

THE GOOD NEWS

CASA mission report




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SECURITY

AT CASA



As with many in the United States, we are becoming increasingly conscious of the need to enhance security at Casa. The safety of the children and staff is of primary concern. While Casa has always been a safe and crime-free environment, it has long been our goal to erect an affordable, functional and yet attractive wall around our immediate campus for enhanced security purposes.

We began taking security measures several years ago by installing a camera system with coverage inside key areas of the building and the surrounding grounds. Constructing this wall will make our grounds much more esthetically pleasing than the current chain-link and concertina wire. While there have not been any threats or intrusions of any kind prompting this measure, an increase in minor crime in surrounding villages has given rise to the notion that preventative measures are better taken sooner than later.

In March construction began on an eight-foot high cinderblock wall with vertical concrete columns added every twelve feet for additional support. When completed, the wall will also have three strands of electrified wire along the top supported by sixteen upright posts every ten feet. Some of the groups scheduled to visit Casa this summer will help paint the wall our favorite shade of peach.

YOUNG Mothers at Casa

We are very proud and gratified that our young mothers, who were victims of violent sexual crimes, decided not to abort their babies. This was a most difficult decision under harsh circumstances, however it was their decision to face the future with a child. Their courageous decision not to abort and to raise their child was made under a cloud of abandonment by what little family each of them had and without support of any kind. Alone in the world, they will face many trials and we are blessed and privileged to be helping hands with loving hearts. We were further gratified and ecstatic that after much study and living in a blessed Christian environment, they decided to be baptized in the Lord Jesus.



Names From Left to Right:

Mother Azucena | Child Ruby
Child Samantha | Mother Josefa
Child Sarah | Mother Daniela

The female staff at Casa have done an amazing job of coaching, teaching and helping these young mothers on the best ways to care for their infant children. The results are astounding, and their efforts have blessed us all. The addition of these young mothers has somewhat changed the dynamics of the ministry by adding a new dimension to our day to day. We are all the more spiritually richer for it. The age range of children at Casa begins with infants to 18 years old. All three of the mothers are attending school and one is becoming a skilled beautician since arriving at Casa. These mothers and their babies are surrounded by what in essence is a large family of mother and father examples, and brothers and sisters where love, peace and grace abound in the Lord.

Names added to the Lamb's Book of Life

Names From Left to Right: Elena | Dafne | Fatima | Nadia | Belem | Daniela ■ ■ ■

*neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything,
but only God who gives the growth*

I Corinthians 3:7

Few moments are as special a reason for great rejoicing than when we witness someone proclaiming Jesus as Lord and being immersed in water. We have had such a moment when five of our young ladies at Casa, two of whom were victims of violent sexual abuse, proclaimed Jesus as Lord and were baptized. Praise God!



New members to the Casa Family

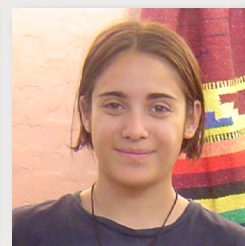
We always feel especially blessed and privileged with new arrivals to the Casa family. When they first come through our doors that Casa, in many respects, is a rescue mission. Rescuing children from abuses, neglect, physical and mental harm, while defying our imagination to fully comprehend the damaging environment they, just hours before, were saved from.

The instant they walk through the doors, there are expressions of uncertainty and guardedness, apprehension and fear. Within a few hours, days and sometimes weeks, these expressions give way to those of peace and acceptance as love, safety, the holy kiss and hugs take effect by making its way into the heart and minds of the child. Gaining the confidence and trust of an abused child is powerful and is an open door to many marvelous changes.

We witness the child recapturing their child-like ways that were prematurely overshadowed and taken by the fear and abuse of a dysfunctional environment. They begin to interact with others differently. They play in a free spirited and joyful way, there is laughter, and learning new ways of being. God is one of renewing and restoring and we are ever blessed to witness the power His influence has on troubles lives.



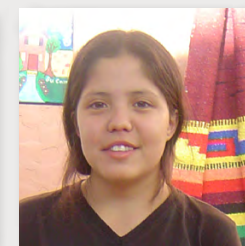
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Dafne



Daniela



Elena



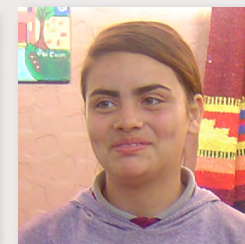
Emma



Erika



Evedardo



Fatima



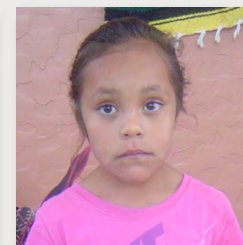
Felipa



Ivan



Jesusita



Yadira



Yahir

Construction Progress with Church Building and West Wing!

While much progress is being made on these two major projects, much remains to be done. As with all the construction activities in the past, and because we are so few in staff, they are an exercise in patience and waiting upon the Lord. Taking care of our children is always the first order of business and with a current child population of fifty-three, a vast majority of time during our day is spent driving our busy schedule of school, English classes, three meals daily, laundry and the list goes on.

While progress is always slower than hoped for, progress is non-the-less taking place on all fronts. Currently we are tiling the kitchen wall in the church building and soon will start in the bathrooms. The last big work item to complete before holding worship is to set the basins, baptistry and toilets. We are praying to being worship services this coming fall.

Old Home Depot
Older Girls Dorm



KIDS HAVING FUN

The children at Casa have several opportunities to let loose and just have fun. The children participated in a bike parade down Main Street Anahuac; enjoyed a graduation ceremony having finished a study in New Testament, played on what is affectionately called our slice of Disney.

Sitting out and visiting with the children as some play basketball, volley ball, ride bikes, run and play any number of games feels like a slice of heaven. As we look on, it is wonderful to see the peace of our Lord working in the lives of our children as they play seemingly unburdened by the dark past the were rescued from. **Praise God!**



Instore for A Great and Busy Summer



With just a few weeks left in our upcoming Summer schedule, do not delay contacting us if you plan on visiting Casa this summer. We are always greatly disappointed when we get fully booked and are unable to accommodate a group wishing to visit us.

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Needs List

TENNIS SHOES:

Girl Size Needed	Amount Needed	Boy Size Needed	Amount Needed
5	15	11	10
5 1/2	5	12 1/2	5
6	15	13	10
6 1/2	5	13 1/2	5
7	15	3	10
7 1/2	5	3 1/2	5
8	15	4	10
		4 1/2	5
		5	15
		6	15

Thank you in advance
for any consideration
you might give to
OUR list of needs.



Wanting to Visit Us?



If you plan to visit Casa, this is a friendly reminder that we operate on a first come first serve basis. If you are not certain of your exact arrival and departure date, we will schedule you on a tentative basis reserving your spot. As in previous years, we will provide assistance with border crossing and travel from El Paso to Casa and back again if necessary. Unless you plan on traveling to Casa on a chartered bus, we are using the Santa Teresa border crossing located on the far west end of El Paso avoiding travel through Juarez all together.

Hope to see you soon.

*Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble.
Then your light will shine out from the
darkness, and the darkness around you will
be as bright as noon.*

— Isaiah 58:10