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NEWSLETTER



Children of Hope

Words of Hope in COVID times:

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Pan de Vida: German de Marcos Lopez

My birth mother needed to arrange care for me not long after my birth, as she needed to go away for a time. She entrusted me to Feliza de Marcos. When Elizabeth did not return, they decided to name me. When Elizabeth returned to her surprise she no longer had a son. Feliza kept me. When I was no longer a baby, Mrs. Feliza abused me with beatings. The children dressed me as a girl and took me out to make fun of me. Feliza joined in the game. Sometimes the children felt sorry for me and bought me a toy or clothing. Feliza would take it away saying that I had to earn my food and clothing. When I was very hungry, I ate the pigs' leftovers. I never knew love. One day my step-mother got tired of me and took me to Pan de Vida. After years of abuse, I found a place where I would know true love. I began to know God's love at this special place that He had prepared for me. In my teens, I did not want anything to do with God. One day I said that I wanted to leave. In my silly mind, I thought that if I left no one would demand that I study or seek God. I left and had jobs in many different places. I began to feel uncomfortable; God wanted something more from me. God told me that I had to return to Pan de Vida. It was not easy, but God was firm in his call and now here I am having worked 8 years for God and His children. I am married to Yeral and have a 12-year-old son and we serve in this home together. I thank God for every stage of my life. I firmly believe that everything happened to bring me to where I am today. Thank you very much to all the people who support and pray for me. May God bless you.



Pan de Vida

Thank God, we are all fine. God has protected us during the continuing pandemic.

German and Yeral now live in their new house. Thank God they can enjoy this larger space. Their apartment is on the 2nd floor of the boys' dorm.



This helps them to be more aware of the what is happening with the children.

Casa Otomi: Elisa Garcia Julian (7)



I live in Xajay, a little community where corn and beans grow in the rainy season. My mom, Sabina, is a young widow and has a small grocery store to make a living. I was three years old when my Dad died in an accident and my mother was pregnant with my little sister, Miriam, so she never met him.

Because I believe in Jesus, I am able to answer my sister when she asks, "When is Daddy coming back from work?" I explain to her that he is in heaven and people do not want to come back from there, because they are with the Lord, and that is a better place to be. I am a very social and cheerful and I love to play games with the other children in the neighborhood. Right now school is difficult for me because I study online due to the pandemic. Mommy must sit beside me to explain the lessons that my teacher sends me every month by wire. I love to participate in the activities at the Otomi House; so, I am praying that people get the vaccine soon and we can be together again.

Casa Otomi: Our Thanks!

We cannot meet at Otomi House but we can meet the needs of 24 surrounding communities. Also, COVID allows us to provide necessary maintenance to Otomi House, and build needed structures. Children of Hope has provided the funds to build a



storeroom for our sound system, stools, tables, chairs, banners, tents, ropes and more that we use for our big events. The roof serves as an outdoor stage. In Mexico we say: "Problems don't last a hundred years." So, when COVID becomes history, we

are preparing to celebrate life, protection and salvation. We will honor Jesus and proclaim His mighty name, through an event at Casa Otomi using our open air auditorium. Our sincere gratitude to the Thrift Store, Board, Staff, Volunteers and Donors. Holding fast to your outstretched hand, we were enabled to serve the Lord better for almost a decade to date.

Creando Sendas: Javier (14)



Javier is a 14-year-old boy who lives with his dad. His dad is a welder but due to COVID, he lost his job. In their house, they have an altar for Satan. This child lives in a very dark world. We pray that over the next few years we will be able to get to know him and his dad and show them the light that God has shining down on them.

Creando Sendas

This year like last year has not changed much. We hope that in the near future we will be able to start serving the kids on a daily basis. In the meantime, we continue to hand out food hampers and school supplies. We pray that schools will open soon, so that the kids can continue their education and catch up on what they have missed over the last year.

We have exciting news on a soup kitchen. Property was donated to us! We are just finishing the paperwork and hope to get construction started in the months to come. We cannot wait to see what God does with this property in this community that needs to know His love and grace!

Casa Ammi Norte: Karen (14)

Karen, arrived at Casa Ammi North in February of this year. She came from another orphanage where she constantly disagreed with the operational and administrative personnel, a situation that led her to ingest pills in excess, to the point of self-poisoning. Upon her arrival, she



looked very sad and afraid, she was worried about fitting in with the children at Casa Ammi and being returned to the previous home where things went badly. Slowly she began to see that she is loved by everyone here and God. We understand how complicated her life was. Now, we pray that she will have complete love of God, and that He will free her from her past so she can live happily in the present.

