



Hogar de Vida y Nutrición

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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

✝ for a mature, Christian female staff.

✝ for additional Child Sponsorships
(each child needs four sponsors).

✝ for God's plan for ministry expansion.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In October 2006, knowing she could no longer feed or care for her six children while attending to her dying husband, Domingo Daniel and Samuel's mother brought her two sons to Hogar de Vida. Scared and knowing not a word of Spanish, the young brothers struggled to understand what was happening in their already unstable world.

Over time, as their mother visited weekly and they began to learn Spanish, Domingo Daniel and Samuel slowly settled into their new home. Not only were the boys receiving nutritional meals, a public school education and a secure, safe home; they were also receiving the good news of eternal salvation in Jesus



Boys with mom - 1st day at Hogar de Vida

What was originally to be a temporary placement became permanent in the fall of 2007, when their father passed away and their mother realized what a blessing Hogar de Vida had been for her and her two sons.



*Jesus Christ changes lives
July 2008*

Vivacious and full of joy Domingo Daniel and Samuel are reaping the benefits of the Lord's ministry in Hogar de Vida and His redeeming love for the lost. The boys fully enjoy being a part not only of their biological family but also their Hogar de Vida foster family.

Domingo Daniel and Samuel are both in need of additional monthly sponsors. Get personally involved in the rewarding ministry of child sponsorship for only \$30.00 a month. Your monthly sponsorship will reap a harvest for years to come!

To get involved in sponsoring email infor@homesoflife.org

16 PASSAGENER VAN GIFTED BY HELEN BADER FOUNDATION

Everyone knew the need was great and very pressing, but no one knew how a new van could ever be purchased for Hogar de Vida. God answered the who and how, when a friend of Hogar de Vida contacted Helen Baden Foundation and presented a grant proposal for the purchase of the van. Helen Baden Foundation in Wisconsin, recognized the need, accepted the proposal and granted Hogar de Vida a sizable grant towards the purchase of the van.



The van has already proven to be a rich blessing. Monthly grocery trips to the neighboring town, two hours away on a good day, are now simplified by having reliable transportation. With a family the size of Hogar de Vida, the van has provided other opportunities for the kids to get out on paseos, go to doctor appointments or just run errands with one of the staff.

The van is also a major blessing for transporting short term mission teams to and from neighboring aldeas for evangelistic outreaches.

Many thanks and much appreciation goes out to Helen Baden Foundation for the gift of the Hogar de Vida van. Blessings to you!

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thank you, thank you, thank you, and many blessings to all who contributed to the Stan "Tano" Mcmillen Memorial School Scholarship Fund in 2008. "Tano" and his wife Margot are dear friends and fellow missionaries in Guatemala. Although we dearly miss Tano, his memory lives on in the lives of each of the children's whose school education expenses were covered by his memorial Fund.

As the 2008 school year has ended, the kids say a big "Thank You and blessings for blessings us".

School expenses are an ongoing need at Hogar de Vida. Be involved in the future of the children by giving towards their educational needs.

Begin by emailing info@homesoflife.org for information on how to give the gift of knowledge.

CHANGED FOR ETERNITY

March 2007, Elizabeth embarked on a journey that would ultimately change her life and the lives of many for all eternity. She writes:

"Indescribable is defined by Webster's Dictionary as too extraordinary for description. Only the word indescribable could possibly touch my experience to San Andreas, Guatemala. In Hogar de Vida, God used unworthy college students to unveil His endless devotion and the shattered in spirit to teach the importance of surrender to complete strangers. Within this little town, shaken by the turbulence of witchcraft and idolatry, the Lord stirred hearts from nations miles apart.

Although a process of preparation for the trip began with fear of the unknown, the Lord gradually opened my eyes to a much deeper reason for this journey. As I played, interacted, and was blessed by the children of the orphanage, the Lord flashed these lyrics through my mind on several occasions: "I have a Father, He calls me His own. Before even time began, my life was in His hand. He knows my name. He knows my every thought. He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call..." Regardless of the background or struggle, the children of Hogar de Vida are far from orphans. They are children of the most loving Father one could ever imagine. 2 Corinthians 6:18 states: "I will be a Father to you and you will be my sons and daughters."

On a more personal note, God revealed the importance of complete surrender to Him. One evening, two of the missionaries at the orphanage shared their testimonies. A specific theme of both testimonies convicted me – surrender our desires to Christ, and He will make *His* pure desires *our* desires. I have been holding back, giving pieces of my life to the Lord and keeping others to myself. This is limiting God, a sinful and ultimately hindering act on my part. Although this defining point in my life is scary, the mission trip showed me that I do not need to be fearful because God loves me and wants what is best for me. 1 John 4:18 states: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear..." God's love is perfect and, therefore, perfectly fitting for even the most unworthy, including myself. If I am willing to completely surrender to His love and faithfulness, I will be more useful to Him overall and completely content in the fulfillment of His plans for me.



Your sincere prayer, genuine interest and personal involvement significantly influence the affects of Christ's presence not simply in Hogar de Vida, but in the entire town."

Upon returning to the states after her mission trip in 2007, Elizabeth immediately felt a desire in her spirit to be personally involved with God's ministry at Hogar de Vida. She began sponsoring one of the children on a monthly basis. Through that relationship and the love God had placed in her heart, Elizabeth knew she had to return.

She returned in 2008 and is now making plans to again return in 2009. child sponsorship program.

Have you been changed for eternity through God's ministry at Hogar de Vida? Tell the world in a tangible way through your sponsorship of one or more of the children. Many of the children are still in need of additional sponsors to help cover all of the expenses of their care.

Email infor@homesoflife.org to find out how you can get involved in the child sponsorship program.



DAY TO DAY

We've been so busy, we haven't taken time to write and tell you about what's happening. The school year is almost finished, for which we are all quite grateful. Now don't get us wrong, it's not that we don't appreciate the opportunity to attend school, because we do. It's just that we also completely enjoy summer vacation.



Back at Easter week we were honored to host two teams. First came Grove City College, with lots of energy, many trips to the river, hair washing outreaches to the aldeas and lots of just plain fun. Following up was a team from Meg's church in New Jersey. After many activities, out-reaches, loving and prayers, we waved good-bye knowing we had all been forever changed.

Two more teams, one from Journey and the other from North Heights Church, made for some very full but fruitful days in July. Individually we each received special prayer ministry, which was a powerful time with the Lord.

Along with Dena, we enjoyed a special treat when Dena's dad, Abuelo Dave came to help out and get to know us personally. The night of our bonfire, we gave him the most important job of squishing our "burnt just right" marshmallows between chocolate covered cookies for some gooey but delicious tasting s'mores.



We've been busy going to the dentist for some much needed dental care and cleaning. The appointments haven't been our most favorite outings, but we have been truly grateful for the opportunity to have our teeth cleaned and cavities filled.

We said farewell to little Rosa as she left to live with her grandma in the aldea where Mingo grande is teaching. It's fun to hear reports on how well she is doing. Just as she left we welcomed four new little ones into our big, happy family: 3 boys Elias (2yrs), Luisito (5 mon), Benancio (2 mon) and one girl, Sebastiana (2 yrs). We'll tell you more about all of them in our next newsletter.

Thank you so much for loving and praying for us.

PRAISING THE LORD



For three additional child sponsors, committed to pray, love and support the kids.



For the gift of a new 16 passenger van granted from Helen Baden Foundation.



For the Tano Memorial that helped with school expenses..

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

Blessing to all of you from all of us!