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### From Dena

One of the greatest delights in my life is working side-by-side with people who share a common passion and vision. Although strengths and weaknesses differ with each individual, once singleness of purpose is embraced by everyone, the differences are celebrated and harmony emerges to form a great team.



At Hogar de Vida in Atenas, Costa Rica, we have four faith missionaries who fill vital roles. Olga is the mom of house one, Noemy is the mom of house two, Christy is the on-site teacher, and Helen is the administrator. Each woman is excellent at what she does. Olga has such a mother's heart and a love the Lord. Noemy has a very organized home and facilitates order and structure for the older children. Christy is superb in the classroom and has a heart for the healing of each individual heart. Helen shines brightly in the office and brings much needed structure and efficiency to the administrative arena.

The vital ministry of these dedicated handmaidens deserves the financial support of those desiring to be good stewards of their God-given resources. You may rest assured that your love gifts will be well invested in support of this anointed Hogar de Vida ministry team.

Dena

### From Tim

In very simple terms, Hogar De Vida would not be here today without our dedicated staff. Staff leadership is provided by our "faith missionaries," the anchors of the mission.

As faith missionaries, they want to serve, being fully supported by the private donations they have raised. In so doing, their salaries can be reallocated to programs and care for the children.

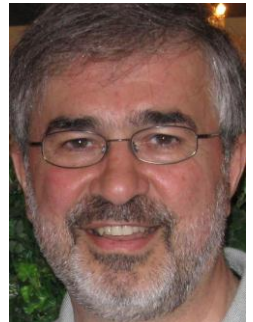


- Noemy's missionary support for the last three months has been "ZERO." Her goal is \$500 a month.
- Christy's support is low. Additional support is needed for her to continue in long-term service with our mission. Her position as teacher is a ministry requirement.
- Helen is currently on salary from our home, but deeply desires to become a by-faith missionary to free up mission funding to cover other needs.
- Olga's support is the best among our four gals. Current need is \$100 a month.

Tim

### From the Volunteer Support Team

Supporting Noemy, Christy, Helen and Olga as faith missionaries is an extension of the expanded Sponsorship Program at the Love and Care giving level. For \$100 per month, you can provide a full sponsorship to one of these dear women. Or, share a sponsorship with someone, or just give what you can in whatever way you can.



You may find it easier to set up automatic credit card or electronic funds transfer payments through Children of Promise (see enclosed [Reply Slip](#)) or to set up a similar arrangement through your own electronic banking account. You can declare your sponsorship commitment and designate one of the faith missionaries on the Children of Promise credit card or EFT forms, the check from your bank, or on the Reply Slip that accompanies your first check. Children of Promise will make sure your sponsorship gets to the right place.

However God leads you to partner in this ministry, know that you are part of extending the love and healing of Jesus to needy and broken children who are being transformed into the abundant life He wants for all of His children.

Tom Cribbs  
Volunteer Support Team



## Noemy Housemother and Faith Missionary



When **Noemy** was a little girl growing up in Costa Rica, she often thought about being a missionary and working with children. In 1995,

when *Hogar de Vida* opened in her hometown of Atenas, she quickly made inquiries about working there.

Hired first as a *tia* (on staff), Noemy worked under the direction of Olga, the housemother, learning the many aspects of running a children's home.

In 1999, Noemy answered God's call to Guatemala to assume the position of director of Home of Life and Nutrition. Over the next nine years, Noemy raised up and released into leadership the current home directors.

She and her adopted daughter, Ana, returned to Costa Rica in 2008 where she now serves as housemother for the third children's home at *Hogar de Vida*.

*Noemy wants to live as a faith missionary to reduce the financial burden on the mission.*

## Helen Clare Smith Administrator and Faith Missionary

Last year while Tim and Dena were on furlough I worked as the Director of Hogar de Vida. Before that my husband Dennis and I have been members of the Board of Directors for years.

Working on the inside is different from coming to Board meetings. It was no surprise that I would fall in love with Hogar – the mission, the staff and the kids! Now I don't ever want to leave despite the daily challenges in leadership.

Because my desk is in the office I am very aware of numbers! Budgets, payment deadlines, expenses, etc. Along with Tim and Dena I believe that for future stability we need to find workers ("tent-makers") similar to the Apostle Paul. Simply put, Hogar needs missionaries! And I want to be one!

My hubby may graduate to heaven soon because of his battle with cancer and I want to graduate as a full-time missionary to Hogar. We all know what this means.

I would love to be considered worthy of full-time support so I can continue as part of the team at Hogar.

---Helen Clare Smith.





**Christy Hepner**  
**Pre-school Teacher and Faith Missionary**

As a Registered Nurse, I served a portion of last year as the on-site nurse while Dena was on sabbatical.

Since I am also a preschool teacher, Tim asked me to prayerfully consider returning this year in the role of on-campus Preschool Teacher, and I clearly felt God's leading to accept this unique opportunity. I am currently teaching preschool children in the mornings, and I tutor several school-aged children in the afternoons.

I live in House #1, so I'm experiencing life living in a home with the children! My heart is to see God move in the lives of these children and to participate in the healing process in their lives.

I am committed to completing the school year (December) and will continue to pray about God's leading for a longer commitment.

I arrived on campus with three month's support. God is providing and I am trusting Him to provide for the remainder of the year. He is faithful!

Many Blessings!  
Christy Hepner

*Editor's P.S.: To make a contribution toward Christy's missionary support, make the check payable to: Oasis Community Church, PO Box 3130, Shell Beach, CA 93448. Attach a separate note designating your contribution to Christy Hepner.*

*At this time, if you wish to establish an automatic monthly contribution, please make arrangements through your personal electronic banking account payable to the church. Thank you.*



**Olga Campos Rodriguez**  
**Housemother @ House #1**

*Olga Campos Rodriguez is the Housemother for House #1. Her desire is to be faith-supported so as not to be a financial burden to the mission. Here are excerpts from her recent newsletter.*

I continue to be grateful to God for His help and special blessings in my life. Hogar de Vida has been a training-ground in my life and has helped me grow in all areas, but especially in the spiritual and social areas. I have the opportunity to put into practice what God's word says about the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit among others. The experience of living in community for 15 years has been like a university. I've learned so much every day all around me.

A few years ago, I started to believe God and live by faith. He told me, "Do not fear for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God. I will help you and uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah. 41:10

He asked me you, "Do you believe me?" God gave me this passage from the Bible, and I had to believe and make it part of my daily life: "My God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory." You lift the name of God on high with your prayers and financial support. You must believe you're an instrument of God. He is using you. Thank you very much!

He has never failed me. He has given me all I need. I'm happy! I love the Lord, the children of this ministry, those around me... I love life.

Well, I'll tell you that my husband is working as a bus driver. He's very supportive in what I do and we take the children to church 2-3 times every month. On Sundays, Enrique is the driver of the minivan at Hogar de Vida. This blesses all of us, and the children are motivated because "Daddy" takes them to church.

Although I am happy and love the Lord, I need your prayers for my health. In the last 7 years, my health has deteriorated and I have had some times of physical crisis. It is very difficult when I have a certain level of pain that my body almost cannot stand. I'm wrestling with some physical things. Also, I'm praying that the Lord will show me what His plan is for me.

Dear friends, I need your prayers. I want to do the will of the Lord. I want to please Him, to trust Him. God is good. Thank you very much. Blessings,

Olga Campos Rodriguez  
Psalm 34:7