

FALL NEWSLETTER 2019



Children of Hope

What a blessing to have sufficient rain and beautiful smoke-free skies this summer after two years of raging wildfires throughout our province. As well, the Lord continues to bless the ministries we serve. We pray regularly for you, our supporters, that the Lord will walk with you through the difficult places in life and supply all your needs according to His riches in heaven. Read on to see how the Lord is rewriting the stories of Mexican children who came from difficult places.

Brazos de Amistad



We took 68 children and teens to a beautiful water park where they enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Our summer camp theme this year was **Faith, Hope and Love**. The children participated in daily devotionals, Bible studies, team competitions, fellowship, crafts, games and delicious food. It was an incredible joy for us to see many of the children and teens open their hearts to Jesus and be baptized.

Atziri (11) Brazos de Amistad



Atziri was very young when she came to our soup kitchen with her siblings and extended family. She is kind-hearted, eager to learn about the Lord and comes to church regularly. Now in Grade 6 she attends the homework club at the soup kitchen. She works hard in school and earns good grades. Please pray with us that she stays firm in her faith despite her complicated family situation.

Sandra (12) Ancla de Amor



Three years ago, after their mother passed away, Sandra and her siblings arrived. We enrolled her in school; but because it was her first time, she started in Grade 1. At age nine, you can imagine how she felt. Other 9 year-olds teased and bullied her but Sandra worked hard. In only 3 years, she caught up with her age group with the third highest grades in her class. What an accomplishment! Sandra is a determined, dependable and hard worker. She offers to do extra tasks in between her own responsibilities. We are so proud of her and love her deeply. We are blessed to watch Sandra grow and very thankful that we can give her the opportunity to obtain an education. We know that she will accomplish great things in the future!

Ancla de Amor



With electricity being one of our highest costs, especially in the summer, we thought it was time to reduce this expense.

Thanks to several Manitoba businessmen, we were able to purchase solar power for the home. We want to be self-sufficient and these solar panels will certainly launch us in that direction! With our system installed, we are in the process of finalizing contracts with the Electrical Commission. We expect to produce our own power in the next month or so. Praise God! Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible! This will be a blessing to Ancla for many years to come.

Laura (17) Pan de Vida



I was born into a broken family. Although I was still very small, I remember that my parents abused and neglected us. I came to this home at the age of five with my four brothers. I was very shy but God helped me to open up to people and make friends. Growing up in Pan de Vida has been a great blessing

for me, because I met Jesus here. I was baptized, celebrated my Quinceañera and now I am studying in high school. I do not know what I want to be when I grow up, but for now, I know that this home has been a great experience. I do not regret anything that happened in my past because it led me to Pan de Vida.

Pan de Vida

Counting our blessings includes a music teacher who taught students to play instruments, our June graduation, the new aquaponics system, the greenhouse, the gift of 80 more laying hens and a good harvest because of more rain and less heat than usual. Spiritually 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 (1) Casa Ammi North

Caregivers Joe and Julie now head a family of ten. They are loving, professional, empathetic, transparent,



Paulina and Andrea (Casa Ammi)



adaptable and innovative. This matters, in offering, competent, comprehensive, care to the children. The family welcomed Karina, the youngest, and five others into the family with great joy.

Pray with us that every person involved shows, in greater measure, the fruit of the Holy Spirit

This year, the local football team invited our girls & boys to participate in the 2019 season. We explained that this involved physical training, self-discipline, perseverance, responsibility, commitment, patience, friendship & travel.

Paulina and Andrea decided to join. At times, they thought about giving up but sticking with it strengthened their family bonds and they learned to make decisions in the midst of chaos and face life with courage.

Salvador (16) Esperanza para Ti



All our visitors know Salvador. When he was born, his father was 82 and his mother 25. She suffered from epilepsy, mental retardation, drug addiction and alcoholism. Because of this, Salvador also suffers epileptic seizures that prevent him from retaining what he learns. A paidopsychiatrist regularly evaluates him to adjust his

necessary lifelong medication. He can recite Psalm 23, loves music, dreams of belonging to the church praise ministry and likes to help with crafts. Recently Salvador lost all contact with his family, so he will

remain with us for many years to come. We trust God to show us how to plan for his future.

Esperanza para Ti



Because our children are from difficult backgrounds, and almost all of our children need help to work through

traumas that they faced before coming to Esperanza. This is our new consultation room where psychologists and counselors can meet one on one with our children without outside distractions.

Casa Otomi Update



We are grateful to the Lord as He opened the doors for 200 Otomi children to attend summer school. They received Christian teaching for three weeks and at the end, we had the perfect excuse to invite their parents to a joyful celebration to see each age group present a regional dance they learned. We presented the salvation message. There were piñatas and each child received toys, balloons, candy, educational games, outdoor games, and school supplies.

Dulce (6) Casa Otomi

Dulce is always happy. She is the youngest at home, and feels loved by her parents. Three years ago, her dad fell into a cave and suffered brain damage. Doctors expected him never to walk again or even to live. Her mom asked for prayer at Casa Otomi and rehabilitated him at home with massage and medicines from wild plants. She takes Dulce to Casa Otomi to learn the Word of



God through drawing, games and songs and she helps as needed. Her dad received a miracle from God; he walks perfectly, works as a night guard for a construction company and is a community leader for Casa Otomi activities in their village.

Please Consider: *Many of our ministries flourish; but the following struggle because they are not well known but their needs are just as urgent. Each of the following ministries need funds and child sponsorships are available*

***Casa Otomi Soup Kitchen:** an Indigenous ministry

***Brazos de Amistad Soup Kitchen** Beside a slum area

***Casa Ammi 1 & 2** (Max 12 children per home built around a family model)

Prayer Requests:

***Each each child will realize their gifts; grow in their relationship with Jesus and show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control to others.**

***Caregivers to be sensitive and understanding in dealing with the hard places in the children's past**

***More volunteers for the "Hope for Children" Thrift Store in Langley**

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