cycle.



This school year which began in January, three young adults are in university, six teenagers are in high school, seventeen children are in elementary school and four younger ones are in kinder or preschool. When is the last time your family had 30 kids in school at the same time? Ouch!! Educational expenses for this school year are between \$8,000 and \$9,000. Hogar de Vida y Nutrición receives no help from Guatemalan governmental agencies. All financial needs are met through the generous giving of friends of Hogar de Vida.

If you are interested in giving towards the educational needs of the children, please email [info@homesoflife.org](mailto:info@homesoflife.org) for more information.

# DAY TO DAY

We've been so busy enjoying life!!! Back in October after a long but successful school year we eagerly welcomed school vacation. With books and uniforms stowed away, it was time for lots of fun and play.

Don, Lori and family came for a month's visit and brought lots of crafts and activities. We had fun using our imaginations and artistic abilities. We made birthday cards, decorated the patio with bunches of balloons and streamers and enjoyed a splendid celebration for Oralia's birthday. Dena, Josh and Barbi came from Costa Rica to also help celebrate.



out of the water, Lori brought out puzzles galore and we spent hours creating beautiful scenes and pictures.

Vacation wasn't just fun and play. It was also fun and work because it was corn harvesting season. Sebastian always makes our work chores more enjoyable when he gets in with us and adds a helping hand.



Just before Christmas, all of us teenagers had a special outing with Oralia, as we journeyed to Quiche to go Christmas shopping. Each of us was able to pick out our very own Christmas gift, clothes of course!!!

We shared secrets, much laughter and a sweet sense of family.

December brought Noemy and Ana back to Guatemala to share with us the Christmas holidays. We some what patiently waited for Christmas Eve and when it finally arrived, the excitement could have easily exploded off the roof. Everyone was extremely pleased and beyond blessed with their special Christmas gifts that were possible because of the generous giving of the Allison Family, and the Harry Ling Memorial Fund.

Our long awaited year end outing was truly a blessing for all of us. We piled in the bus and headed for the beach.



Because of the long drive to get to the beach we were able to stay two nights at the beach hotel. What a memorable time.

January rolled around, for us kids, much too quickly which meant back to the books with the start up of another school year. With twenty seven of us in school, we were glad Noemy was here to help with the mountain of preparations. Notebooks, pencils, back packs, uniforms, socks and shoes for each were bought, labeled and readied for the year. Thank you for all who have already donated to the School Scholarship Fund. If it wasn't for your generosity we would not be able to attend the private school many of us are at and benefit from the blessings.

Unfortunately for Mingo grande, he has not yet secured a teaching position this year. But fortunately for us, he is helping all of us with our school work. We enjoy working with Mingo since he makes homework at least a little more enjoyable.



Well, we must be off for now, but please always remember; we love you and so appreciate your vital part in our lives. Your prayers, child sponsorships, scholarships for school, visits and letters mean so much to all of us.

May the Lord bless you as you have so blessed us.

## PRAISING THE LORD



Four short term mission teams are already confirmed for 2008 and another two are pending.



Sebastian and Oralia have peace and confirmation from God that they are His chosen house parents for such a time as this.



From a grant written by Kara Wicklund, money was given to purchase a much needed new fifteen passenger van.



The School Scholarship fund received a \$1,000 donation.

All praise and glory goes to our Lord God Almighty! His perfect love is continually touching and changing lives.

Thanks for praying and supporting us at Hogar de Vida y Nutrición.

*Blessing to all of you from all of us!*