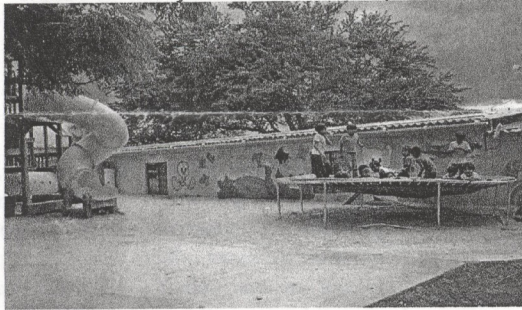


"More than another program, it is a home"

Notes from Francisco & Carol

Greetings from Oaxaca! There has been a really big transformation taking place the past few months at Casa Hogar thanks to the many hardworking individuals who have given of their time and resources. We were recently blessed to have the World Challenge group from Wycomb High School in London, England visit. They were able to put in a side-walk and patio up to the children's play area. They leveled out the ground putting in volcanic rock (which is very light weight, similar to sand) in the whole play area for the children. They built an elevated platform play area for the handicapped children that has



physical therapy equipment and toys as well as a small plant garden. The girls drew a large mural on the wall with pictures of Peter Pan, Hello Kitty and some jungle book characters near the play area that turned out really cute. A large trampoline was also purchased for the kids which is a huge hit. It is continually occupied each night until bedtime.



On another note, we have been able to move the office to the adjacent building organizing it where myself, Fran and our office assistant each have our own office/work space now. We are also

in the process of putting in a new six stall bathroom and a laundry room behind the guest kitchen. Our workshop has been cleaned and organized and now has a cyclone fence around it containing the work area. We now have an experienced auto body shop man on staff named, Jose Louis Geranamo, who is teaching the young men how to do auto body work. Fran and I thank each and every one of you so much for your support and prayers that keep us going on a daily basis. Love Carol

Prayer Requests:

All Good Things Are Worth Waiting For, and waiting for, and waiting for, and waiting for.

Bureaucracy is the same the world over. As of the writing of this newsletter Bryon Nurnburger and the bus donated by the non profit organization, "Simply Smiles" full of supplies for Casa Hogar has been waiting in Texas for one month. The process to obtain the proper permits has taken much longer than was anticipated. They've been told by government officials that they are in the very last stage of "possessing" and should have the correct papers soon. Once Fran & Carol have them in their possession they must drive up to the border and ride with Bryon in the bus to Oaxaca. Please continue to pray for all of them and this situation to be resolved quickly and that they have a safe travel.



Please pray for: Chucho (Jesus Sanchez Jarquin), last months spotlight child, as he just had surgery to remove his tonsils. Because they were swollen three times their normal size they had to be removed in pieces. While Chucho was waiting with Carol to be admitted into the hospital for surgery at 7:30 a.m. Monday morning he heard a blood curdling scream and loud groan. Needless to say he was very nervous. Two to three minutes passed and he heard the screams and groaning again. He went into the bathroom to rinse away his nervous tears and when he returned he got the courage to ask Carol why the person was screaming. It was a huge relief for him to find out the distress was a woman having a baby! August 18th, Chucho is starting carpentry classes at a local Tech School since his Jr. High classes have been suspended because of his poor vision. Fortunately, he can attend at no cost because of a government scholarship. Chucho is scheduled the last week in November for his cornea replacement surgery. Please pray that the permits would be granted to import the cornea for his surgery and that there would be no other hindrances with the doctor's or hospital schedules. Thank you.

Praise Reports:



Nightly Night Sleep Tight, Don't Let The Bedbugs Bite. Since Calvary Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE, heard Casa Hogar had been inundated with bed bugs they have raised \$3600 to buy new metal framed bunk beds and mattresses for the children. As the good Lord multiplied the bread and the fishes He also has multiplied the bunk beds! With Calvary Lutheran's offering they were able to purchase 20 new sets of bunk beds and 40 new mattresses! As of the writing of this letter the workers at Casa Hoar are industriously trying to rearrange six of the dormitories in order to accommodate the new beds. Can you help? Twelve more sets of metal bunk beds and mattresses are needed for the children. With a volume discount the remaining twelve can be purchased for \$180 each for a total expense of \$2180.

August's Spotlight Child: "Luz"

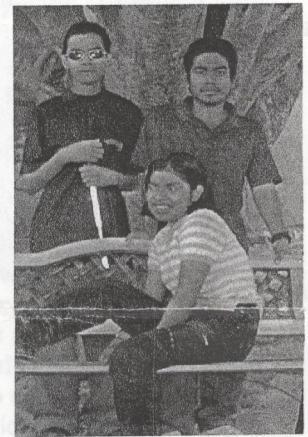


Luz Hernandez Rebollar. D.O.B. September 12, 1997. Luz was raised mainly by her grandparents before coming to Casa Hogar three years ago with her older sister Rebecca. Luz is a six year old Zapotec Indian girl who was born almost completely deaf. She will be in kindergarten this year and is making great progress with lip reading and speech therapy. She has been growing by leaps and bounds. Although she refuses to wear a hearing aid she is able to distinguish certain sounds. She loves to sing and dance, color and ride her tricycle.

Right thinking creates right choices, which form right habits. Right habits generate a peaceful spirit. Every decision we make affects God's ability to act on our behalf. We must do everything possible to justify God acting on our behalf! Give all of your strength to pursuing His ways. Embrace and live in the atmosphere of His grace and love. A world of blessing and freedom awaits you—just a prayer of repentance and a few wise decisions away.

It's a Small World....

Who would have ever thought that 29 years ago when Casa Hogar began, that two generations would meet in a country not their own to minister to the Lord and share the gospel of Jesus Christ? Fernando, Tabita, and Juan Carlos are hoping to do just that. Both Tabita and Juan Carlos are looking forward to seeing and ministering with "Beto" who was sent out from Casa Hogar many years ago and now is the worship leader of the church they will visit. All three students are in their 4th and last semester of the Rhema Bible School. Their internship missions outreach is leaving September 6th to San Jose, Costa Rico. They will be working in several mission churches in the mountainous areas teaching on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Each student has been working to raise \$700 to pay for their expenses. To date Fernando has been promised \$400, and Tabita has earned \$150. So far the money Juan has earned has had to go to his family to help with their living expenses so his account is at zero. If you can help financially to support any of these young people please mark your gifts "Costa Rico". The internship missions work is something Fran and Carol both feel is very important for these young people to be a part of. Thank you.



"And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of water....
 Assuredly, I say to you, He shall by no means lose his reward." Matthew 10:42

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