

# STANSBERRY CHILDREN'S HOME NEWSLETTER #55 SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2006

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Solomon and Eunice Mwangi

Christmas Greetings from The Stansberry Children's Home! Though it's hard for some of us to think Christmas is coming soon, with summer vacations on and the weather getting hotter every day, but isn't it wonderful that Christmas is not about the weather and winter festivities but about the love God has for all and the salvation available to everyone through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ and people all over the globe are getting ready to celebrate!

### God fulfills His promises!

"Lift up your eyes and look about you:  
All assemble and come to you;  
Your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters are carried on the arm." – *Isaiah 60:4*



Neide, Jeanine, Florita and Carina

Ever since Carina came into our arms our hearts have been ready to love her and today we are grateful to God that the adoption we had already done in our hearts is now a legal adoption. We thank you for prayers for our family. – Edmilson, Flora, Ariel, Jeanine, Neide and Carina.

**Child Updates: Sara Garcias Flores** – Sara has been at the home for about ten years now. She has always struggled with learning, perhaps because of trauma at a young age, no one knows for sure. She has been in several special schools, but the past year she has been going to a night school for adults. While she is only 16 this seems to be working well for her. She has worked hard and has completed the fourth grade. She now is dreaming of being a

teacher! She was the best in her class at math. Sara has a lovely personality, very helpful and a hard worker. Since she was home during the day when the rest of the older children were at school, she helped Tia Adela with cooking lunch. She also keeps the baking room clean and tidy and helps with the little children.

Sara loves doing jigsaw puzzles and she has a large 1000 piece puzzle almost completed on the floor of her room, while the other kids are resting in the afternoon Sara is usually working on it. She has had more visits from her family in recent months and this is a positive part of her life. She has a married sister with children and she feels part of that family.

**Victorious!** – We are also thankful to God for our Brilliant Graduates! They have received the fruit of their 12 long years of academic efforts. We pray that they will continue to seek God in their life and find the purpose He has for them, we thank-you for your support of these young people, Daniel, Jeanine and Yolanda.



Sara (left) and Lourdes



**The Christmas Bazaar** will be held on Dec. 2 and the children have lots of great things ready for the sale. Unique lamps and vases made of combined types of wood, toy trucks, cars and airplanes, were made in the wood working shop as well as abacas and wooden cube calendars. The



girls have been making table clothes, runners and light blouses, great for the hot summer weather, and they are beautifully embroidered, we think they'll be a great sell! They have also been blessed to be learning candle making from a local woman willing to volunteer her time and supplies and some of these will be available for sale

as well.

**School's Out** – Hurrah! All the kids have passed on to the next grade and we say well done to our faithful helpers in the library who encouraged the children to do their best. Thanks to **Cecilia**, who worked with the grade 1-3 group,

**Noel** who worked with the grade 4-12 and **Ulysses** who gave some extra help with the science and math problems in the higher grades. Vacation time has started and the kids are enjoying having a little free time. The younger kids are spending some time in the shops now, learning to paint on fabric and do some woodworking. Mama



Heidi and Jhonny

Florita and Julie have lots of gardening ideas and the children have enjoyed helping with this and we all appreciate how nice the place looks full of all these wonderful plants.

Mario and Mauricio will be spending the vacation working on a ranch of one of the board members; it's a good opportunity for work experience and to make some spending money.

**Incoming and Outgoing Volunteers** – Thank-you to **Becky & her group** from Pennsylvania for the time they spent with us. Everyone enjoyed the special worship times and workshops and we look forward to seeing you again. On the day of the student they also brought some wonderful pizza to share and it was a really fun day.

**Matthew Dobler** has already left us. His year went quickly and he is missed very much by the children, his dramas and games were loved by all! We wish him well back in Switzerland.

Just a few days after Matthew left **Netiño** came by for a visit and asked if we couldn't use some help. Netiño has been serving in Bolivia with Youth with a Mission, he is from Brazil. He will be helping Edmilson and Flora with child care and extra activities for the summer months. **Alfredo** is still with us doing maintenance and generally just keeping us all happy with his great attitude!

**Despedida** – We had a despedida (going away party) for **Solomon and Eunice** which was a very wonderful evening.

Flora had invited the Pastors of the churches where we attend and in addition to being a despedida it was a commissioning service for Solomon and Eunice as they go to Kenya to serve and for **Alex and Julie Kozel** and **Chuck and Cindy Paetkau** as we serve here in Bolivia. It was a very special time. Some of the older girls sang wonderful worship songs and there was a mariachi band from the church that did a wonderful job!

Chuck and I, Cindy, and our daughter Anna arrived on August 8<sup>th</sup> to be part of the Stansberry Administrative team. We were fortunate to overlap with Solomon and Eunice until October 31<sup>st</sup> and enjoyed working again with Solomon and getting to know Eunice and Abigail. We were sad to see them leave, but we know they are needed back in Kenya and they will be a blessing there. Thank-you Solomon and Eunice for your wonderful work and the great testimony that you shared here with us. God be with you familia Mwangi as you start a very important work in Kenya!

**Llegada** – The Mwangi family flew out of Santa Cruz on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, as soon as we saw them go through the doors we went to the other side of the airport and said hello to Dennis and Margie Peters and children Katie, Alejandro and Maria. Dennis and Margie were administrators to Stansberry Children's Home from 94-95 and their daughter Katie spent her first year at the Home. They are going to spend 3 months with us and they have already been a big help and the kids are picking up Spanish quickly

**Casitas** – Eight months after digging the foundations for the casitas they are almost completed. The construction crew is doing the last of the electrical work and painting to get the houses ready to live in. We are meeting with local carpenters to furnish the houses and we should have a contract soon. Our most urgent prayer request now is for house parents to live in the houses. We know God has provided us with the casitas and now we are waiting for his timing to fill them. We are so thankful for the financial support we have received for this project and we ask that you continue to support us with your prayers.



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**Feliz Navidad!**