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Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to the blitz!! Yes, that seems to be the way of life here, but as the saying goes now days, "It's all good!"

# Hogar Happenings

Part of this weeks' highlight was the Pastor's conference that we had for 27 of the Fraternidad Cristiana pastors who are laboring here in the central valley of Oaxaca and also on the edge of the state of Veracruz, some as far as 9 hours away. This time it was Casa Hogar's turn to host this conference, which is always a delight for us.



For 2 days the pastors were ministered to and encouraged, a kind of a mini-retreat and a very much-needed break in the midst of all the stresses and struggles that being a pastor brings. Things are especially hard for the pastors right now since they are all in positions that are not salaried. And since the economy is so affected, giving has dropped greatly in some of the churches, and the pastors are struggling to keep up with their families needs. Would you please take a minute to pray for them to not be discouraged? And to declare with them (and for them) that God's favor would rest on them? They pay a huge price to bring the gospel to very needy areas and things are not always easy. But they are willing to pay the price to spread the good news. The times of worship that they shared here together were very uplifting, the words were very instructive, and each man came away ready to go another round. Mission accomplished!

And having the pastors here also opened doors for us to speak with the new kids who have just arrived this year here at Casa Hogar Benito Juarez. Many do not come from Christian homes and had no idea what a pastor really is or what he really does. And since the pastors ate and slept and had their meetings right at Casa Hogar, they got chances to visit with them, observe them, and ask a few questions. So now it is our job to keep following up with them.

On Tuesday morning we had quite a scare: Isaias, one of our new boys who is 8 years old, fell off the play set from a height of about 15 feet (obviously he was climbing on a part of the play set that is off limits!) and remained unconscious for a short while! As "circumstances" would have it, it was the day for the doctor to come and do his periodic checkup on the kids, so he gave Isaias the once over and said that by an act of God, nothing had happened to him!! He wasn't even sore: just stunned! God is good!! And we are sure that each child's guardian angel gets a full-time workout...



Lots is going on here, but space prohibits us from sharing it all...we want to keep this short and sweet!! So until next weeks' update, be blessed and remember to thank God for everything He does for you. We are thanking Him for YOU!

Blessings from our family to yours.

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