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May all the glory and praise to God be lifted up in a song of praise and adoration.

The faithfulness of God has been shown in this place each day, we are completing the year convinced that God has entrusted us with this ministry " They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations (Isaiah 61:4).

This year we began working with 100 boys and girls under the age of 6 years, we finished the year with 140 children, many of our children are coming from homes where the basic needs of daily food are lacking and employment that provides the dignity of providing food for the family is hard to come by. Next year our goal is to help 150 children and this would be the maximum capacity according to our plans.

Health and Nutrition – This year we were able to form an alliance with a health agency funded by the Bolivian government. A team of three doctors came to the daycare twice a month to do check ups on the children who were in the most need. Also three times a week we were able to take children to a dentist. We praise God for this because

we believe this service provided a way to control some of the outbreaks of disease which can quickly become epidemics.

They also worked a lot on the treatment for parasites of all the children and their families which was very successful. Another area where they scrupulously worked was in the area of measuring growth by weight and height and the nutrition of each child, helping in the cases of malnutrition and underweight children and administering a package of vitamins so that they could recuperate from being malnourished. This program was 100 % effective even in the most difficult cases. We will continue to work with families in the areas of hygiene; this is an area that requires a lot of patience.

Rosmery Morales, who coordinates everything in the area of Health and Nutrition, has her hands full all the time! The children come all the time to her for a little of her attention even though the pain may not be so big. We thank God for the life of Rosmery and the ministry she has here in the Daycare.

Social Work – This year we were able to work more closely with the families, this is one of the areas that requires much energy and the majority of the cases are extremely complicated. This year we have worked with 75 families, 25 single mothers, 44 common law couples and 6 legally married couples.

Each family has unique difficulties. We have given different work shops for the various groups, giving assistance to some families with difficulties. We have also managed to get most of the children and mothers to obtain their birth certificates. We have intervened in the defence of some children in cases of abuse alerting the child welfare agency, these cases are very sad and we ask for your prayers that God would give us strength and wisdom to take the appropriate action when necessary, A case we had just recently was that of Maria who is 5 years old.

Case Study – Maria, 5 years old, comes from a large



family, her mother died of cancer when she was 3 years old, she was in the care of only her father and her 3 older sisters. The father began living with another woman and had 2 more children. The death of her mother was something very difficult for Maria and it is still affecting her. Many times we find Maria in a corner crying and very sad, she always says she misses her mother.

Maria is a very intelligent girl, she is going through very stressful times, for her young age she is holding the burden of many responsibilities, she has to help in the house, one of her duties is to wash the dishes every night and on the weekend, look after her little brother when her parents are gone, sweep the floor, etc.

"Good morning", says her teacher Maritza, Maria barely responds "good morning teacher", with her sad look, her face down, leaving her backpack in its place, then she sits down to wait for breakfast time, after a short time the teacher realizes something bad has happened to Maria, she goes to her and gives a hug asking what has happened? She responds "nothing teacher", in this moment the teacher sees that her face is bruised, the teacher asks what happened? "My father hit me", immediately the teacher took Maria from the class and reported what happened, Maria said her father hit her because she didn't do her homework like her father told her to. She had marks on her face and her back.

We wanted to speak with Maria's father about what happened, but he wouldn't talk to us.

With tears in our eyes we had to report the case to the child welfare agency and they decided that Maria could not return to her house with her father until he reported to the authorities and received some counselling. She spent a few days staying with one of her teachers. Her father did report to the authorities after a few days and she is back at her house and an investigation will be on going. Please pray for Maria and her family, pray that the father would have a change of heart.

Education – The teachers and the children are excited to be preparing for an exhibition on the 30th of November. There are different themes for each class and the children will show their work, talents and abilities. We have made special invitations and every day the children are preparing for this big event.

Another grand event coming up soon is the Kindergarten Graduation. This year there are 27 children graduating and they are all content and excited for this big day.

The last day of classes will be on the 15 of December. We are planning a party for all of the children; we will be open again on the 15 of January.

After School Program – We are very pleased with the success which has been shown in this program. We have



seen wonderful progress in the children, their marks have notably improved. We have been able to help 40 children in total.



The children are in summer holidays now, so we have prepared a program which we call Summer School. This will be 6 weeks long and includes bible stories, memorization of verses, competitions, games, outings, etc. During the morning and afternoon individual computer lessons are also available. The children are excited to be part of this unique program.

Volunteers – We said good bye to the YES Team, Jonathan and Sherry Good, Shelley Barvinchack, Jamie Reiff, Teesha Gehman and Justin Heistand on Nov. 8. Thanks for all your help guys, you are missed!

Emily Mewitt and Hope Weaver are our new MCC Salter's, Emily from Vancouver and Hope from Colorado. They are doing very well adjusting to the language, culture and high demands of the children. Your hard work is appreciated!

Thank-you to all of you who support this important work. God Bless you,

Lucy Salas de Saucedo

Needed:

Child Sponsorship for day care children.

\$30/Month or \$360/year for each child.

Contact the Canadian or U.S. offices for profiles on children needing sponsors.

This important work helps to preserve families at risk.

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