

Dear friends of the Centro Villa Candelaria and Patsida:

We hope you are well. We want to share with you some of Gods Blessings form September and October.

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

**NEWS FROM OESER**

*"Children are a gift from the Lord, of much esteem the fruit of one's womb..." Psalms 127:3*

Children are the most precious gift from God, nevertheless, many of them have to endure very difficult realities at a very young age.

Demi, a child one year and four months old, and her three year old sister, are brought from the prison, San Sebastian, where they live, from Monday through Friday by transportation provided by the project.



Demi and her sister were born in prison, because their mother was given a sentence of 10 years for the trafficking of drugs. 84% of the prisoners in Bolivia cannot count on a prison sentence. In the women's prison of San Sebastian, the cells have been made for 80-100 people, but there are 200-300 women and children living and sleeping in these cells. There are mattresses throughout this area that the prisoners themselves must obtain. In order to have food, the women must work possibly sewing, washing clothes or baking. The picture here is the only space provided for these jobs within the prison. The atmosphere is one of violence and fear.



The police maintain some control but remain mostly on the sidelines, observing the lives within the prison. The mother of these two children had heard from other mothers in prison that they were sending their children to our center, **Centro Infantil Wiñay Kusiy**. They were told that here the children receive nutritional meals, learn many things and are cared for in practical ways. Thanks to your support, Demi and her sister are able to escape their reality and experience an atmosphere of caring and encouragement for significant hours five days a week.

Also for Naty, a lively 4 year old child and her 8 year old brother, Luis Gabriel, it is a joy to attend the Day Care center and the school, Nuevo Conocer, now for various years. A week ago, these two children were abandoned by their mother. She had her first child when she was 16 years old, and never received any affection from the father of her children but was thrown out twice from the small room where they lived.

Naty's mother decided to find a way to get ahead. By credit, she was able to purchase a second hand stove, refrigerator and beds. But the company for which she was working did not pay her for three months. Because she couldn't pay her debts, she decided to flee. She was only months away from graduating from a night school and receiving her high-school diploma. She left a letter for her mother asking forgiveness and asking her to care for her children. The grandmother has two other children, ages 9 and 11. In the period of time that her children have attended our school, she has been able to hear about God and has received Christ as her Savior and is very faithful in the Bible studies held at our school. God has worked a real transformation in this grandmother's life. Her own daughter said of her, *"I would have loved to have had the care and love my mother has shown to my siblings, she was another person when she raised me."* The grandmother is very sad for her daughter and concerned with how to care now for four children as well as cover the debt her daughter owes. We ask prayer for this grandmother that her faith will not fail and that her daughter will repent and return and that the company she was working for will pay what they owe her for the past months.



**Camp 2014, HUGE Impact on the Lives of Many**

Finally, the camp days arrived that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders were so looking forward to!



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It was a time of fun activities in which they learned a lot and had times of important reflection on themes pertinent to their age from the Word of God. A time was given for prayer in which these students opened their hearts to God concerning the wounds they have received. Broken-hearted, they asked for forgiveness and also forgave those who had wounded them. Those who had not yet received Christ, received Him at camp. Even now, when they talk about camp, there is a special sparkle in their eyes. They are not taking off the ring that they received when they made a covenant of purity, and they've worn the scarves they were given in memory of the camp for days following the camp. Different children have expressed that this camp was the very best experience they had ever had.

To "seal" the work of reconciliation that God had been doing, the very night the students returned from camp, there was a surprise by their parents waiting for them. It was a special ceremony in which the parents had an opportunity to bless their children. The parents were able to tell their children that they love them, what about them they appreciated, and ask forgiveness for wounds they had provoked. One of the parents said *"I didn't want to place my child in this school because it is a Christian school, but it has been the best decision I have made."* It was a moment full of emotion watching parents kneeling together with their children and blessing them. Even the children who did not have a father or mother with them were blessed with genuine care by their teachers and those who work in pastoral care of the children.

### **Solid Foundations and Quality Education**

In a volunteer manner, a group of twelve children from 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grades are helping the younger children with their School work so that they can understand and do their studies better. Angel S, is



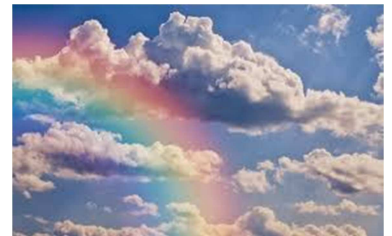
one of these youngsters, who is helping others, in spite of he himself has no help from home as he lives with his grandmother who is very elderly and not well and his father hardly is at home as he works at night overseeing the care of cars. Daniela F. from 6<sup>th</sup> grade is an excellent student who also enjoys helping the younger children. In both Angel's life and Daniela's, their mothers have abandoned them.

### **Spelling Skills and Quality Education**

With the objective of helping students with their spelling skills, the language teacher had a spelling competition for those in 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades. With the help of the teacher, the students prepared 100 cards for primary grades and 100 cards for the secondary grades. These cards included words, spelling rules, accents for words and definition of words. For a month, the students practiced the words and then there was a competition in each grade and students were chosen from each grade from this competition for the final competition.



After months of treatment against cancer, Mrs. Julian Sonco died, leaving her baby of a few months old, and a daughter, Sarita that is 13 years old and her husband. Although the family is very sad and effected, they are showing the hope they have due to their faith that they will have a reunion with this woman and that death is not truly the end. Though there are difficult times, Sarita has continued to excel in her studies. We thank you for praying for this father and his two children.



God bless you all!

Kind regards from Cochabamba,

Rudolf und Mary

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