



Finger Prints of Faith

March 2007



Jefferson

Help for the needy A great team of surgeons and support staff descended on Ambato in early February. The mission is called Medical Missions Ecuador and they come every year to do much needed surgeries. There were 100 surgeries performed in four days.

Rosa and Jefferson were both included in these surgeries. Dr. Jeffrey Haasbeek, from Fargo, ND is the orthopedic surgeon who operated on Rosa and Jefferson and did 32 other surgeries that week. Both of Rosa's feet were corrected and the doctor wants to see her again next year to possibly do some more work on her feet and to see if her hand is ready. Jefferson had a scar tissue release done on his ankle again which will probably have to be done periodically as he is still growing.

If you would like to learn more about this very important work you can see their web site at:

www.medicalmissionecuador.com 



"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 and Jefferson had surgery on February 6, both doing great.
- ☺ Please pray for Craig and Celeste Welch and their family, that their visa paperwork goes smoothly.
- ☺ Joey is coming to visit me April 2-10.
- ☺ We need to build a small bridge to better access the property. Please pray for the facilitation of this bridge.
- ☺ Please pray about being a part of a work team to come and build a new life for His children.
- ☺ The Nate Saint school is looking for teachers for school year '07-'08, K-8, no Spanish required.

For He will deliver the needy who cry out, the affected who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in His sight.

Psalm 72:12-14



Rosa

Needs!

Battery-powered indoor emergency lights

Oxygen Concentrator with pediatric and neonatal oxygen masks

Hammer drill that uses SDSdrill bit system

Beds, Junior, cribs and pack and play

Feeding pump for use with J-tube

Oxygen bottles: large for in-home use and portable

Van for transporting children and groups

Truck for use during and after construction

Children's liquid or Infant drops—Tylenol or Motrin

Huggers, Feeders, Players

Q-tips

Cloth diapers

Teachers, Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, Physical Therapist, Physiologist

Please send donations to: CornerStone International, P.O. Box 192, Wilmore, KY 40390. With "Casa de Fe", "Make a difference", or "The Promised Land" on the memo line. From the CI web site, Click on "Make a Donation": www.cornerstoneinternational.org. 1-800-859-4578

Happy Ending!

The other night at 11:30 pm the police came to my door. They had found a 12 to 14 year old mentally handicapped girl sleeping on the street and wondered if we could keep her while they looked for her parents. I was very hesitant as I don't usually take kids of this age and I worry about taking in street kids who have already formed bad habits. I went to the police truck and looked into the back seat where she slept and prayed to God for guidance. As she woke up I talked to her. The police had said she didn't talk but when I ask if she wanted to sleep in my house tonight she said no. Then I asked if she was hungry and she got out of the truck and came with me. She told me her name was Jessica. Jessica was covered with lice and very dirty but a beautiful young lady.

Just as I was thinking that the police had given up on her they showed up at my door with Jessica's mother. They had put out her photo to all the police in Ecuador. It turns out that Jessica is from Cuenca, a city more than 8 hours away from Shell. She had mistakenly gotten on a bus, fifteen days before, ended up in Macas and then taken another bus to Shell.

Praise the Lord for his protection of this beautiful child and for the work of the police to help reunite her with her mother. 🖐️



God-Send

When I was little I remember my grandmother using the word "God-Send" and at the time I didn't really understand. Well, now I do. I would like to introduce you to Craig and Celeste Welch. They are giving up their modern life in Florida to follow God's will to Ecuador. Craig and Celeste and their 4 daughters are coming along side me here at Casa de Fe as full-time missionaries. I have been praying for them for 2 years and believe me when I say they are a God-Send.

Craig will be overseeing the construction of the new facility and Celeste, along with home schooling 4 girls, will be helping with groups. They are planning to join me here in Ecuador in June.

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to pull up stakes in Florida and move to Ecuador. They are working on visas which can be a trying process. To learn more about this Godly family and their walk with the Lord, you can go to their website: www.valeriegrace.com 🖐️



Another gift from God

This is our latest charge. His name is Robertson Delfin. I think we will call him Delfin. He is 5 months old and was dropped off by some people saying that he was given to them by a single mother. He is very healthy but a little skinny. I am sure we will fatten him up in no time.

Holding Delfin is Dr. Laurie Nelson. Laurie is pediatrician. Her husband, Mark, is a family practice doctor at Hospital Vos Andies here in Shell. Laurie is a part time doctor at the hospital as well as volunteering at Casa de Fe. She treats all the kids here at the house and is also tracking their growth. God bless you Laurie.

NOTE: Hospital Vos Andies, Shell is looking for doctors to serve as long and short term missionaries. For more information, e-mail the director at HVO Shell, Arthur Blackburn, at: ablackbu@hcjb.org.ec 🖐️