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New faces, homes, challenges and milestones!

New Faces

Since our last letter we have received some new faces in the El Camino boys' home.



Guillermo is the youngest boy we have ever received in El Camino at just 7 years old. As yet we know very little about his background or family as he himself is not sure of his surname etc. Thankfully he is settling into the home very well and being well looked after by his "older brothers".

Daniel aged 17 came into our reception home El Taborochi at the end of September, but was unable to come directly into El Camino as he has an advanced case of TB



and is at present in a specialist clinic where he is receiving the initial treatment to become non-contagious for about 2 months. He will then be able to join us in El Camino where he will have to continue with his treatment for another 8 to 10 months. As you can see from the photo the TB has taken its toll as he weighs just 5½ stone (77 lbs, 35 kgs). Please be praying for Daniel as he fights both the TB and his desire to return to his life and drugs on the streets.

New Homes

As we reported in our last letter in April this year we were able to purchase our permanent home for Torre Fuerte, boys' reintegration home and we celebrated the dedication of the home at the end of August with 5 boys living there together with the staff family.



In January 2012 we will opening the girls' reintegration home Casa Girasoles with 3 of our girls, Darlin, Angela and Ninoska along with two of their sons, Alex and Franco moving in and starting their next stage of life with higher education in the city and working towards independence and the work place.



New Challenges

We need your prayers as we expand and restructure our leadership team. We will sadly be saying goodbye to Larry and Patty, who have faithfully served the ministry for many years and been part of the leadership team for over 5 years. They will be moving to the States with a strong calling to the Middle East some time in their future. **THANKS** guys, for all your amazing service to the children of Bolivia



New Milestones!

On September 3rd we celebrated 20 years of Operation Restoration in a local church in Santa Cruz.



It was wonderful to just praise God together with the children and teenagers from our homes, the staff of the ministry and staff and students of YWAM as well as friends of the ministry.

Seeing some of our youngsters play for the worship time and others sharing their testimony of what the Lord has done in their lives was a wonderful way to celebrate God's faithfulness over the years.



The Cake

This years travels!

Isha and I have been travelling in the UK and Spain since 21st September visiting churches, friends and family. We will be travelling on to the USA to spend time with Pancho, Emma and their children for a couple of weeks to give them a short break. We hope to get to see Paul, Annie and Ruth while we are there too.

At present we are not sure of when we may be travelling again to the UK as we plan to spend most of 2012 in Bolivia building a new leadership team for the ministry and consolidating our staff team, as well as our relationship with the local social services and other government agencies to whom we respond.

Family Front

As mentioned above we will be visiting our children and grandchildren from 1st to 15th November before returning to Santa Cruz 16th November.

Emma and Pancho have been working hard with special therapy and diet for **Philip** (aged 3) who was diagnosed with severe autism back in April. Apart from using the Son-rise Program he is also on a very strict diet which requires a huge investment of time in preparing each meal as well as juices and supplements.

It has been amazing to see the changes in **Philip** as he begins to relate more to the world around him. As we have been told on various occasions this treatment is not a sprint, but a marathon, so even though the results so far are very encouraging **Emma and Pancho** are very aware that it may be some time before they can see full recovery in **Philip**. We would ask for your prayers for them, for strength, patience and the energy to keep going. Also, please pray for more volunteers to help out with the intensive therapy that **Philip** needs as a vital part of the program.

At the same time please continue to pray for little **Layla** (20 months) who is using a body brace to correct her right leg movement. Once again we have seen remarkable improvements, but there is still some way to go.

Also, please pray for Emma herself, as she recently discovered a growth on the

left side of her head behind her ear, which seems to be growing. Initial diagnosis indicates that it is a cyst on the surface of the skull which appears to be benign, but because it is still growing she will probably be admitted for surgery in the next couple of months, Pray for correct diagnosis and an easy surgery to remove the growth.

Paul and Annie are doing well, with **Paul** finally finding a full-time job, which has helped them to get financially stable after a period of struggles. **Annie** has a full-time music teaching post in a good school area. **Paul** finished his bachelor's degree on-line recently which, hopefully, will open up the door to other jobs in Michigan which has one of the highest unemployment rates in the States.

They are thinking of visiting us in Bolivia some time next year which we are really looking forward to!

Ruth came to Santa Cruz in August with a team from her church in Pittsfield, Illinois. We had a great time with her and the team and it was great to have a team with a built-in translator (Ruth)!

Ruth took a few months break from her Masters studies, but has recently returned with the hope of completing the program mid-2012.

Please be praying for **Ruth** as her present work visa in the States expires in June 2012 which means her school needs to reapply on her behalf or she needs to look at other options!



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So many lives have been touched, TRANSFORMED and restored through YOUR faithfulness and God's blessings!