



The summer is over and now it is time to hit the books. All the orphanages in Mexico have now started their school program, some as early as August 19<sup>th</sup>. Children of Hope would like to wish all the children a blessed 2013/2014 school year!

Two of Children of Hope's missionaries arrived for a much needed break over the summer months. Jeremy Van Beelen and Duane Visscher came with their families, each for a three week break. This break involves many get-togethers, meetings and presentations, a very important part of sharing the ministry which in turn helps them with their personal fundraising efforts. Children of Hope put on a barbeque to spoil them a little. This was also an opportunity to spend time together enjoying the beautiful weather that the Lower Mainland had over the summer months.

Children of Hope would like to remind you that they have updated their website. It has a lot of fresh new features, one of which is the blog. We will be posting all blog and newsletter updates relating to the orphanages and missionaries on this website. Please take the time to check out what is new on this site. Thanks!

## **THE CHILDREN**

**Rubi Estefania (Fanny)** (Dulce Refugio)



Rubi Estefania or Fanny, as she is called by almost everyone arrived at the orphanage about 9 years ago with her younger sister, Alejandra. She was 9 years old at the time and her sister was 7. Before arriving at Dulce Refugio she was in another orphanage for 3 years. Her mother abandoned her and her sister when they were younger and has never shown an interest in visiting them. She is a bright, ambitious young lady. She is very responsible and helps take care of the younger girls. She is an amazing hairdresser and all the little girls in her care always have elaborate hairdos. She recently graduated from high school and would like to continue her education. She would like to study many careers including graphic design and chef school. She has earned a partial 3 year scholarship at one of the local universities, El Instituto Superior Lincoln (The Superior Lincoln Institute), to become a chef. Unfortunately, the scholarship covers only 50% of her tuition. Through Children of Hope's scholarship program you can donate \$20, \$30, \$50 or whatever you feel God calling you to give to help Fanny go to school. Her dream is to one day open her own restaurant and give back to the orphanage where she grew up. Would you pray about how you can help Fanny realize her dream? And pray for her as she begins her studies this fall. Thank you all for your love and support for all the children of Dulce Refugio.

**Blanca Estela Lopez Yanez**  
(Esperanza para Ti)



Blanca is a 15 year old girl who came to the children's home on October 5, 2012. She came with very low self-esteem and had no desire to live, to laugh, to play, and to almost do nothing. This is quite normal for most of the children who arrive, but Blanca had more pronounced symptoms. When the orphanage learned of her history they understood better why she was like this. From an early age she had suffered from various forms of violence and abuse.

Before her parents separated, violence was already present. One of her cousins had sexually assaulted her, but her mother didn't listen to her, because she didn't believe what Blanca was telling her. When Blanca arrived at Esperanza para Ti, the directors wanted to show the love of God to her, but she didn't want anything to do with it. She would say that God does not exist, if he did then, "Why did I have to suffer all that I suffered"? The orphanage had church services, devotions, and prayer time, and Blanca just watched. It took her longer than the other girls to understand a little that God is Sovereign and has total control of our lives. Now that a year has passed, God has been working in her through the Holy Spirit. If you come today to visit Blanca, you will realize that she now smiles, plays, runs, but still doesn't sing. We hope she will soon! She now wants to go to school, to learn, to enjoy this new opportunity that God has given her with this new life at Casa Hogar Esperanza para Ti. We pray that very soon the life of Blanca will be

total renewed through the love of Jesus Christ working through her.

### Update from Pan de Vida

(written by: Cecilia Torres Carcoba and translated by Jeremy Van Beelen)

On July 5, fifteen Canadians arrived from various provinces in Canada. They came to help paint classrooms and apartments of the volunteers, making steel railings, fixing vehicles, and hosting a community outreach. We are very fortunate to have groups of missionaries come who give of their time and money, and to serve and have a fun time with children of the orphanage.



Camp Radicals is a youth group from Tijuana, led by Carina Beltran and Juan Garay, who came last year to give lectures in teaching Christian children. This year again they honored us with their presence to carry out the continuation of the conference, "Radical Children Leadership". This time they brought their youth group to host a Vacation Bible School, directed by "Bridges of Love" another ministry in San Diego, which collects donations for needy children. The children had a blast but most importantly learned more about who God is and what he asks of each of His children.



Pan de Vida was privileged to welcome home Maria de Luz, Irma Rosales and Atzimba Rubio, after having been nearly two years in Nicaragua studying their last years of their teaching degree. Besides studying they also were a blessing by being teachers and coordinators at their school. We are very proud of them for having been patient, obedient and diligent in God's call. God used them in a wonderful way. They expanded their vision and are now returning with much enthusiasm to work at Pan de Vida's school. In this new school year they will be helping once again through giving a new perspective and a lot of new ideas to share with their students.

### **Update from Dulce Refugio**

(written by: Jesse Beckett)

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Beckett family from Ohio USA arrived. Jesse will be dorm guardian of the boys' dorm, coordinating short term teams from Canada and the USA, and assisting Duane with the construction project. Faith will be in charge of the dining hall. They have been married 13 years and have 4 children: Silas, Quinn, Ella and Rowan. Jeremy and his family have now moved to Pan de Vida and are taking up their call at that ministry.

We give thanks to God for receiving approval from the Canada fund for the hot water heaters, commercial grade clothe washers, and storage tanks for the boys dormitory. We hope to get the funds soon so the boys can officially move into their new place, since these are the only things that need to be installed.

In regards to the construction project, a new security wall and gate entrance on the North side of the property is being built. Unfortunately the Canada fund did not fund this part of the proposal but we are continuing on with this project with funds from Children of Hope.

We are also digging the foundations and pouring the wall for the multi-purpose field. The hope is to be ready to pour the concrete field when two teams come for the month of November.



### **Update from Esperanza para Ti**



(written by: Dionisio Mares and translated by Jeremy Van Beelen)

On June 27, The Desire to Study foundation visited the orphanage to give to every child a new backpack along with school supplies. The foundation also recognized Esperanza para ti with the best grade point average for elementary and middle school, giving extra recognition to Noelia Alba Vega, age 9, who got a new computer for her efforts in her school work. Thank you for your help!



On July 11 and 12, the orphanage received a pleasant visit from a Children of Hope team, who came to get to know the ministry and to help with some projects around the property. It is a great blessing to have people come who are interested in this work and to serve. Thank you!

On August 2nd, everyone from the orphanage left bright and early for a road trip to the town of Catemaco, Veracruz, where the children enjoyed a wonderful vacation. The children enjoyed the pool the most! From morning till evening they were swimming with just enough time to eat between all the playing. We thank God that we had no mishaps during the trip or at the ranch facilities where we were invited to stay. Most of the children have never been to the ocean so they got to enjoy half a day at the beach. Thank you God for this blessing!

## Prayer Corner:

- Pray for all the children who are starting a new school year that the adjustment will go well for the children and the teachers.
- Please pray that God will continue to provide the bodily needs of the children through providing faithful donors, in Mexico and in Canada, since it takes a lot of food to feed 25, 50 or 80 children on a limited budget. We know that God always provides and we give him the glory for taking care of us so well!
- Pray for all the volunteers in the children's homes in Mexico who give up so much personally to be a part of these children's lives. Pray that God will bless them richly for their service and dedication.

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## Keeping yourself updated

The following website is at your disposal to learn more about the Children of Hope organization and its children's ministries in Mexico:

[www.childrenofhope.info](http://www.childrenofhope.info)



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*James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless  
is to look after orphans and widows in their distress.*