



Children of Hope Society

Caring for Kids



MINISTRY VISITS, a great privilege!

In March, Jeremy Van Beelen (Executive Director), Geoff Hoogstra (Chairman of the Board), and Ana Torres Van Beelen (Administrator of Child Sponsorship) had the opportunity and blessing to visit the five children's homes (Pan de Vida, Esperanza para Ti, Casa Ammi, Casa Bethel, Ancla de Amor), and the three Soup Kitchens (Casa Otomi, Brazos de Amistad and Creando Sendas). They connected and spent quality time with the General Directors, CoH missionaries, volunteers, and children of these ministries. It was a wonderful time spent with everyone!



"CASA BETHEL"

NEWEST MINISTRY OF THE CHILDREN OF HOPE FAMILY



Casa Bethel was founded in 2009 in the community of Irapuato, Guanajuato. Casa Bethel is based on a house-parent family model where they shelter children and adolescents who were victims of abuse, abandonment, and homelessness. Throughout these 15 years of Casa Bethel's existence, 324 children have been cared for. They currently care for seven children and two young adults who continue to live at the home as they work and further their education. The foundation of Casa Bethel is rooted in the belief that every child deserves a safe and loving home. The facility focuses on addressing the spiritual, physical, emotional, and educational needs of the children under its care. They ensure that the children feel safe and valued; teach them about God's purpose for their lives, and guide them in the word of God as they come to know their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

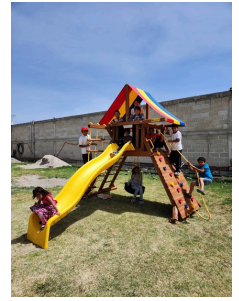


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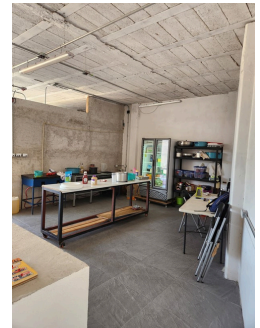


Creando Sendas: A Focus on Education

Edison is a very energetic and happy 8-year-old boy who has been attending the Soup Kitchen for about two months. He has a very hyper personality which led him to be kicked out of school. He now attends our homeschooling program and is receiving one-on-one attention. He is a very smart child who just needs to be challenged more academically. He lives at home with his Mom and grandparents. He is left alone at home a lot and does not have much adult influence in his life. We pray that the soup kitchen and the homeschooling program will be able to be a blessing in his life and a way that God can show him the love and attention that he needs and desires. We have already seen God working on his heart and love seeing how God uses this facility to heal children like Edison.



These past few months have seen some improvements at the soup kitchen. We finally have a playground for the children! They love to come and eat, stay and play, and get to know the other children and staff. We love seeing the ministry grow so the children feel more at home in this ministry. We were also able to finish off the kitchen and buy a refrigerator. Our home school program has grown so much! We have eight children between the ages of 3 and 10 receiving classes twice a week. These children were not accepted at public school so we are doing all we can to help them catch up in their studies so they can stay at their grade level. We do not want to see anyone fall behind! We are so grateful to God for the space that He has provided because we can do way more than just feed the children.



Ministerios Pan de Vida: The Gift of Hearing

Meet Heriberto, he is four years old. He came to the Pan de Vida home when he was 2 years old. Just like most of the children, Heriberto came to Pan de Vida due to negligent care from his parents. We realized very quickly that he had a hearing problem. The possibility of an ear infection was considered. After taking Heriberto for a check-up with a specialist, we were told that he was deaf as a result of a severe infection that was never treated. Upon realizing this, Heriberto and the Pan de Vida staff started learning sign language. Irma, the Pan de Vida preschool teacher, was instrumental in this since she knows sign language. The search for possible solutions to Heriberto's condition began and we learned that the cochlear implant surgery was the best option. It would give Heriberto the gift of hearing again but it would cost 1.4 million pesos (120,000 dollars) to perform this surgery. What seemed impossible to us turned into a beautiful miracle for Heriberto and for all of us who are witnesses of God's provision and care. The Mexican Federal government will pay all the expenses for the surgery! Heriberto will hear again! Help us pray for Heriberto's surgery that it will be a success and that his recovery will be speedy! Glory to God!



