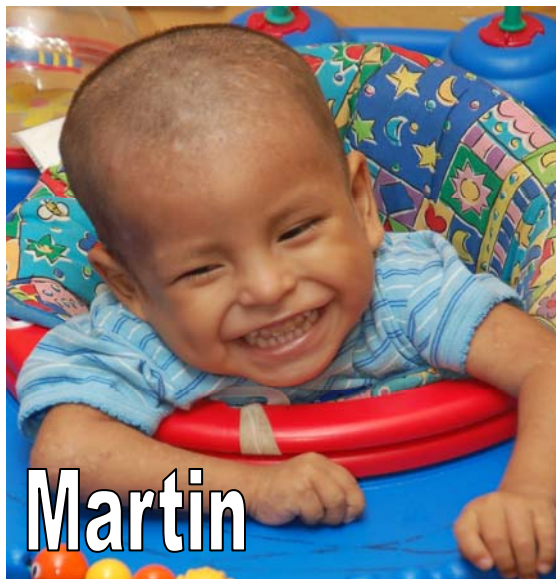





Finger Prints of Faith

April/May 2007



Martin

This is Martin, God sent him to fill the holes left in our hearts when he took Richard home. Martin is 3 years old but doesn't use his legs or right arm. He reminds me a lot of Tatiana when she first came to live with us and now she is running all over the house. Martin's Grandfather brought him saying that his mother had another baby and could no longer care for Martin. They are from a village about 4 days walk to the nearest air strip. Can you imagine raising a special needs child? Now take away any rights this child may have to medical care, therapy and schooling. Take away all special rights and support groups. No computer access to

search for help. Is this becoming more difficult? Now put yourself 4 days walk by trail, no possibility of a car or bus driving by to pick you up, from the nearest transportation that can then take you to a medical facility that may or may not be able to help you. This is the hopelessness that some loving parents feel. As you can see Martin has a beautiful smile. Although he does not yet understand English or Spanish he is settling in quickly. He loves to lie on the floor and play with the other kids and the other kids love to play with him. Praise the Lord for sending this ray of sunshine for us to love. 




"Casa de Fe" "House of Faith"

Praise and Prayer

- ☺ The land has been purchased!!!! Thank you for all your prayers.
- ☺ Marlin had Nissen Fundoplication surgery on April 27 and is doing great. Please continue to pray for her complete recovery.
- ☺ The Welch's Visas have come back approved. Please pray that their support will come in and they can arrive in July.
- ☺ I had a great visit with Joey.
- ☺ With more children comes more expenses. Please pray about becoming a monthly supporter of "Casa de Fe".
- ☺ 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.
- ☺ Medical bills have been high the last 4 months. We now have a \$4000 bill at the local mission hospital.
- ☺ The Nate Saint school is looking for teachers for school year 07-08, K-8, no Spanish required.

A week on a Tropical beach

I went to the beach last week and had a

great time but everything I saw reminded me of things the kids would love to do. I saw kids with bogie boards and thought, "Giovani would love that", I saw little kids playing in the sand and thought, "the toddlers, Nathaniel, Rubi and Nichol would love to be doing that". So I decided to ask you. How would you like to spend a week on a tropical beach? I believe that God will lay on a group's heart to raise the money to come and take the kids to the beach. I believe it would be great for the kids and even better for you, to come and spend a few days, one on one at the beach with the children of "Casa de Fe". Ok, I know that most people's idea of a tropical vacation doesn't include 12 to 14 screaming children (lets be realistic they are loud sometimes, when they aren't sleeping). But think of it this way: did you ever think you could go on a mission trip to the beach? One of the biggest problems we have with the older kids is that they don't have any concept of real love. Can you imagine a child who doesn't know how to give or receive love? Come and love a child. 

Jesus said ""Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:36-37

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

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The Promised Land

I know you have seen this before in one form or another over the last 3 years and there will probably be slight changes to this as we start construction, but I am happy to announce that the land is now in the name of Casa de Fe. At the last minute, the seller offered to let me buy 3 hectares instead of 2 and I thought it prudent to go ahead and get the extra hectare at the original price. Because of this, we still owe \$10,000 due by October.

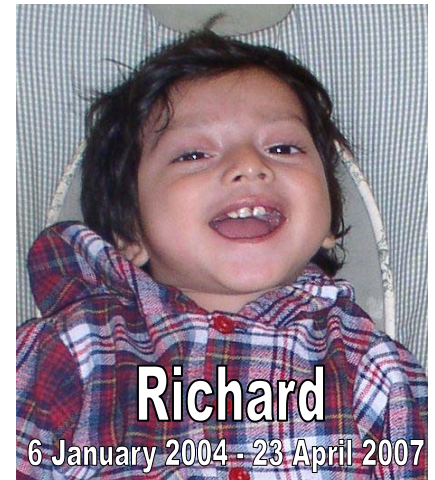
The Welch Family will be arriving some time in July to help manage the construction and teams, keyword-"teams". Dear brothers and sisters, it is time to start praying about coming to be a part of building a permanent home for the children of Casa de Fe. There are many ways you may get involved. We expect that each of the 15 houses will cost \$30,000 to build. Maybe God is calling you to help raise the money to build a house. We are also looking for groups to come to do construction and landscaping.

The above site plan is overlaid onto the topographic survey of the land. This is going to be a great place for the kids to grow up. The 2 homes we are in now are bulging at the seams. We will need to complete 3 homes before we can move out of rented facilities and onto the property. We need your help NOW!!! 🖐️

This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel:

"It is not by force nor by strength, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of the Heaven's Armies.

Nothing, not even a mighty mountain: will stand in Zerubbabel's way: it will become a level plain before him! And when Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: "May God bless it! May God bless it!" Then another message came to me from the Lord, "Zerubbabel is the one who laid the foundation of this Temple, and he will complete it. Then you will know the Lord of the Heaven's Armies has sent me. Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand." Zachariah 4:6-10



God took our precious Richard to be with Him in heaven. Here on earth, Richard never could sit or crawl. He never walked or ran. Now, he has a perfect new body and is running and playing in heaven.

Needs!

Battery-powered indoor emergency lights

Oxygen Concentrator with pediatric and neonatal oxygen masks

Hammer drill that uses sds drill bit system

Oxygen bottles: large and portable for in-home use

Van for transporting children and groups

Truck for use during and after construction

Children's liquid or Infant drops, Tylenol or Motrin

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

Huggers, Feeders, Players