

FALL NEWSLETTER 2018



Children of Hope

Where did the summer go? Fall seems to be here already. We pray you had a good summer.

Recently someone asked an excellent question about reporting by our ministries on funds that they receive. As a Christian organization, we are accountable to God, our donors, and our Board of Directors. Children of Hope disperses funds under agreements for the day-to-day operation of ministries, for special small projects and for on-field mission team expenses and projects. We retain a receipt of dollars sent, pesos received and every peso spent. We want to assure you that we hold each ministry accountable for every dollar you entrust to us.

Casa Ammi



In Mexico, 7 out of 10 children suffer violence! The "Family Care Model" at Casa Ammi addresses the needs of the children as they develop by placing "Family" as the source of

values and habits. This prepares them to enter society and become leaders who can help transform the lives of other children. We are happy to announce the opening of Casa Ammi 2, led by Jose, Julie and Jocelyn who are committed to transforming the lives of children so that they become stable, prosperous and successful adults.

Jose (pictured) & Alan (Casa Ammi)



When Alan came to visit the office and because he could not take his eyes off a camera, we taught him how to take photos. Alan suggested that he photograph Jose because all the

children admire Jose as a well-behaved boy. Jose has an excellent academic record and wants to challenge himself. We pray that Jose will meet his goals so that his Casa Ammi family will continue to be proud of him.

Meanwhile, Alan uses the camera to capture the things that he loves most about Casa Ammi.

Brazos de Amistad



Praise the Lord! We are in the new dining facilities.

We have more than

enough space to serve food to more than 100 children every day. Thank you for your support and prayers. Keep praying for us as we serve God and our children.

Emiliano (Brazos de Amistad)



When Emiliano came to the soup kitchen almost two years ago, his words and behavior were aggressive and offensive. A year ago, he began attending church. He loves to learn about God and little by little, God changed his heart. Now he is

kind and always smiling. He started attending our homework club. His grades improved and we discovered that he is a very intelligent and hard-working child.

Lupita (Esperanza para Ti)



Lupita's mother died when she was just 3 years old. She has a twin brother, an older brother and a younger sister. Although, there was a large extended family, her grandparents raised them. One night when she was

alone, a young uncle came to her bed to abuse her. She escaped. When the grandmother returned from the field, Lupita told her what happened. Her grandmother did not believe her. Two weeks later, the uncle succeeded. Again, the grandmother did not

believe her. Lupita told an aunt who reported the abuse to the authorities. They investigated and brought Lupita to Esperanza para Ti. We are strongly committed to supporting her in school, psychological and personal development

Esperanza para Ti



Between one school year and the next is a whole summer of activities. Our teens learned

to bake and earn funds for various school expenses. There were year-end plays, a kitchen/dining room fumigation, creating a day of outdoor dining, a visit by the Harley Davidson club of Queretaro and a movie,



a bonfire, and tenting with a generous Esperanza supporter. What fun!

Maria Luisa (18) Pan de Vida



Because my mother worked, each day, I woke up very early to feed my brothers and get all of us to school. One day everything changed. While we were visiting my grandmother. My sister, Ana took me shopping but instead

we went to Social Services so that they could place us in an orphanage. Our first orphanage treated us well but there were not enough caregivers. When we moved to Pan de Vida, the many caregivers treated me with love, patience and care and I learned about God. He has done great things in my life. He gave me a second chance at life, showed me love through many caring people and turned my bitterness toward my parents into love for them. One day, I hope to know God better, finish high school, study nursing or teaching, continue to learn English, and travel to other countries.

Pan de Vida

Blessings here include a music teacher who taught many students how to play an instrument, our June graduation, the new aquaponics system, (Fish dinner soon!!!), a greenhouse, the gift of 80 more laying hens, more rain than usual and less extreme heat resulting in a good harvest. On the



spiritual side, some of the youth helped with VBS in an impoverished area, allowing them to see the needs of others. Our older boys attended camp in Veracruz and went to the beach. The girls had their

retreat too. The younger children attended local church VBS programs. Our newest venture is "Thursday Family Time". Each volunteer family receives a child, or siblings, with whom they spend time, so that our children can experience a genuine family environment.

Karina (10) Casa Otomi



At age two Karina, came to Casa Otomi with her sister, Elizabeth (Age 8). Because Elizabeth over protected her, Karina developed an entitled attitude, acting violently and biting other children. She did not like to work in class or pay attention

to Biblical teaching. She and her younger brother caused much damage to games and toys just for the pleasure of doing so. We asked the parents to dedicate themselves to improving this behavior. We prayed for the five children and treated them with love and patience. Elizabeth(16), Elba(12), Karina(10), Braulio(7), and Kevin(4) now attend Otomi House without fail, participate in everything, cooperate with and give love to others, embrace their teachers and thank them for their efforts. There are great changes

in the family since the children had an encounter with the Savior. We continue to pray for their parents to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Casa Otomi Update

Our sincere gratitude to Children of Hope, for the funds to purchase an acre of land adjacent to the Otomi House. This will



allow us to host more than double the amount of children and families at a single evangelistic event.

Juan (6) Ancla de Amor



With us over 3 years, Juan has come a long way in his healing process. As a ministry, teaching the children about God's love, grace, goodness and salvation through Jesus is at our core. Many have already committed their life to the Lord

as their Saviour. Recently our family visited a church in Canada unannounced to find that they were praying for Ancla de Amor. A man prayed that God would speak to each child. Later that same afternoon, I heard that Juan received Christ into his heart that day. Please do not stop praying for our kids, as now is the time that we have influence in their lives!

Ancla de Amor



Because we live in the hot Sonoran desert, swimming is a blessing for our kids especially in the summer. We run a competitive swim team; the "Ancla Hurricanes" and our children work hard each year in the pool. It all began when volunteers asked to teach our

children basic swimming skills. Who would have thought that we would be swimming competitively or succeed to the point that we need a professional coach. Our children are learning how to work as a team, to support each other in the highs and lows and the importance of hard work, determination and commitment. As we walk through the healing process

with our children, these are all attributes that are so important in life and we are thankful that we have this program to offer our children.



Please Consider:

While many of our ministries are flourishing, we have several that are struggling because they are not well connected and yet their needs are just as urgent. Each of these ministries need funding and child sponsorships are available

- Casa Otomi Soup Kitchen** (Indigenous ministry)
- Brazos de Amistad Soup Kitchen** (Adjacent to a slum area)
- Casa Ammi 1 and Casa Ammi 2** (maximum 12 children per home built around a family model)

Prayer Requests:

1. **For the many more volunteers needed at the "Hope for Children" Thrift Store in Langley**
2. **For the children as they transition from summer vacation back into the school year**
3. **For the Caregivers - They desire to be sensitive and understanding as they help the children deal with their fear and bitterness for the traumas of their past.**

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