“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this:

Brazos de Amistad

Enlarging their Tents



What has been happening at Brazos de Amistad? Well, just like the book of Isaiah 54:2 says "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes", so Brazos de Amistad is doing this. They have started a new soup kitchen in a poor rural community, 40 minutes away from the current soup kitchen. When the volunteers from Brazos de Amistad visit this community twice a week, they teach the gospel and feed the children and adults there. It is amazing to see people opening their hearts to the gospel and trusting Brazos de Amistad staff in their work. Currently there are about 30 children and 20 adults, among them many men, who faithfully come every week to hear the word of God and to be fed. The possibility of buying land in this new community is a real possibility. We pray that God provides the financial resources to acquire this land and to be able to construct a building where children can continue being fed physically and spiritually.



Ancla de Amor: Kids Lives being Transformed

Pancho arrived at Ancla de Amor under challenging circumstances. He and his five siblings were rescued from their home when he was just three weeks old, malnourished, small, and unkempt. God blessed Pancho with the loving embrace of his new "mother," Clarissa. She has become the nurturing figure every child deserves. Countless sleepless nights Clarissa tended to Pancho's needs, her dedication unwavering. Clarissa's sacrifices ensure children like Pancho feel safe and loved. At three years old, Pancho is thriving. Despite some delays in his development, he is now running, playing, and radiating happiness. He loves being outdoors and going on adventures. His infectious smile and laughter light up our days. Reflecting on Pancho's journey, it's heartbreaking to imagine where he would be without Ancla. The scourge of drugs and addiction has shattered countless families in Mexico, leaving children like Pancho in vulnerable situations. It's saddening that he may never fully grasp the concept of having his parents by his side throughout life. While we acknowledge our limitations in meeting all his needs, we remain committed to caring for him as long as God deems fit. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support, both in prayers and finances, which provides Pancho with the chance to experience the love of a mother. It's an immense privilege to be entrusted with such a profound responsibility. Thank you for being part of Pancho's journey!



to look after orphans and widows in their distress" James 1:27

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the healing of the hearts of all the children who live in the orphanages or attend the soup kitchens, for their families, and for their salvation.
- For the family of every missionary, volunteer, director, caregiver. For their marriages, their health, physical and spiritual strength, and financial provision.
- Wisdom and heavenly guidance for the Children of Hope board members and office staff to give glory to our heavenly father in every decision and action.
- For more child sponsors to sign up to support a child.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



TEAMS TO MEXICO!



Our child sponsorship program is a monthly donation of \$40 per month. This donation goes directly to the home that cares for the child. This donation will provide a loving home, nutritious food, clothing, education, and spiritual and medical care for the child.

Our sponsorship program is designed to provide an opportunity to connect personally with a child! As a child sponsor, you can expect to receive a personal Christmas letter every year from your child, an updated photo, and a report card that updates you on their health and growth in different areas of their lives. Sponsors enjoy receiving a snapshot into the life of their sponsor child. The sponsors have the opportunity to correspond with their children and even visit them through our short-term mission teams!

To help cover the costs of the child's needs, a total of \$200 per month is raised. Typically there are five \$40 sponsors for every child, but in some cases, people commit to sponsoring more than \$40 per month for their child. We are happy to do what works for you and are grateful for whatever you can contribute.

120 CHILDREN NEED SPONSORS. Sign up today!

Children of Hope coordinates short-term mission trips, connecting passionate people to serve in a place of need. Our vision is for teams to participate in the tangible building up of our ministries, to participate in the development of children's programs, to invest time and love in the children's lives, and ultimately, to witness and be part of God's restorative work in hearts that were once broken. This is a way for you, and others on your team, to become involved in the lives of children! **Contact Children of Hope today!**



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