

Summer 2023

NEWSLETTER



It is always refreshing to see the signs of spring as the trees turn green and the dandelions and tulips spring up from the ground. After a long deary winter, this is a blessing to our eyes!

Children of Hope would like to present to you a few changes that have happened over the past months in our office.

On the first of February Jeremy Van Beelen officially took over as Executive Director of Children of Hope as Brian Heppner is semi-retiring. He will be in the office a few days a week helping in various roles. Transitions are a part of life and we know God is in control and trust his leading in this leadership change.

Children of Hope has started to send out ministry updates through a newsletter platform called Epistle. This is a Christian based platform, designed by missionaries who have or are working in the field, to help others involved in mission work connect with their ministry partners. These updates share a few pictures and a short write up about one of the seven ministries that are part of Children of Hope. The aim is to post an update on every ministry once a month. You can select to receive these updates weekly or monthly. You can easily unsubscribe if you wish to do so (Some of you may already be receiving these updates).

<https://children-of-hope.epistle.org/subscribe>

Casa Ammi: Matias (12)

Matías was exposed to drugs in his home from an early age. His childhood was painful, in addition to the fact that he was physically underweight due to his bad eating habits. The problems that he experienced in early childhood are now reflected in his inability to concentrate, which has affected his level of academic achievement. For this reason, we ask for your prayer so that Matias will find his refuge in our Heavenly Father in facing these challenges.



Casa Ammi: Self sustaining

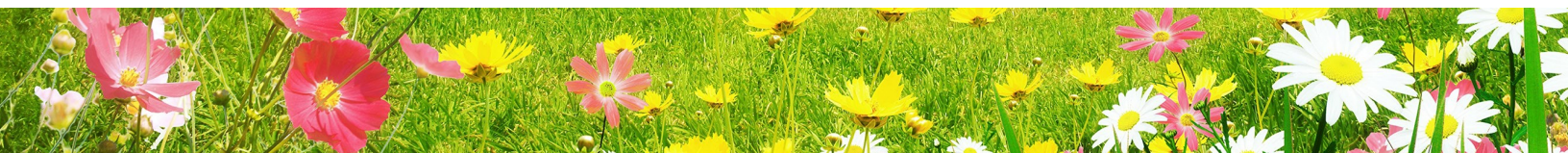
We at Casa Ammi are grateful that Mexico has been economically stable these past few years which has allowed us to faithfully continue caring for the child in our care. This is thanks to the generosity of our faithful donors. However, we learned over these years that Casa Ammi needs to be more self-sustaining. For this reason, we ask for prayer that our project of 200 laying hens will come top pass, as this will support in our goal to obtain an economic income, and to have eggs as a daily source of food for our children.



Casa Otomi: A special need



Over the past 20 years, the mission teams who had the privilege to visit the Casa Otomí ministry in Queretaro, have met the famous little blue Nissan pickup truck that has been the workhorse of the ministry. This little blue gem is ready for retirement! On behalf of Lalo (Eduardo) and Claudia Paulin and la Casa Otomí, Children of Hope is asking for your help in raising funds to purchase a new truck. Our goal is to raise \$45,000. At this point, we have received \$33,000 in donations. A heartfelt "Thank you" in advance for your consideration and generosity in helping to fulfill this need.



Casa Otomi: Victor (12)

Victor has been attending the Otomi House for many years. When he was 4, he fell off the bed. He suffered a concussion and received no emergency help because of the distance to the closest hospital. His state of health has deteriorated throughout the years even with medication. He has already lost sight in one eye, suffers a lot from confusion and forgets things quickly. His reading and writing skills are not good. Victor is a great concern to his family because of his suicidal tendency, as he has attempted twice. Please join in prayer for Victor's life and his medical situation.



Creando Sendas: Ramses (5)

Ramses has been coming to our soup kitchen for the past year. Ramses is in kindergarten and has a younger sister, named Vida, who is 2 years old. Ramses has a very special energy about him! When he comes for his lunch he loves to share with us how much he is enjoying school, especial art class. He loves to eat pizza and spaghetti. He loves to chat and tell us about his day when he comes for his lunch. His favorite TV show is Paw Patrol, and he wears his paw patrol hat proudly. He is also very good on his bike, which he likes to ride every day after school. We are so thankful for this little boy who is eager to learn and come by to spend time with us. We pray that God will work in his life and his family.



