



Finger Prints of Faith

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A Family Together

Just after Christmas, a young father came to me with a very sad story. His wife and mother of 3 young sons died while giving birth to a baby girl. He says he can't care for the boys and work and would Casa de Fe please take 2 of the boys. He also requested that we try to help him locate his daughter who he had never seen. We took in Edy and Romiro and went in search of the 5 month old baby girl. After locating Amanda in an orphanage in Quito she was transferred here to Shell. Now these 3 kids from the family are together. Please pray for God's will for this precious family. The father has real love for his children.



"Casa de Fe" "House of Faith"

Praise and Prayer

- ☺ The land has been surveyed and we are doing the title searches. Please pray for everything to go smoothly.
- ☺ Rosa's surgery will be sometime between 5 and 9 February.
- ☺ Please pray for Craig and Celeste and their family to have clear guidance as to God's perfect timing for their relocation to Shell Ecuador (I am praying for soon)
- ☺ Joey is doing great. Thank you to those of you at Grace Alliance Church who have taken him under your wings.
- ☺ The 2 homes making up Casa de Fe are bulging at the seams. Please pray we will be able to start construction soon.
- ☺ Please pray about being a part of a work team to come and build a new life for His children.

Needs!

Battery Powered indoor emergency lights
 Oxygen Concentrator with pediatric and neonatal oxygen masks
 Pots and pans (enameled or stainless steel)
 Bakeware (stainless steal)
 Hammer drill that uses sds drill bit system
 Beds, Junior, cribs and pack and play
 High Chairs

Oxygen bottles: large for in home use and portable
 Feeding pump for use with J-tube
 Van for transporting children and groups
 Truck for use during and after construction
 Children's liquid or Infant drops Tylenol or Motrin
 Q-tips
 Cloth dippers
 Teachers, Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, Physical Therapist, Physiologist
 Huggers, Feeders, Players


Prayer

There is a small group of prayer warriors to whom I send out weekly and at times daily prayer requests. If you would like to join this group and receive these updates e-mail me at pattisue_arnold@yahoo.com and I will add you to the prayer list.

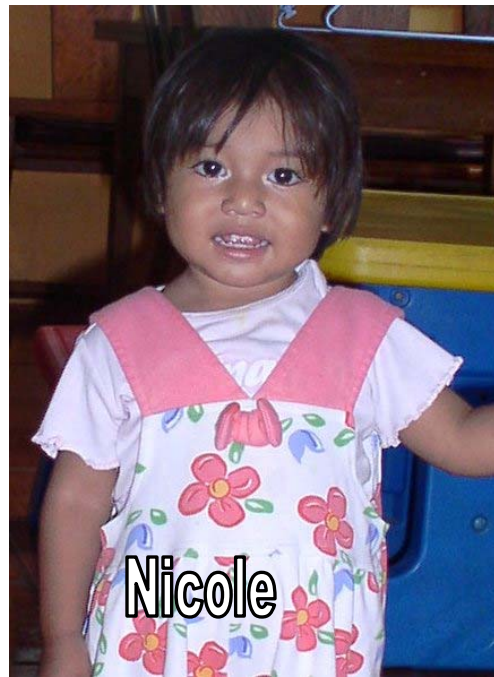
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A Precious Jewel

When Rubi first came to live with us she was not a happy child. She was very serious and never smiled. She would only go to Anita and when I held out my hands to her she would say "No, No, No". Like most precious gems, they don't truly shine until you spend time and effort polishing them. Rubi is a beautiful jewel on the breastplate of Christ. Rubi is the niece of Tatiana and Giovanni. 

I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. Matthew 3:9



Sunshine on a Cloudy Day


This is Nicole. Her great aunt brought her to us saying that her mother left her and she was already caring for 5 grandchildren of her own. Nicole has a smile that can light up a room. Having 3 toddlers has been a challenge. Nathaniel, having been with us since birth, is of course a bit jealous of these two beauties. They love story time and sit and listen as Ines reads to them stories from the Bible. 

When I smiled at them, they scarcely believed it; the light of my face was precious to them. Job 29:23

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

The last few weeks have been very trying for me. Marlin, who was featured in "Finger Prints of Faith" November issue, has been very sick. She has really never been healthy since she came to live with us and we have been having all sorts of tests done to determine the cause. The doctors finally came to the conclusion that she has severe reflux which is causing her to aspirate formula into her lungs this causing pneumonia and severe malnutrition.

The doctors decided to put a J-tube in to feed her and eliminate the reflux. We scheduled the surgery, I notified the father who lives far out in the Rainforest. The father came in and refused to allow the surgery. He wanted to take Marlin home to die. We went to the judge and he told the father that if he took her and she died, he would hold the father responsible. The father then agreed to sign the consent forms for the surgery. But, the hospital refused to do the surgery because they thought the father was forced to consent. The hospital is afraid that doing the surgery under these circumstances would make it difficult to work in the future with this tribe.

I understand everyone's position but God kept bringing me back to Matthew 18:12-14. I am the one caring for these sheep and my concern can only be for the one. I can't be preoccupied with the many, God will take care of them. 

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way, your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost. Matthew 18:12-14