Casa Ammi Norte



Operational and Administrative challenges are the result of the growth of Casa Ammi. The most important of which is an address change for Casa Ammi North. This means moving the Strawberry Operation and helping the children, caregivers, and volunteers to adapt to a new environment. We want to work in our new neighborhood to identify needs and potential solutions to help more Queretaro families. The transition is a few months away, but we ask you to pray for wisdom as we face this process for the benefit of our children.

Brazos de Amistad: Iker (4)

As a result of our Children's Discipleship Camp, we were introduced to Iker and his family. Iker is 4 and comes faithfully to church every week now. Iker's family is receiving support from the soup kitchen and he comes with his mother, Violeta, his two younger siblings Jasmin and Cristian and other family. Iker is a very sweet and outgoing boy but has difficulties focusing for even short periods of time. He needs a lot of teacher support during Bible studies and in group situations. Like many of the children that we serve, he has a very challenging family life and his mother recently shared with us that they were both attacked by a family dog. We pray that Iker and his family will continue to participate in church and that the Lord draws them nearer to him.



Brazos de Amistad



God is at work here in opening our state after the COVID lockdowns, allowing us to minister more and more to the children and families in our community. The last week in February, we did a weeklong "camp" for the children where each day we were able to share the good news of Jesus Christ with them. We condensed the 12-lesson discipleship of Samaritan's Purse, "The Greatest Journey" into five action-packed days where the kids played, sang, and most importantly studied the Bible. We continued to divide our group of 120 children into three separate groups and gave "food to go" to meet COVID regulations.

Having the event over five consecutive days really helped us to reconnect with the children and we noticed a huge response from them as well as our community. We also got the chance to minister to new children and have since noticed a growing number of families at church and others who want to become more involved with the soup kitchen. After the event, we held a special all-day graduation where the children got a chance to bring their parents and share what they had learned with them. All of the children also received a New Testament! We saw many families introduced to Jesus and we feel very encouraged to continue working with these families. We continue to give out food rations, cooked food and provide medical and dental care for the children on a weekly basis. We ask you to pray that the Lord will use all of this to bring people to Himself.

Esperanza para Ti: Josefina (8)



Fernando (52) brought Josefina to us asking for our help. Her mother (33) died of tuberculosis in 2019. It is very difficult for Fernando to care for Josefina due to his own throat problems, her health and developmental issues, age and gender. We welcomed Josefina, who is vulnerable due to her health conditions and developmental factors. Please pray that her improvement is controlled by God as we provide the needed support.

Esperanza para Ti



During COVID, our psychology room had a makeover into a virtual classroom. When we started, there were insufficient computers for each student to have one but by the grace of God, we received enough for each class to learn together.

CARING FOR KIDS

April 5th was our special dinner for our dear friend and brother, Mike Wall, who returned to Canada. Always, at all times, and in every way Mike's life is a great



blessing for all of us at Esperanza. May God bless him also!

Ancla de Amor: Julio (2)



Julio arrived in January with five of his siblings. He had lice and parasites and was very dirty. Since coming to Ancla we gave him treatment for his parasites and got rid of his lice and he is doing so well. He loves to play with his siblings and usually has a smile to share. He loves to dance, especially if there is music playing.

Ancla de Amor: Cinnamon

The children here enjoy learning to ride our horse, Canela which is Cinnamon in English. Estrella is responsible for caring for Canela and she will often invite another child to help her to take care of her in exchange for a ride. The kids love it. The other

day most of the little kids got to ride and they had a blast!



Prayer Requests for...

- AA: A new home, Aquaponics project, Juliana direction
- BA: Justice for stolen funds, Follow up on discipleship
- CA: The move to larger premises, Strawberry success
- CO: The Otomi to know Jesus via "Caravans of Help"
- CS: Construction of walls around our donated property
- ET: Needed Office Help, Educational vision for kids
- PV: Kris Jongsma as he helps boys & works the farm
- Visscher: Be lights during COVID until they can host a Bible Study
- HFC Thriftstore: A stop to theft, Receive good items
- Donors: Trust the Lord to provide during COVID 2021
- CoH Office: Transitions, New computer programs & Applying for Grants in the near future

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