Creando Sendas: A new roof



Over the past few months there have been some big changes. We have finished installing and pouring the concrete roof of the soup kitchen. This will allow us to service our community more days of the week and have the children come and eat with us on site, instead of them taking their food home. This will also help us get to know the children better and what their needs are. We will also have a library of used books, puzzles, and board games so that the children can hang out and play in a safer environment, rather than playing on the street. We are excited to also provide them a playground and grass areas in the future. We are very thankful to God for all that he has done and how quickly our ministry is growing. We thank you for all your support and for making all of these changes possible!

Pan de Vida: The going on

We thank God that He has been faithful in caring for everyone at Pan de Vida. In recent months, God has provided different workshops so that the children can gain more life skills in fashion, haircutting, and auto mechanics.



Recently we have had several adjustments to the team of volunteers, resulting in smaller staff with more responsibilities. Please pray that God gives us wisdom to organize ourselves, and if He wants, add other volunteers to serve at Pan de Vida. We pray that God will continue to renew the strength of each and every person who serves at Pan de Vida.

Please pray that we can finish the perimeter brick wall project since people continue to break into the property. We have had three break-ins in the last few weeks, even in broad daylight.



Brazos de Amistad: Growing ministry



As our soup kitchen continues to grow, we have seen more and more need to support other neighborhoods in our community. We recently discovered one such area in the nearby city of Tlaquepaque. This is a very underdeveloped area of the city where many families live but has little infrastructure. We have been visiting this area when we have extra food, toys, and other goods to share. We have also had the opportunity to share the gospel with several groups and families, who warmly received God's message. We have noticed that there is a great spiritual and physical need, so we have started to visit more frequently. We have also begun conversations with a landowner in the area who is interested in selling a plot of land that could one day become another soup kitchen and church. Please help us pray that the Lord will continue to guide, direct us, and open doors to help us continue to support this community.

Brazos de Amistad: Jasiel (5)

Jasiel is a bright boy who comes to the soup kitchen with his two older sisters. He has five siblings and enjoys spending time with them. Jasiel likes to play soccer and baseball. He comes to the soup kitchen regularly and comes to church each Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday. Jasiel does well in school and participates actively in Sunday school. He is very good at memorizing scripture and shows a lot of love to his friends at the soup kitchen. Please help us pray for Jasiel and his family.



Ancla de Amor: Maria (13)

Maria came to Ancla de Amor about four years ago. Before living at the orphanage, her life was hard. She recalls days she spent at home with no food, and her mother gone for several days. Her mother was a drug addict and so Maria and her siblings bore the consequences of her drug abuse in many different ways. Life was not fair for her. When she came to Ancla de Amor, she came with many fears, but quickly learned that this place was a refuge for her. Since then, she has started to feel safe and accepted. Her dreams are to one day become a surgeon. She also likes languages, especially English. She studies hard and tries to practice any time she has an opportunity. She enjoys reading her Bible and loves to attend youth group on Fridays and church on Sundays.



Ancla de Amor: One big family!



We have to say that we absolutely feel beyond blessed that we had the opportunity to welcome and receive two very special missionary work groups from back home in Winkler, Manitoba Canada. More than "groups", we consider them family, and they certainly are part of our family in Christ! Though the work was intense during the month of March, both groups were an invaluable blessing to Ancla de Amor.



CARING FOR KIDS

Esperanza para Ti: Samantha (13)

Samantha arrived at Esperanza para Ti in January. Her mother was a single parent as a result of a dysfunctional relationship. Samantha is being treated psychologically since she has gone through a lot of trauma in her short life. She is doing well in high-school. Please pray that God will allow Samantha to reintegrate into the family in a safe environment.



Esperanza para Ti: Welcome!



Over the past three months, Esperanza para Ti hosted three teams from Canada and one from the USA. The project focus for these teams was the foundation of the new three-story dorm building. Two teams from Manitoba helped pour the footings, water cistern foundation and bending lots of rebar rings. A young, enthusiastic, and hard-working team from the US helped pour a lot of the walls for the cistern and more of the foundation. The Credo Highschool youth team from Langley BC helped pour several of the foundation walls, allowing us to begin the backfilling and finishing work on the cistern. With all these groups we got the privilege of taking the children out to local parks, a water slide fun park and to the bowling alley. A big THANK YOU to everyone for making this possible because we could not do this project without your help!

Prayer Requests for...

- AA: The need for more Mexican staff
- BA: Funding to buy the new property
- CA: That the children will get to know their Jesus
- CO: The Otomi community to know Jesus more
- CS: God will continue to bless the outreach program
- ET: Provision and protection over the construction of the new dormitory
- PV: Protection over the property and more volunteers
- Thrift stores: for good quality donated items
- Donors: Thankful to faithful donors supporting the children's ministries in Mexico
- CoH Office: Office personal transition, and wisdom in being good stewards of what God has entrusted to us

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