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Dear Friends in Christ,

Hogar Happenings

What do Casa Hogar Benito Juárez and Star Wars have in common???? The people involved in both live their lives in hyper-space mode!!! In other words, we are BUSY. This week can best be described as going to the edge and back...with financial challenges, rebellious kids, misunderstandings, car issues, excessive amounts of activities, sickness...we have pretty much run the gambit of it all. And through it all and in the midst of it, we have walked in victory and been successful and blessed! These verses from Psalm 37:3&4 help to keep things in perspective for us. "Trust in the Lord and do good. Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in Him and He will give you the desires of your heart." Sometimes, the trusting, the doing, the dwelling, the cultivating, and the delighting are a lot of hard work. But it is all so worth it when we see these precious kids growing and learning and praising and understanding this many-faceted thing we call life.



Fernando and Nacho

Nacho, who is 13 and who is blind from birth, is in Junior High-School now in a really ritzy Catholic school. He has been awarded a scholarship that he must work hard to maintain. Please keep him in your prayers during this time of change. He has gone from a government school of 120 students to a private school of 1200 students, which he has successfully learned to navigate on his own. Apart from getting jet-propelled into this new environment of academic excellence, (he had to have an intensive English course this past summer to get him ready for his bi-lingual classes)

he has had to learn to walk with a cane, which he greatly dislikes. Nacho is one of those fortunate visually-challenged kids who really has a very developed sense of radar that makes it easy for him to walk just about anywhere unassisted without running into things and getting hurt...he even rides a bicycle! We especially want to thank his sponsors, Gordy and Jacki Nelson for their faithful help and friendship to him all these many years. And to Simply Smiles for providing the software so that Nacho and our other blind kids can learn to use the computer!

The school here has officially been named, "The New Creation" which quite aptly describes what is going on with these kids. Angelina, one of our new kids who is 12 years old, is only in the third grade. She struggles to understand Spanish since her native language is Zapotec, and she has missed just about every other year of classes due to extreme poverty. Frankly, she should be back in first grade because she is just barely able to read. But she is so happy to be here and to finally be able to understand what is being taught to her! She has been transformed from an angry, sullen and reticent girl into a shy but smiling and hopeful young lady.



Angelina

We hope you are having a great week! We are! Blessings from our house to yours....

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