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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

- ✚ That God would send the children of His choice to live here at Hogar de Vida.
- ✚ That the legal process for the children will be quick, especially for the ones that have been here for a long time.
- ✚ That God will bring us the workers He has for Hogar de Vida.
- ✚ For God to continue the work He has started in the children that have left us.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



One day a precious little two month old bundle of joy named Sasha (pictured here) came to our home to live in house 2. She is a little doll baby that gets plenty of attention being passed from "tia" to "tia" for more kisses and hugs.

Not long after Sasha was settled in, two year old Carlos (pictured below) came to live with us in house 2 as well. He is a typical two year old with lots of energy and spunk. He has been here a couple weeks now and is settling in nicely. He, like any two year old, likes to explore and discover. What a wonderful addition he is to the many blessings we already have.

When he first got Carlos he cried often but now there are very few tears seen as he is finding that he will be well taken care of here. It's amazing to watch the children in just a few weeks time change from a child that is afraid to one that is well adjusted in their new home environment. It's amazing what the love of God will do in a child's life.



Make a difference in Sasha or Carlos' life by becoming one of their monthly sponsors ... email info@homesoflife.org for more information.

FRUIT FROM THE FIELD

- ✚ God is putting together an amazing team here and we all feel blessed to be part of it.
- ✚ The emotional and physical health of the children continues to increase each day.
- ✚ There are two new rooms in House 2 providing space for extra beds.
- ✚ It is very evident that God is in control.

UNITED -o- REUNITED

There have been several changes at Hogar in the last few months. Because we are an emergency foster care facility there are times when we have lots of kids coming and going.

In the last couple months we have seen Mario go back home with his father and mother which always makes us happy.



Genesis, Dorian and Kevin (pictured here) were placed in another facility which was difficult for us but necessary. We will miss their antics in House 2. Our prayers go with them as they continue their healing process.

Armando went back home with his parents.

His mother came each week to visit her son and with classes in parenting to help her she will be able to take care of the needs of her son. Hopefully, the lessons she learned will help her be a better mother to any future children she may have as well.

Jeudy went back home to live with his parents and his big brother. Our prayers go with all the children that leave our home and our hearts. We continue to pray for them after they leave.

Good-byes are difficult but seem to be a part of our work here. Our mission is to show the children God's love while here at Hogar and when they go back to their families or to adoptive families we continue to pray that God will finish the work He has begun in them.

CASA UNO ¿ QUE PASA ?

In house 1 the population has been stable for the last few months. Mario left so that leaves Emanuel as the only boy in the house. He may be a just a little guy but he is still the king among all of those protective little girls.

Mornings in house 1 are very quiet right now because seven of the thirteen children are back in school. From 7:00 to 11:30 a.m. the school age children are at the local Fatima school. Tania and Hannia are now in preschool. Rachel, Esmeralda and Priscilla are all in Kindergarten. Angela is in 1st grade and Kimberly is in 5th grade. On some mornings Britany goes to her class, but not every day.



While the older children are at school, the tias are able to give time to the younger children. They take them to the pool, on walks, or they listen to music in the house – special time that is just for them. Of course they love it!

Tania, Hannia and Anghela are all celebrating birthdays this month and have already had a surprise party with all of the trimmings. One thing about birthdays here, there are always a lot of people at your party and it is always a good time.

Some of the milestones in house 1 have been Britany taking a few steps without help, and not only is she walking but she talks all the time now.

Kimberly moved from house 3 to house 1 and has been a big help to the tias there. She is enjoying reading “The Diary of Anne Frank” as well as anything else she can get her hands on to read.

CASA DOS ¿ QUE PASA ?

House 2 has gone through some changes in the last few months. They have added two new children, Sasha and Carlos, as well as saying goodbye to three children: Genesis, Dorian and Kevin. It is always hard on the kids when these changes come. Jacsel has had a real hard time with others leaving but he is proving resilient and every day he is getting better. It's a tough process.

Connie is now pulling herself up on anything she can grab and is walking around the furniture while holding onto it. Deiler is doing much better these days and has finally figured out that he will not go hungry here. Nazareth is not as afraid as she used to be and she is talking and laughing and enjoying life now.



Jacsel, Juan Pablo and Alexis enjoy the time they get to “work” with Oscar. It is endearing to see them follow him around doing “big guy” stuff here on the property. They love it when he takes them to town. What an awesome experience for these young men to be able to hang out with a “tio” (uncle) who adores them.

CASA TRES ¿ QUE PASA ?

House 3 has some very special events to report. Julio is the president of his class! This seems fitting since he has a heart of gold and anyone recognizes that. Neomy is now the house mom and has settled into her responsibilities with peace. Anyendall is almost walking and is getting cuter every day. Vince is now saying “mama” and is starting to eat although he still prefers formula to food.

School is in full swing with David in preschool, Axel is in kindergarten, Tatiana is in 1st grade, Naidelyn and Michell are in 2nd (pictured below) and Julio is in 6th grade. Their schedules change daily so this means someone is always coming and going to school from this house.



Michell is spending weekends with her father. She may soon be able to leave the Hogar to live with him. Her half siblings Tatiana and Axel will be moving into a foster home situation so their sister can spend time with them as well.

Harold and Thobias are doing well. Harold is very aware of what is going on around him and smiles all the time. Thobias has become quite a social person and loves to talk to whoever is listening to him.

This month Anyendall will turn one. Ana, Noemy's daughter, will be turning seven -- another good reason to have a celebration at Hogar de Vida.

PROJECT PROGRESS

A team from Ohio led by Kevin and Michelle came to the HOGAR to host a marriage seminar for all the married tias. They brought 3 ladies with them: Kim, Connie and Laura to help work in the houses while the tias were away in the seminar. What a blessing this team was as they encouraged the tias as well as cared for the children.

Extra bonuses included getting fabulous massages from Michelle for every tia, For those with physical problems, Connie the physical therapist was on campus to help. Taking care of children is physically tiring so it was a blessing to be treated with such loving care by the team.



As for the marriage seminar, there are reports that it was an amazing time – everyone is looking forward to next year's session. This team definitely did their part to encourage the staff in every way possible.

Taking care of the caregivers is part of what is needed here at Hogar. To be personally involved in this important part of the ministry of Hogar de Vida, please email info@homesoflife.org.