



Elizabeth at Daycare

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The Moises Daycare Center has kept busy the past few months. There are currently 66 children at the center and the number increases every day. The Daycare director, **Lucy Salas**, and her staff have been very busy with limited help. We congratulate Lucy and her husband Ona at the birth of their second daughter **Johanika** born on May 12, 2004. Our Daycare cook **Isabel** also has a new baby named **Raddel** born on August 24, 2004. Congratulations Lucy and Isabel.

The Daycare continues to offer its monthly training workshops to the mothers and fathers that bring their children to the center. In August, the focus was on encouraging parents to be examples to their children. A local pastor came and spoke to the parents on the importance of teaching their children biblical values. Most of the parents have a Christian background and are very open to new teaching. This month, the focus will be on building the self esteem of the as they celebrate Bolivian women's day.

VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF- We have had several volunteers come and go in the past few months. Our MCC Salt program volunteer **Casadi Weber** (Canada) was here for a year and just left in July. Her replacement is **Rachel Bremer** (Canada) who started working at the Daycare in early October. We wish you God's blessings Casadi as you settle down and seek God's direction for the next step in your life. We all miss you and are praying for you.

On September 1st we received two new volunteers **Lois Oldham** and **Elizabeth Vogue** (both USA) who plan to be with us for one year working at the Daycare. They are doing a great job and liking it. Welcome Liz and Lois and please keep it up!

On September 9th **Leon and Deneen Ropp** (Canada) started their three year term, bringing a wealth of experience in business, missions and big hearts to serve the Lord in Bolivia. They brought four of their six children; **Caleb** (11),

Hannah (9), **Reagan** and **Aaron** (3). Their other two children **Rachael** and **Evan** are currently in a boarding school in Oregon USA. The Ropps are preparing to work alongside Lucy at the Daycare as administrative assistants. They will be working mainly in helping Lucy coordinate and streamline programs at the fast growing Daycare. They will also be a great asset in helping us find funding for pending daycare projects, look for and orientate volunteers, and help us raise funds for Daycare operations. They come in God's timing because the government program called PAN, which has been supplying the Daycare with food, equipment, and staff payments is closing down by the end of the year. It will be a big blow to many Daycare programs in Santa Cruz.



From left front row: Evan, Hannah, Caleb and Rachael
Back row: Deneen, Reagan, Aaron and Leon.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS- The Daycare program is growing faster than any of us thought it would. We now have 66 children and the number keeps increasing. We have quite a few parents on the waiting list. We will hopefully open our doors to 100 or more children next year depending on whether or not we are able to complete the construction projects on time. At present, we have the last four of six classes under construction.

This past summer, we received two work teams from Pennsylvania and Maryland. Both teams helped us dig out the foundation and pour the concrete footings, which was a quite a job. The work teams brought a \$2000 donation each to help us buy construction materials which we deeply appreciated.

We need to raise the last bit of money to help us finish off the four class rooms. We need to raise some **\$ 20,000** to put the roofs on and fully finish the classrooms. Once that is done, we will put a hold on construction projects and focus on attending to the 100 plus children who will be using our facility. The four classes each have a capacity for 20 children and we already have 60 plus children in the 3 existing classes. This will easily see us with a total of anywhere between **100** to **150** children once the classrooms are finished.

SALUTATION AND APPEAL- We are appealing to anyone willing to do **short or long term voluntary work** at the Daycare facility to get in touch with us ASAP. We will be in great need of volunteer help the beginning of 2005. Anyone with a high school education qualifies. Please get in touch with us through this web page or through our USA, Canadian or Bolivian offices for more information.

We also want to extend our appeal to any well wishers for collaboration with the completion of the Daycare classroom. Every dollar counts! We are open to any **donation**. Do not hesitate to get in touch with us for more information on how to help with the construction project.

Finally, we are appealing to anyone interested in **sponsoring a child at the Daycare**. The need is great and we now have the facilities to reach out to more children in our community. However, it costs us about **US\$ 30** to cover all the educational material and food for each child at the daycare for **a month**. We offer supplementary feeding because many of the children come from very poor families and are badly malnourished when they first come. Anyone interested in the sponsorship program is also welcome to get in touch with us. We take this time to thank each of our sponsors and prayer partners.

Sincerely yours, Eunice and Solomon Mwangi.



Needed: 1. Volunteers
2. Donations for Classroom Construction at the Day Care
3. Child Sponsorship- \$30 per month or \$360/year per child

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