

THE ALSETH FAMILY & CASA DE AMOR III NEWS

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OCTOBER / NOVEMBER AT CASA DE AMOR 3

Happy Thanksgiving! This month we have been enjoying some activities with the kids. A friend of Rick's was able to show us where 2 fishing spots were; so we went on an all day drive up into the mountains to give the orphanage kids their first experience fishing. We had a lot of fun watching Marcus, Luis, and Mayra pulling in their first catches ever! Marcus was afraid of his fish so Rick had to help him hold it up in order to get a photo. Poor little Noemi was sick the whole time either from the altitude, or from Rick's driving, we weren't sure which so she wasn't able to catch a fish this time. She was the best little sickie you could have asked for! She never cried or complained, we'd pull over, she'd vomit, and then we'd get back in the car and move on! Rick, Christian, and Luis made home made butterfly nets the night before but, it was too cold to catch anything. So, maybe the next time we'll visit the jungle...as we got kicked out of fishing at the lake by the local natives who said they owned it. Micaela and Shekkinah participated in building a house with a volunteer group called "Habitat for Humanity". They carried bricks around for 3 days and dug out the foundation. Every night they were so sore they couldn't move, that along with sunburn and bug bites -- I don't think they'll be volunteering with home building much in the future! Judah went on a 1 week hiking trip with the school. He has become quite the backpacker and isn't the least bit affected by the altitude. The kids had a 2 day soccer tournament in which Micaela and Shekkinah both scored a goal! Their first ones for the season! Unfortunately their teams didn't win. Marcus has started attending speech therapy 2 days a week for a couple of months due to his delay in speech skills. Poor boy, between not having any teeth, getting moved from a Spanish speaking home, to a Quechuan home, to an English speaking home he really got hit hard in the speech dev. area! (I don't dare try to help him w/my poor accent!) He really enjoys going to classes and thinks he is a "big" kid like Luis. New abilities; Ali gives hugs and pats us on the back while she squeezes us. She can say ma ma, da da, and hola. Juan Gabriel says pato for zapato and "gracias". He says "por-fa-vor" in separated syllables like we've been pronouncing it to him! (If we can get him to say, "I have to go potty" we'll be in heaven!)



*Fishing & Road Trip on Mount Tunari
Rick & Marcus holding up Marcus's 1st catch ever. A nice sized and "tasty" trout!*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 1) Health for all of us gringos and bolivianos; especially strength for Kathy due to fatigue issues caused by her hereditary liver problem.
- 2) God's will & direction for all of our lives and futures.
- 3) Peace in this country, because the Movement Toward Socialism and those who oppose it and want democracy, are becoming more and more opposed and they are willing to battle for what they want.
- 4) Ongoing Finances
- 5) Supernatural Love, Wisdom, Peace and Patience
- 6) God's Direction & Timing concerning the rest of the kid's who may come into the home.
- 7) Protection from the enemies attacks against our family.
- 8) The issuance of our one year Visas and Bolivian ID cards and the return of our US visas.
- 9) Time and patience to potty train Juan Gabriel.



Noemi is the 4 year old sister of Luis. They were taken off the streets after their mother burnt Luis w/ boiling soup. Noemi is a sweetie. However, she likes to do everything at a turtles pace which is a never ending source of patience building for me! She doesn't usually talk a lot, unlike her brother, who we can't get to be quiet for 1 second. So, I was really surprised with the length and depth of a conversation she had with me this month. I recently went into her room and found her crying. When I asked her what was wrong she said, "I'm sad because, someday I'm going to die." I told her that death did not have to be sad thing because, if you have Jesus as your Savior, He is busy preparing a special place for His children right now. When you die, you get to go be with Him immediately. So she asked, "How do I get Jesus as my savior?" So, I told her that she had to ask Jesus to forgive her of the things she had done that were bad in her life, ask Him to clean her heart, and then to come and live within her. She prayed right then and asked God to forgive her. Then she asked Him to come into her heart. Then she asked, "What will happen to people who don't ask Jesus to forgive them?" So, I told her they would have to be punished by God for the things they had done that were bad. She then asked me, "What will happen to me now that Jesus is in my heart?" So, I told her that now Jesus was living in her and that He had promised to help her with everything in her life. Then she said, "I'm still sad because, I'm just like the street kids who have no parents." So, I told her that I didn't have a father either but, since I have Jesus as my Savior, my father

BABY VICTORIA'S UPDATE:

Thanks be to the Lord, Victoria is progressing faster than we thought possible! She is a bundle of joy to hold and talk to. She is quite the beautiful charmer due to her long, black, curly hair and her unusual eye shape. When she's bigger she'll have all the boys calling, but she may have to work off her double chin first! She is progressing perfectly with her eye strength and her grip on the left side. She won't see the doctor concerning her legs for quite some time now, but she seems to be doing ok with the physical therapy sessions. She always has a smile for us and she talks in coos. We've also discovered that she is very ticklish.

is God now and that this could be the same for her. She said, "You're right, and I'm going to talk with Him and play with Him right now, just like my dad." Then she said "What will I do in heaven with Jesus when I get there?" So, I told her that I wasn't sure but, that I was sure she would be with Him forever and ever. And that He had a lot of special things in store, things that He knows she would like! Then she ran happily out of the room and started telling all the other kids about what Jesus has in store for her in heaven!



When she laughs out loud -- it is the cutest thing ever. She also screams with happiness, and all the kids will come running to hear and see what is going on with Victoria. She has turned into a little noise box on us! She still is having some problems digesting her formula so we plan to try a different type this month. Next month I'll try to get a photo of her laughing, this time she was too interested and curious about what the camera was to get a laugh or a good smile!



Mayra with her trout -- happy to keep up with the boys.



Juan Gabriel joins the army!



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