



# Finger Prints of Faith



## Christmas Present

At 9 pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December,

my son Joey's birthday, I received a call from the local police. A baby had been found in the park of a nearby town and we were asked to keep him until they had time to investigate. Well, this is what I do, so of course, I said we could help. About an hour later the police arrived and placed in my arms a beautiful, perfect little baby boy, who, as far as we could tell was born that very day. I hesitated to name him as I was sure someone would come the very next day to claim him. I said to the Tias, "just call him Chiquito", little boy. Well, that wasn't good enough so they named him Patricio. He has a light complexion and they say he looks

like Joey but I think that is just the hair. I can't believe it but, after 2 months, he is still with us and doing great. What a wonderful gift Jesus gave us for His birthday. 🖐️



## Peek-A-Boo

Nila came to live with us just 3 short weeks ago.

She is small for 21 months and her hair has the red tint of being malnourished. She was very shy at first and would hide her face when I would try to smile at her. I started to play a game of peek-a-boo with her and would hide my face with my hands as she was doing. Eventually she came out of her shell and is even talking and singing. When I walk by the window of the baby house she calls out "Mommy Patti" and when I look she hides her face and then smiles broadly with the knowledge that she has gotten my attention. Children are so much smarter than we give them credit. 🖐️

## Praise and Prayer

- ☺ I feel that God is telling me that 2009 is the year we will be living on "The Promised Land". Please pray about how God would have you help make this a reality.
- ☺ Rosa had surgery on her right foot on 12 February. She is doing great. She will have a cast on for 6 weeks but it hasn't slowed her down.
- ☺ Please keep the construction in your prayers— safety, teams and continued funding.
- ☺ We are looking for teachers for next year and for a full-time nurse.
- ☺ Cristian's adoption is done. He is now living in Vermont with his God-given parents. Thank you all for your prayers. Please continue to pray for a smooth transition for Cristian and his new family.
- ☺ Please pray that my time in the US will be fruitful and restful.
- ☺ Please pray about how you can help give 7 children beautiful smiles by helping cover the cost of braces.



## Coming to the US

I will be making a short trip to the US from 26 March through 10 April. Below is a list of where I will be and when. If you are anywhere close and would like to try and get together, please e-mail me at [pattisue\\_arnold@yahoo.com](mailto:pattisue_arnold@yahoo.com) or call me at 309-278-5431 and we will see what we can work out.

- 26 to 30 March, Pittsburgh PA
- 30 March to 5 April, Lexington KY
- 5 to 10 April, Galesburg IL

While in Pittsburgh PA I will be at the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh's World Mission's conference. If you are close and you or a group from your church is interested in attending please contact Joseph Lenkey at [jlenkey@msn.com](mailto:jlenkey@msn.com) for more information.

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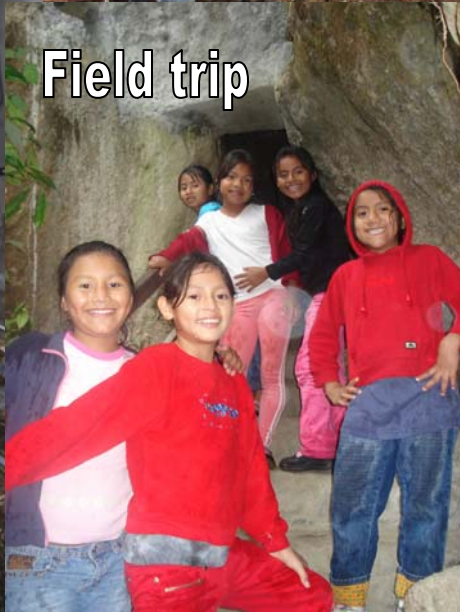
Septic tank work



Dirty work but... someone had to do it!



Power at last



Field trip



Stuck tractor



Waterfall



Rosa post-op

If you would like to bring a group to help with construction, landscaping, working with the kids or any mixture of the three you can go to the link below and see a calendar of scheduled groups. If you have been in contact with me and your group is not shown, please contact me directly at [pattisue\\_arnold@yahoo.com](mailto:pattisue_arnold@yahoo.com) or call me at 309-278-5431.

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## Needs !

- \*\$5000—Cement mixer
- Pre-folded Cloth diapers
- Q-tips
- \*Tooth brushes for older children
- \*Tooth paste
- \*Bath soap and shampoo

### Monthly

- \$5000 salaries
- \$2000 medical
- \$1200 food
- \$ 850 lodging
- \$ 600 consumables
- \$ 400 schooling

### Long-term needs

- \$11,000—Casa de Fe monthly expenses
- 14 @ \$35,000 each—Children's houses
- \$85,000—Baby house

7 Children need braces, \$300 each for the braces and \$20 a month each for a year of adjustments. Angel, Jenifer, Jessica, Rosa, Marcia, Yulisa and Maribel.

\* things that are available in Ecuador

