



Hogar de Vida y Nutrición

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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

- ✚ For health and safety for the children and staff.
- ✚ For additional Child Sponsors - the goal: four sponsors for each child.
- ✚ For funds to replenish the education account in order to cover yearly school expenses.

CHILD IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Venancio is a living miracle. Venancio came to the home when he was 15 days old. He was very sick from mal-nourishment and anemia. While he was near death for over a week in the hospital ICU, many faithful prayer warriors interceded fervently for his life. When he improved and returned to the home, he wasn't able to tolerate any type of formula they tried. Finally, a near-by missionary loaned them a goat and he was able to tolerate the goat's milk! Three months later, they were able to switch him back to formula without any problems.

Now Venancio is a very healthy, happy 2 year old. He turned 2 on August 1st. Venancio had a great time opening his presents and eating cake.

Venancio loves to play with his big Tonka truck and ride on his toy riding horse. He also loves to hang out with the older boys who love him as well. Venancio has a sweet spirit and is always quick to give you a smile. He brings light and joy to the home and to everyone who comes to visit.



PRAISING THE LORD

- ✚ For answered prayer in providing a new live-in female staff member.
- ✚ For new clothes and instruments brought by the team from Christ Community Church in Omaha NE.
- ✚ For a successful school year.

STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Oralia and her husband, Sebastian, are the current directors of Hogar de Vida, Guatemala. In addition to their own four boys, they are loving and nurturing to maturity 24 children, aged 2 – 19.

Twelve years ago, Oralia began to work at Hogar de Vida as a helper to a missionary who lived here. During this time, God began to speak to Oralia even though she didn't recognize His voice. She grew to know the Lord more and more while working here in the Home. After 2 years of working, Oralia and her husband and children came to live and work in the Home. At that time, they didn't really know what God's plan or purpose for their lives was, even though He was gradually showing them. They didn't know that God was preparing them to minister and serve here in the Home in a greater way in the future.

After 8 years of living and working in the Home, God called Oralia and her husband to be the Directors. Oralia has a specific calling to work with adolescents and God is using her in a mighty way in the lives of the young people who live here in the Home. In addition to ministering to babies up to adolescents, Oralia also ministers to the workers and leads them to know the Lord in a deeper way. God has truly equipped Oralia for His service here at Hogar de Vida. She is a great blessing to all!

HAPPENINGS IN EL HOGAR

Life here at the Home has been full of activities.

Birthday Celebrations. Every other month we celebrate all the birthdays from the past 2 months. The Birthday kids get to pick what they want for supper and our friend Betty makes a delicious Birthday cake for everyone to enjoy. Also, our Pastor's wife, Marley, brings us granizadas, which are like snow cones but have fruit and cream added.



For the July and August birthdays many of us pitched in and made tamales. They were delicious! The evening ends with singing Happy Birthday and opening presents!

Independence Day Celebration. On September 15th, we celebrated our country's birthday. All the school age kids were able to participate in the Independence Day parade.



Some of the older boys played in bands from their school. As the top students in their classes, Blanca and Adriel had the privilege of being flag bearers leading their class in the parade. This was quite an honor for them! The rest of the kids dressed up

according to a specific theme and marched with their classes. We are so thankful to Sebastian and Oralia for all the work they put in to make our costumes!

Noche de Pijamas. During the month of September we took turns making and eating dinner, watching a movie and having a sleep over with Norman and Vickie, our new long term missionaries. Each group chose what they wanted to have for dinner. The menus included hamburgers and French fries, lasagna and pizza.



The staff didn't sleep over but still enjoyed their own evening of a dinner of BBQ'd beef and potato casserole.

We had so much fun, we can't wait to do it again!



Under Construction. Our outdoor kitchen is in the process of being remodeled and is almost complete. A new roof was put up that is much higher and larger allowing for better airflow. Tile was also laid and a half wall with countertop was built to divide the cooking area from the eating area. All that is left now is to replace the fence around the cooking area with a half wall. We are enjoying our new kitchen very much!



Day of the Child. October 1st is the Day of the Child here in Guatemala. We had a grand celebration because children are very special here in the home. Pastor Rodimiro came and prayed over us. Then we enjoyed a great feast complete with more granizadas from Hermana Marley and yummy dessert!



Instruments. The people of Christ Community Church in Omaha raised funds to purchase instruments for the home. We now have 2 trumpets, 2 lyras, a base drum and some percussion instruments for those students who want to learn to play them in school and then march in the Independence Day parade. We were so excited to receive them!



October 15th was our last day of school for this year. We are now on vacation until the middle of January. During the last couple weeks of school we had a lot of projects to do. One big project for several of us was to make instruments. We had fun working in the shop with Norman making marimbas, guitars, flutes and drums.