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Hola Amigos,

Fun in the Sun!

Packing to take twenty children to the beach is a lot of work, but the fun we had was worth it. A Nicaraguan businessman booked his family's hotel for us for a weekend in December. It is located about halfway between Managua and San Juan del Sur. It was the first time to see the beach for many of the children. They had so much fun.



This was Luz's first time to see the ocean. She was so surprised that the water was salty, but loved playing in the waves.

The Problem with Birth Certificates.

People here do not always go to hospitals to have their children, and many children do not have birth certificates. Most of our children came from situations of severe neglect. Not only did their parents neglect their physical needs, they also neglect to register them. To many in the US, the idea of not having a birth certificate is strange, but here in Nicaragua it is a common problem. Because of this, we do not always know their birthday. Though we don't know their real birthdays, we put the day they come to us as their birthday. In a way it is a birthday since they begin a new life when they come. About half of our children do not know their birthdays. Every time we have a birthday here, the new children ask me "when is my birthday?" I don't want to tell them "I don't know," so I tell them the date of their arrival to the center. This gives us a day to celebrate on, but, when they get older, they have to have a birth certificate to go to high school, college, get an identification card, etc. There is a process for obtaining birth certificates for them, but it is complicated. Also, it requires the cooperation of the government. Please pray that we will be able to get birth certificates for these children.

Mechanic Needed

As you know, The Lord blessed me with a vehicle last year. As with all vehicles, especially used ones, there is a need for upkeep, maintenance, and sometimes repair. Unfortunately, it is hard to find reliable mechanical assistance in Nicaragua. Every time I have taken my car to a mechanic here, they have broken something in my car to make sure that I have to keep coming back. This has resulted in a lot of car trouble. If there is someone skilled in mechanics that would like to come and help in this area, please contact us. Thanks.

Child of the month



Nombre/Name: Adan
Edad/Age: 8
Fecha de nacimiento/Birthday:
November/Noviembre 27
Likes roller blading, playing
chase, playing chase while roller
blading, coloring

Though it hasn't been long since I featured Adan, I wanted to give everyone an update on him. We have been trying to arrange for surgery for him and have decided after exploring many possibilities to have the surgery done here in Nicaragua since he actually needs a series of surgeries over a period of years. There is a specialist at the Baptist Hospital in Managua that can do the surgery. Though it will not be free it will be significantly less expensive than having it done in the US. I will keep you informed as the details are worked out. We are also trying to help his grandfather who comes to visit him about once a month. He is very old, mostly blind, and mostly deaf. Sometimes it takes him days to walk out of the mountain to come and visit Adan. We are hoping to find a way that he can move close by so he does not have to walk. Adan loves his grandfather very much and we would like to make it possible for them to be together more. Please pray that God will work out the details for both the surgery and Adan's grandfather to move down.

Prayer Request:

1. Continued provision for the solar project.
2. Favor with the government so we can obtain birth certificates for our children who do not have one.
3. Continued provision during these difficult financial times.
4. That my car will run well. It has been having mechanical problems lately.
5. That the children will grow spiritually. That they will apply in their lives what they learn in devotions.
6. Adan's surgery
7. Adan's grandfather

The Year in Pictures
2008



2008 was a blessed year thanks to your prayers and support. Not only were the children in the center provided for, but many in the community were blessed, and the love of Christ was preached as a result of your generosity. Thank you again, and may God richly bless you in the coming year as you have blessed us in the year that just ended.

Thank you for continuing to stand with me in this work.

In Christ,

Joy Pulsifer