



# Finger Prints of Faith

## Screamer...

Ruben came to us from a loving mother who just didn't know what to do. He is a bright and beautiful child with a very loud voice. Ruben has no muscle tone in his legs and reduced tone in his arms. He sits up and slides on his bottom to get around. He is very demanding. When he first came to Casa de Fe he would scream for everything. In between bites of food he would scream, while he was on the potty he would scream and during therapy he would scream. Ruben still likes to scream but has figured out it is not how to get his way. He is starting to stand with assistance and walk on the bars. He does not talk but is learning to feed himself with a spoon, not his hands like he would prefer. 🖐️



## Praise and Prayer

- ☉ We are still in need of child sponsors. Since this letter was written, we have received 7 more children who have not been highlighted yet. For more information on sponsorship, please see the web site.
- ☉ We have moved to a new location. It is a bit bigger and I was able to put the toddlers and babies together and the school kids separate. We very much need to get onto the property where we won't have to rent and the kids will have more space.
- ☉ Since the move, we have received 5 children. We are now caring for 43 children of God.
- ☉ Rosa's surgery went very well. She has 3 more weeks to wear her cast.
- ☉ The hospital bill is now \$5000. Just this week one of the older kids had his appendix removed. Hospital Vosandies is such a blessing to care for His children and not pressure me for payment. Please pray about helping with this bill.
- ☉ We are looking for teachers for the next school year. Spanish is not necessary, but useful.
- ☉ We are in need of someone to teach ESL this summer in hopes of starting to teach the kids in English this coming school year.
- ☉ Please pray about becoming a monthly supporter of "Casa de Fe"

## Wanted by God

Edwin's mother died last year and his father recently remarried. His step mother did not want Edwin so his father brought him 90 miles to the bus station in Puyo and left him saying, "wait here". Edwin waited for 3 days at the bus station before the police picked him up and brought him here to Casa de Fe. Edwin is a bright and energetic child. He is very loving and eager to help out in any way he can. He gets excellent grades in school and wants very much to learn English. He told me yesterday he wants to go to University in the US when he gets older. 🖐️



*"Though my Father and Mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me" Psalms 27:10*

## Lives changed...

Judith is a beautiful, happy, healthy, 3 month old. She is from a very young mother who just doesn't know how to care for her. I was talking to one of the missionaries last night who is an evangelist along with her pilot husband. She asked me what happened to these children before I came and why there are so many now. I believe that because of people like my friend who are out there sharing the Gospel, it is becoming less likely that

children are killed or abandoned to die. The love of Jesus is changing the way indigenous people think, thus making it harder for them to just simply kill a child with a disability or an unwanted or unplanned pregnancy. That hasn't, however, made it any easier for people, in hard-to-access areas of the rain forest, to care for these children. Thus, the numbers here at "Casa de Fe" continue to grow. 🖐️



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## Observations from a visitor

Pedro is new to Casa de Fe since my last visit. The first thing you notice about Pedro is his sad brown eyes. He has reason to be sad. This 6-year-old boy enjoyed running, laughing and playing until an infection struck him at age 2. Little detail is known except that he now is unable to walk, uses both arms minimally, and is troubled with seizures. His smiles are now infrequent. Perhaps the saddest aspect for Pedro is his inability to tell people what he needs or wants. Pedro only speaks Quechua, and only one person at the orphanage speaks his language. He tries to tell us things in his slightly slurred way, but we can only guess.

Because Pedro is receiving the support and love of Casa de Fe, there is hope that he will smile more and thrive. How can you help Pedro? Give in faith, with regularity, so the needs of the children at Casa de Fe can be met with consistent care, training, and health provision. For now, Pedro receives the shelter, love, and hugs of Casa de Fe and waits to learn the language of his caretakers and peers. -Molly Wiesen- 🖐️

*Eph. 2:10 LB — "It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago He planned that we should spend these lives helping others."*



## Twins

Jeimi and Joselyn are identical twins. They were born with a syndrome that we have yet to identify.

They are very malnourished, due, in part, to being ill and in part to being born into a very poor family. Jeimi recently was hospitalized with a urinary tract infection (UTI) and it was discovered that one of her kidneys is significantly smaller than the other. This could predispose her to UTIs. When she is healthy, we will take her and her sister to Ambato to have a test to see if urine from her bladder is flowing back up into her kidney. This is called reflux and happens in about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of children who get UTIs. The reflux can cause scarring of the kidneys. As in most cases, it is difficult to diagnose their syndrome as we first have to sort out what symptoms are from the syndrome and what are from the malnourishment. The girls are 2 ½ years old and weigh under 14 pounds. 🖐️



## Decorating our new place

This is the kids using chalk, that Craig made for them, to decorate the new play area. Yes, it rained about 20 minutes later and erased the entire thing, but that is the fun part—they get to do it all over again! 🖐️



**Nicole and me, laughing**



**Rosa after her surgery**