

**Dear friends of Villa Candelaria and Patsida:**

We hope you are well. Let us share with you some of the issues that we found important.

Thank you for take time to pray for the children and the youth of Villa Candelaria and Bolivia.

God bless you!

Your Centro Villa Candelaria and Patsida Team

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## Families in Villa Candelaria

In accordance with the Social School Project “Promoting a Safe Environment”, there were held four workshops, emphasizing the motto of “Healthy Families”, were put in place to benefit the parents of each family. The themes included: God’s Perfect Creation, The Roll of the Father and Mother, and The Importance of Blessing One’s Sons (based on Jacob).

Through these workshops we hope to reduce domestic violence. As a reminder, participants were given a card, which had written on it their name, words of personal significance, and a Bible verse.



The wife of Don Braulio, Juliana Sonco, is the mother of 13-year-old Sara who attends the school. Due to Sara’s sweet character as well as being a hard working student, her teachers and classmates care for her immensely. She is now recovering from a fractured collarbone. Juliana also has a five-year-old baby. Juliana has uterine cancer. Recently, due to the family’s inability to make payments, the medics have stopped treatment and recommended her to leave the hospital. Although we are supporting this low-income family by helping pay for the treatment needed, they continue to be in great debt. We ask you for your prayers so that God may provide a miracle for Juliana and that they may be strengthened in their faith.



Jasmin has the right to be treated with respect. She is a girl full of energy and expresses her feelings in a very transparent manner. Lately, she has been very sad and aggressive due to the difficulties she faces at home. A Christian psychologist is working to help her as well as many other children in the daycare and the school. Jasmin’s mother is also being given spiritual and emotional support through a process focusing on inner healing.



Despite the difficulties they are going through, Julia A. and her children continue putting their faith in the Lord. This family has three children who attend the school, two who are in the daycare, and one who has graduated from the school. A few years ago, through OESER’s emergency funds, they received mattresses and continue to have a full scholarship that also covers their children’s food and nutritional needs. Furthermore, Julia is being given spiritual and emotional support due to her husband’s aggressive, irresponsible, and disloyal behavior towards the family. From one day to the next, they began living on the streets until they found a shelter located in one of the churches in the area. Since they cannot pay to rent a room, the church has come to their aid by finding a place in which they can live as caretakers of a property.



## Mothers of the Winay Kusiy Daycare Center

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, a workshop focusing on the theme of “Woman, Marvelous Creation of God” was held solely for the mothers of the daycare. The host speaker was Beatriz de Saavedra who is a member of the board of OESER. During this time, almost 60 women were able to have a very invaluable time where they were able to ask questions



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openly and freely in relation to issues revolving around being a woman. They learnt about their value in the eyes of the Lord and their right to be treated with respect and dignity.

### **Eat Well Eat Healthy**

The Word teaches us to be good stewards of our own bodies. Children are the ones who are most affected by mal nutrition as of today due to the lack of nutritional knowledge in the country as well as being unaccustomed to consume a balanced nutritional diet. For this reason, every Friday in the month of August, the campaign known as “Eat Well, Eat Healthy” was held during the children’s break time. During these periods, the children were able to try a variety of cereals that contained sesame, barley, oats, api, flaxseed, etc... Fruit was also served during the campaign. In this way, the students were motivated to form healthy eating habits, which will have a positive long-term affect in their ability to learn at school. In addition, a workshop was also held specifically for the parents of the students.



### **Memorizing Bible Verses**

Besides having devotions and learning about the Word through daily Bible classes, each month the children learn the importance of values such as: PUNCTUALITY, RESPECT, FORGIVENESS, RESPONSIBILITY, FAITH, AND HONESTY. Each value is highlighted through the memorization of Bible verses. Every Friday the students participate in a small contest. Awards have already been given to those who had the greatest amount of Bible verses memorized throughout the first semester.



### **Contest: “How Do I Care For The Environment”**

Five children from Nuevo Conocer were given awards for a contest “How Do I Care For The Environment”. This contest was organized by the City Hall and consisted of drawing and painting. Ten organizations whose focus is working with children presented their participants who were all between the ages of four and twelve. In handing out the awards, one of the authorities pointed out that Nuevo Conocer had won five out of the nine awards. Furthermore, they congratulated us for being “the only institution whose children understood and expressed with great talent the theme that was expected of them.” A boy of eleven years, Angel Albornoz, was one of the winners to take first place in his category.



### **Clean Community**

In hopes of motivating the students toward leadership, putting into practice what was taught in the classroom, and serving the community, the teacher organized a cleanup day through out the neighborhood. Despite coordinating the activity with the leaders of the area as well as having the children hand out invitations to those living in the community, few people attended the event. However, the results from the student assessments upon completing the activity provided positive outcomes due to the amount they were able to learn, the experience they obtained, and the example they were to the community.



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