

THE ALSETH FAMILY & CASA DE AMOR III NEWS

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SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER AT CASA DE AMOR 3

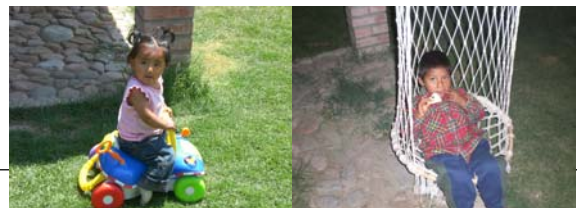
Happy October! We are happy to report that we are all doing fine here in Bolivia, despite the political agenda! We hope that you are all doing well despite the recession and financial struggles in the US. Here are some quick updates on the Alseths: Rick-had a camp out with 4 boys from Casa II and all of our boys in the back yard. It was an adventure they will never forget. He got help from Tio David as well as Juanito's adoptive parents that were here from Italy. Here's a shocker: Rick shaved his head completely bald this month! Micaela-has been asked to help lead a creative worship night in a new ministry that is starting in Nov. She also got the role of Mary after auditioning for the church Christmas musical/drama, and at school she got moved into the "natural-born" Bolivian Spanish class. Judah-has started Soccer along with Micaela and Shekkinah. He really likes the practices and after 3 games on the bench he made his first goal last night! He has become a professional diaper changer. Take notes for the future VA girls; it used to take Christian & Judah both to change one baby bottom but, now they've graduated solo! Shekkinah-has continued to help out here at the house and has become the chief snack maker-cookie baker. She is becoming adjusted to Jr. High, and she got the part of a dancing angel after auditioning for the Christmas musical/drama at the church. Christian-doesn't start soccer until Jan. but, he is Judah's biggest fan. He doesn't miss a game or a practice (he has to walk home with Judah). His 6th grade class put on the Chapel service this last week. They taught the younger grades songs w/motions, put on a play, taught a Bible lesson, prayed, and had refreshments with the parents. I have been blessed to see how much he is maturing this year. Kathy-I love working with these kids and I am thankful to God for the opportunity He has given our family. At times there are sacrifices, the hardest one for me is being away from my family and friends, but I know it is worth the cost. I am terribly lonely for all my loved ones at home (especially with the holidays around the corner) so please keep me in your prayers. I want to box up all of these children and bring them home with me so I can have all the people I love the most dearly - together in one place - or at least in one country. Until next time.



*Boy's Camp Out at Casa de Amor III
Rick, Jesus, Angel, & Emma set up the
tents. *They had Fire, Food, Friends,
Flashlight tag, Fun, and Zero sleep!*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 1) Health for all of us: gringos and bolivianos
- 2) God's will & direction for Marcus's life. His mother has started regular visits and may want to try and get him back. Also, emotional strength because his grandfather has passed away.
- 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) Direction for our future
- 8) Protection
- 9) The issuance of our one year Visas and Bolivian ID cards.
- 10) Time & patience to potty train Juan Gabriel.



OUR LITTLE MAYRACITA:

For those who haven't received our updates before Mayra is a 3 years old street girl. She was taken, by police, during a raid on drug addicts and prostitutes almost 1 year ago. By her behaviors we feel that she was abused while she was on the streets by someone - so she has had, and will have, a lot to overcome i.e.; sexual-behaviors, night-terrors, the fear of being abandoned, and the fear of being unloved. Mayra is the most loveable bundle of cuteness around and can easily be the sweetest pea in the peapod. She has lots of hugs to give and she always has something nice to say. But, then there are the other times, when she is like a stick of dynamite just waiting for someone to light the fuse! Don't get me wrong, her behaviors have improved immensely since she arrived. For example, she sleeps all night, she walks herself to the corner when she is in trouble, and she doesn't hurt the babies. We know this is due to all of the prayers that have gone up on her behalf. The Lord's favor and blessings have been upon us! However, the battle isn't over, she is a very strong-willed child who doesn't want to obey most of the time. Famous quotes from Mayra this month 1)"Tia Kathy, my

forehead hurts."(M) "Why is that, did you bump it?"(K) "No, your corner is really hard!"(M) "Well why don't you try not spending so much time in it."(K) 2)"You were good all day so you get to watch a movie!"(K) "Uuuuh...Wow! I was good all day??"(M) Please continue to pray for this little cherub and for us, we need wisdom and perseverance.

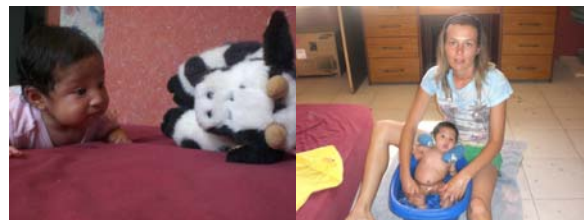


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BABY VICTORIA'S UPDATE:

Victoria has been progressing well. She has gained a second chin and 3 rolls in her thighs! She is able to roll over and lift her upper body. She is able to grab toys in her hand and move them to her mouth. She is the happiest little camper in town, with a never ending smile and speaking in coos she delights everyone who takes the time to say hello! Jennifer took her to a new specialist this month and it appears we have finally gotten to the bottom of her problems. When she had the hemotoma on the right side of her skull (caused by the blood pooling in one place after the fracture) it caused damage to that side of her brain. So, the left side of her body is affected and is slower than her right. At times her left eye moves independently or not at all, her left leg is stiff and straight, and she uses her right hand to grab things. She prefers to look to the right side only. The doctor feels that with physical therapy and a lot of stimulation all of these difficulties can be resolved by

the time Victoria is 1 year old. So, we are performing physical therapy on her legs for 30 min. per day in warm water and propping her head to one side so she has to look to the left. We are doing eye exercises each afternoon with colorful toys and may have to do some patching later on. We are all so happy and excited for the good news because some previous suspicions have been really bad. Victoria is still on the road to victory!



- 1) Victoria talking to her favorite Cow
- 2) Getting ready for her leg exercises.



Our Newest Gardener: Juan Gabriel with his power bubble mower, a gift from friends in the DEA.



The 4 oldest on a special overnight outing to the Cabana.



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