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"Like cold waters to a weary soul so is the good news from a distant land."

Proverbs 25:25 Brazil doesn't seem to be so far from Bolivia. In fact it's only a few hours by plane. But for the new house parents Edmilson, Flora and their children, it took them a whole week to travel to Santa Cruz, Bolivia from Sao Paulo, Brazil by bus and by train. Perhaps the Lord made the distance **long** so that **Proverbs 25:25** would make sense. They seem to have a good grip on their work. We see them full joy as they move on in this new experience for their family. We can see them standing firm and going against the odds and being willing to learn and to be used by God in His way.



SPIRITUAL FOCUS- There is a new spiritual wind blowing in Stansberry bringing coolness and some rejuvenation in the physical and in the spirit. **Edmilson and Flora** have been spending a lot of time with the children, sharing God's word and explaining to them what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus. This is nothing new to the children but it seems that the Lord is using a different way to reveal Himself to them and the changes are evident. Some of the older children are now involved in sharing during meditation time. They are also involved in small groups and other activities in the church called "**El Me Vee**" (He watches me) where they now attend.

Yolanda (17) is attending a Sunday school class for spiritual leadership training, and soon she will be a small group leader herself at the church. In July, the home organized a spiritual retreat and invited other young people from the church where they had workshops and praise and worship times. The children really enjoyed the event even though the focus was more on spiritual activities than fun. You could tell from their stories that they learned a lot and that "Christianity can be fun, but fun without Christianity is no fun at all!"

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES— For the past few months the home has been a busy place with lots of new projects and activities. We have several classes each Friday. There is a baking class with **Vicki Cooper** (Interim Board President), where we satisfy our "sweet tooth". Who can resist all these goodies? There is also a painting class offered by two Bolivian volunteer instructors teaching water and oil painting on cloth. **David** and **Diego** are trying their hand at this. In another class **Mariluz, Sara** and **Lourdes** are learning manicure and pedicure with another Bolivian volunteer. They love it, and we ladies like it too because we can have our nails painted for free.

Tanjalee (Canada), one of the volunteers, is giving weekly English lessons to interested children. You should hear them desperately trying to say their English words correctly. **Emmy (USA)** is also sharing some of her talents teaching guitar classes. There is also a young volunteer, **Trent (USA)**, who is having fun teaching clarinet to the kids.

In the month of September, we said bye to the "good old Windmill". It was falling apart and was no longer pumping well. The old metal tank was also leaking and it was time for a change. Someone showed up and wanted to buy the windmill for a good price.



We now have a new borehole pump and a 10,000 liter water tank installed and running. The home will sure look different without our long time landmark "Molino de Viento" (windmill).

SCHOOL - We are on the last semester of school and eagerly waiting to see the kids' end of the year's academic reports. There has been a general improvement in most of the children. At times like this we remind them that their involvement in the fun December activities and any outings will depend on their performance. **Vicky Loayza** (18) is our 12th grade graduate this year and we are hoping that she gets good grades. Remember to pray for her as we prepare her for the next move after high school. Pray that we can get a good Christian family to live with her and help her in this time of transition. Vicky is currently working as a dental assistant in a local dental clinic. She seems very interested in pursuing a career as a dentist after school.

BIRTHDAYS- In July, **Mariluz** celebrated her "Quince" or fifteenth birthday. She looked very different with her wedding-like gown and a head crown. The fifteenth birthday is a big thing in Bolivia. Others who have celebrated birthdays between March and September are: **Daniel (16), Lourdes (14), Maggie (6), Eliseo (9), Mauricio (13) and Britti (11).**

WHO HAS LEFT?- In early June, we said goodbye to **Carla (7)** and **Jenny (6)**. The two sisters came to the home at the ages of three and two and were at the home until June when their grandmother was given legal guardianship. It was sad to see them leave but happy to see them reunited with their relatives. Their birthdays were both in August and we missed them when we celebrated the August birthdays.

WHO IS NEW?- We just received a new sibling group to the home in September. **Johnny (5), Heidi (3) and Laida (2)** are the newest kids on the block. They were brought to us through the government office for protection from what seems to be an apparently negligent single mother.

REACHING OUT- Reaching out and sharing with others whatever we have is what we have been teaching the children. Last December, we took our kids to other childrens homes and had our children share gifts. In July our kids went to "**Hogar Nacer**" a local boy's home in Santa Cruz to have a lunch with

them and get to see their home. Just recently, the children visited **Talita Kumi Children's** and shared clothes and shoes. They also took time to share God's word with the children. **Daniel**, one of our boys shared his testimony.

VOLUNTEERS- In July, we said bye to **Heather Menzies** (Canada) who was with us for a year. She came in when we were in real need of volunteers and she was very helpful. Thank you Heather for giving your time to Stansberry's Home. We really appreciated your time with us. We also want to say a big thank you **Neil Yoder** and **Cora Harder** (ex-volunteers) for your visit in July. Thanks guys for sharing your time, helping out when you were here and checking on us again after a couple of years.

It seems like July was a blessed month for us. We welcomed **Emmy Lou** (Indiana, USA) and **Tanjalee Kuhl** (Canada). Thanks to both of you for the extra time you are giving and for sharing your talents with the children. **Marcos Antonio** (Peru) has been with us from January and has been so helpful and reliable. We hope we can convince him to come back after his term is over in December. **Karina Okayama** (Japanese Swedish) just got here and will be with us for a year. Karina is Swedish, born in Japan and went to an English school in Japan. She speaks all three languages perfectly. **Jessica Jantzi** and **Charles Koop** are our new MCC Salters. They just got here in August and will be working with us for one year after their language school in October. .

SALUTATION AND APPEAL- We are appealing to anyone willing to do **short or long term voluntary work** at the home to get in touch with us ASAP. We will be in great need of volunteer help the beginning of 2005. Anyone with a H.S. school education and one or more years of college or post high work experience qualifies. Please get in touch with us through our web site or our USA, Canadian or Bolivian offices for more information.

We take this time to thank each of our sponsors and prayer partners. May the Lord continue pouring out His blessings in your lives as you continue to serve Him through your gifts and prayers that you offer to us.

Sincerely in Christ, Eunice and Solomon Mwangi.