



# STANSBERRY CHILDREN'S DAYCARE GUARDERIA MOISES NEWSLETTER #56 JANUARY - APRIL 2007

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*Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.  
For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the  
Lord endures forever. PRAISE THE LORD*

*Psalm 117: 1-2*

Yes, praise the Lord, because his faithfulness endures forever... we praise the Lord for giving us the opportunity to serve him in this Ministry. We started on January 15 with an intense seminar for all the staff and volunteers who accept the challenge to serve the Children at Risk.

We opened our doors on January 22 and the kids came pouring in. This year we started things off a little differently with **Delicia**, our social worker, visiting every family before they registered, especially the new kids. This meant that we started off with fewer children the first few days and eventually reached full capacity. A big challenge for all the educators was to make all the children feel comfortable here. With new kids coming everyday the process took longer than it has in the past. We now have 140 children under 6 years old and about 40 children in the After School Program.

**Volunteers** – This year we have a new Yes Team helping us, they will be here until the end of June; their help is very much appreciated. Thanks **Jessica Denning** for your love and care especially when the babies are crying, when you



have to change a diaper that doesn't smell like a flower or something like that, thanks for acting as a mom when your little ones need it, and for having extra energy every day. Thanks **Rachel Albrecht** for your patience, for your extra work and love. Thanks **Bethany Weiler** for all the hugs, kisses and smiles, for always being happy. Thanks **Alison Weaver**, for the energy and your extra patience especially with the ones that don't behave that well or are not easy to handle. All four of you are going to leave a big hole in this place.

We also thank Hope "Esperanza" for your love and your incredible patience, your sense of humor and your big smile. Thanks Emily for your sweet heart, your love and care for every one here, for always being ready to help any where there was a need (**Hope Weaver** and **Emily Mewett** came under the Salt Program). We are also blessed with having **Silvia Amaya** from San Salvador, her sweet heart and love for all the children that she works with are going to be missed when she goes. (Silvia is here under the Projuse Program).

**Volunteer Groups** – We had the opportunity to enjoy the team from **Pierre Elliot Trudeau School**, 16 students, two teachers and their director were here for two weeks. I'll take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Larry Paetkau for all your help that you have given us and for continuing to think of the Bolivian children. They brought us a room full of supplies as well as several lap top computers to be used in the library. Thanks for everything we are well stocked for awhile now.

Another team that has blessed us is the **Youth Send** team from BC Canada, a group of 10 home school students along with three leaders. They built a play structure for the smallest children so they can have fun outside and they also helped out with landscaping around the casitas. The group also took advantage of several ministry opportunities sharing in local church services as well as in the family service at the home. Everyone worked very hard and were able to accomplish a lot in their time here. Thank you very much **Paul Vike** and group!

**The Story of** – Hello my friends, let me introduce myself, my name is Catherine Chumiro, I have only my mother's last name because I never knew my father and he never gave me his last name. I am 4 years old and I have a sister who is 2. Her name is Glenda Chavez and she has a different last name because her father gave her his name. We come

from a small town from the province of Chuquisaca, where it can be quite cold. My mother decided to move to the city of Santa Cruz to look for a better way of life because in the country there are no opportunities and we suffered. My mother worked hard on the land but her pay was so minimal that it didn't cover our basic needs.

We came to Santa Cruz and my mother began to look for work right away. She finally found a job cleaning rooms in a hotel working from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. At first my mother left us alone in a small room that we rented. Those days



were not very pleasant for me because I had to care for my little sister. There was a lady who lived in the other room who would help me once in awhile when things were really difficult. My mother left us with breakfast and lunch prepared and I had to feed my sister, which often meant we ate when we got hungry. Many nights I saw my mother crying. I felt helpless and I didn't know what else I could do to help. Then my mother found out about the daycare. I was very frightened my first day when mom said good-bye to us. This day was the longest of my short life. My teacher and my classmates were very nice, but I was so scared that my mom would not come back for us. During the afternoon I saw my classmates leaving one by one and I watched out the window hoping to see my mom. At the end of the day it was just me and my teacher, finally my mom came running in and apologized for being late. I was content to see my mother and we left with my little sister back to our room. This was our daily routine, the first to arrive and the last ones to leave. Eventually my mom found help in our uncle,

who is 13 years old, who came to live with us. Now he brings us to daycare when mom is working and picks us up earlier in the afternoon. He helps my mom a lot and then he goes to school in the evenings.

I am very happy to have the daycare where my teachers are like my second mother, they care for me, teach me many things, bathe me, play with me and they also teach us right from wrong. There are always lots of hugs, and good food. I also have lots of playmates to spend time with and we have lots of fun together. Please pray for my family, that God would continue to provide work for my mother and also for the daycare that they would continue to have enough resources for everyone.

**Health** – We are currently in the last week of a first aid training session for all the educators and staff here at the daycare. **Rosmery**, our health worker, has been valiantly collecting stool samples from the children and providing each with the right medicine to fight the parasites that are found. We are also working with the government to get all of our kids yellow fever vaccines. They are now offering a lifelong vaccine and we are working to make sure all of our kids receive this as well as the proper documentation that goes a long with it.

**More volunteers needed!** – With so many long term volunteers leaving in July we are in need of replacements. We appreciate when volunteers are able to come for a year however we welcome shorter term volunteers as well. Our program runs from mid January through mid December with a month long break for Christmas so volunteers who are able to commit to that timeframe would experience the full scope of our program while getting to really know the kids and educators.

#### **Sponsorship Drive:**

**Our main fundraising objective for the day care in 2007 is to find sponsors for all the children.**

**Child Sponsorship for day care children.**

**\$30 USD/month or  
\$360 USD/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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