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CASA DE AMOR

Sharing Christ's Love with the Children of Bolivia

INTRODUCING...

CASA DE AMOR III & IV!

By Jennifer Thompson
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T. J., Tammy, & Madison Mitchell welcoming home their first Bolivian babies, 11 month old twins!

care possible for babies and young children. It doesn't take an expert to realize that children cared for in small groups or family settings grow better than those being cared for in large institutions. We also have many babies with special needs who need special care. A natural conclusion was to develop a foster family program.

However, after several years of unsuccessfully trying to push a foster family program through the system here, we reluctantly came to the conclusion that government officials need more information on this model before they are going to accept it.

From the very first days of dreaming and planning of "Casa de Amor" in 2002, our heart has been to give the best

Not wanting to give up on a better life for our children waiting for their forever family, we decided to work within the system available to us. Since opening Casa de Amor in April 2008, we have been blessed with a few special, servant's hearted families willing to give of their time, energy, and re-sources, to raise a small group of children within their own loving families. To us, it's a foster family. Officially, it's another children's home.



Grace VanderWerf snuggling the newest Casa de Amor baby



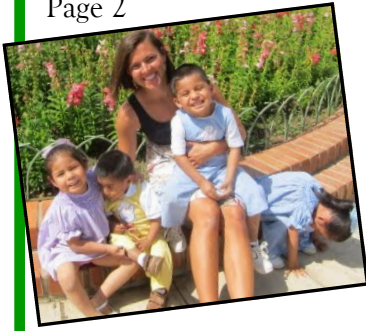
Casa de Amor III now!

In November 2010, the Mitchell family of three relocated to Cochabamba, Bolivia, ready to take on the challenge of learning a new language and their way around a new city and culture.

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**"All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children."
Isaiah 54:13**

CASA DE AMOR VOLUNTEERS



This year we have been so blessed with over a dozen volunteers helping out from one month to half a year. We've also had several teams share a day out of their trip with us! Each person comes with their own special set of skills and fun personality, leaving an unforgettable impact on the kids.

After a spring and summer full to bursting with volunteers we have just one amazing young lady serving alone from August until November. We are looking for several others that would like to join her in supporting the staff that works year round.

Have you ever thought about coming to share a period of your life with the Casa de Amor family? Right now we need 3-4 energetic, servant-hearted, Jesus-loving people that are willing to commit to at least 6 months serving alongside us starting in July or August 2011.

Requirements? Hands ready to serve, heart ready to love, and mind ready to learn! Volunteering with Casa de Amor is a unique opportunity to experience another country, culture, and ministry.

If you would like an application or more information please email us at:

volunteer@casadeamor.org

We look forward to learning more about you and seeing how God will use you to make an impact with Casa de Amor this year!

God Bless! ♥

Elena Alvarez
Volunteer Coordinator
Casa de Amor
Children's Homes



CASA DE AMOR III & IV

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Since early this year, the Mitchells have taken in children for Casa de Amor, currently raising five beautiful, active children ages 1 to 5.

In May of this year, the VanderWerf family passed requirements and now care for a tiny newborn who is, in their own words,

“perfect”! She gets lots of love from three doting “foster sisters”. They also helped us out temporarily with a baby recovering from burns.

The setup for these family run houses is different from Casa de Amor I & II. Casa de Amor covers health and food expenses, shares donated clothes and shoes, and provides staff and volunteer support, but the families have all the cost of running and furnishing their own homes, and other expenses such as transportation...and disposable diapers! If you would like to help with the extra needs of these families showing Christ's sacrificial love to our precious babies around the clock, please write us for more information or to get directly in touch with the families. ♥_x



The VanderWerf family meeting their first Casa de Amor foster baby



Beautiful arrangement of pictures at Casa de Amor III, created by Pauline, a volunteer from the Netherlands

For more info on becoming a CDA volunteer or foster family, email us at volunteer@casadeamor.org!



CHILD SPONSORSHIP!

After many children leaving in adoptions or returning to their biological families we have once again filled up with more beautiful babies and children that need the loving support of a sponsor! For \$25 a month you can directly impact the life of one of our precious kids. Your donation will help pay for nutritious food, excellent medical care, and a quality education. Please consider becoming a part of our ministry and a part of the children's lives in this way!

To sponsor a child contact our **Child Sponsorship Coordinator:**

Denise Hershberger

Denise@casadeamor.org

330-763-3262

PRAYER PARTNERS

Every day here at Casa de Amor we take the time to pray because we know what a powerful difference it makes in the ministry, in overcoming challenges, and staying refreshed in our personal lives and relationships with God. Below are some of our major prayer requests for this next quarter of the year and we would love to know if you are lifting them up in your own quiet time! It would encourage us so much to know that you are praying for us wherever you are. You can email us a note at elena@casadeamor.org with a picture of yourself attached and we will put it up so that the staff, volunteers, and kids can be daily reminded that people from all over the world are thinking of and praying for them.

Prayer Requests 2nd Quarter 2011

- **Good health and growth for all of our children**
- **Complete funding for all Casa de Amor homes**
- **Peace for the country of Bolivia—politically, socially, and spiritually**
 - **A strong, united, happy staff at Casa de Amor**
 - **Smooth visa process for all CDA volunteers**
- **Adoptive families for each and every child, even those with special needs!**



"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage." Lao Tzu

to donate

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to sponsor a Child

Contact Denise Hershberger, Denise@casadeamor.org, 330-763-3262

to give by Credit Card

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Casa de Amor ("House of Love" in Spanish) Children's Homes are a ministry of GOAL (Global Orphan Assistance League) dedicated to reaching out to children in need in the impoverished South American country of Bolivia. Casa de Amor I receives babies ages 0-3 years, children ages 3-10 live in Casa de Amor II, and children ages 0-3 live in a family setting at Casa de Amor III. Since our greatest desire is to "turn the hearts of the fathers toward their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers (Malachi 4:6)", we pursue family reunification first and foremost. For children who do not have family or cannot return, Casa de Amor processes paperwork with the government for adoptions.

Address Service Requested

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