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Shining Light Children's Home

Greetings from the Perez Family

Greetings from Higinio and Consuelo Perez.

We came to Shining Light to care for four boys for a year. By now, we have seven boys, and have been here three years and four months. Being able to come and care for these boys has been a blessing. We would like to continue to support the work here.



*Back Row Higinio, Consuelo, & Guillermo
Front Row Jesus, Roberto, Gilberto, Alfredo,
Gabriel, & David*

We will give you a peek into the lives of a few of our boys. The most recent addition to our family has been two brothers. Gabriel is eleven, and Jesus, often called Chuey, is nine. At first, they often cried for their mother, but now they are content.

In our family devotions Gabriel and Chuey often pray for their mom. They ask God to bring their family to Christ. Their mom is in a wheelchair, paralyzed from the waist

down, but she stills lives in immorality and uses drugs.

David is ten years old. He was a sullen eight-year-old boy when he came. He had many problems with hearing and speech. When we tried to get close and communicate with him, he reacted aggressively because he had been treated unkindly and didn't know love.

We have tried to show David love and have seen many changes in his behavior. We were also able to get him hearing aids. He is now an agreeable boy. He loves to sing and play with the other boys. We marvel at the wonderful work of God in David's life.

Alfredo and Angel are brothers who have lived here six years. Not once has a family member come to see them. They pray that someone might come to visit them.

Higinio and Consuelo

Sandra Speaks

Hello. My name is Sandra, and I am going to be twelve on February 20. It's been almost three years since I came to the Home. I came after my mom died. I've had four different moms since I'm here. For now, Grace is my mom.

I'm in fourth grade. Every day before going to school, I fix my bed and help clean up my room. I clean the bathroom when it's my turn.

I like helping the moms with little ones, and I help a lot in the kitchen. It seems like there are always dishes to wash. I'm learning to cook too. Sometimes I get to help outside in the garden.

I have a lot of friends. Some of them are Karen, Lesly, Evelyn, and Maribel. We like playing soccer together.

I like living at the Home, but if I had a wish list, # 1 would be having my own family. I would love to belong to somebody. Recently one of my uncles came with a church group to visit the home.



Sandra

Holiday Highlights

On Thanksgiving Day, a church group brought supper and gifts. We appreciated the generous gift of shoes for all of the children.

A highlight was Christmas caroling and passing out cookies plates to the neighbors on December 24. One man even had ponies for us to ride.



On the way to share Christmas with our neighbors.



Caroling



Thank you for the new shoes!



One of the men we caroled for offered pony rides!

Departures



We are grateful for Daria Witmer's two years of service. Her responsibilities were many and varied. We have often felt her absence since she left on November 26 .



Valentina and Yael returned to their Dad on December 29.

Sarai Speaks

Hi! My name is Sarai. I'm four years old. That's getting pretty big, don't you think? In the morning when my mom wakes me up, I fix my bed and help clean up my room. I know how to wash dishes and help with the laundry. Mom sometimes lets me sweep or mop.

It will soon be a year since I came to live here. The day I came I was so scared. I cried and screamed for a long time. My new mommy took me to see the animals and gave me candy. Then we went to the attic together to find new clothes for me. A pretty pink dress fit me just right. I spun around in circles and started smiling.

My birth mom comes to visit me every two weeks. I used to cry and get upset when she came, but I think I'm starting to like her. She always brings presents. Maybe sometime I'll go live with her again.

Every morning I go to my pre-school class. I have learned my numbers, colors, vowels, shapes,

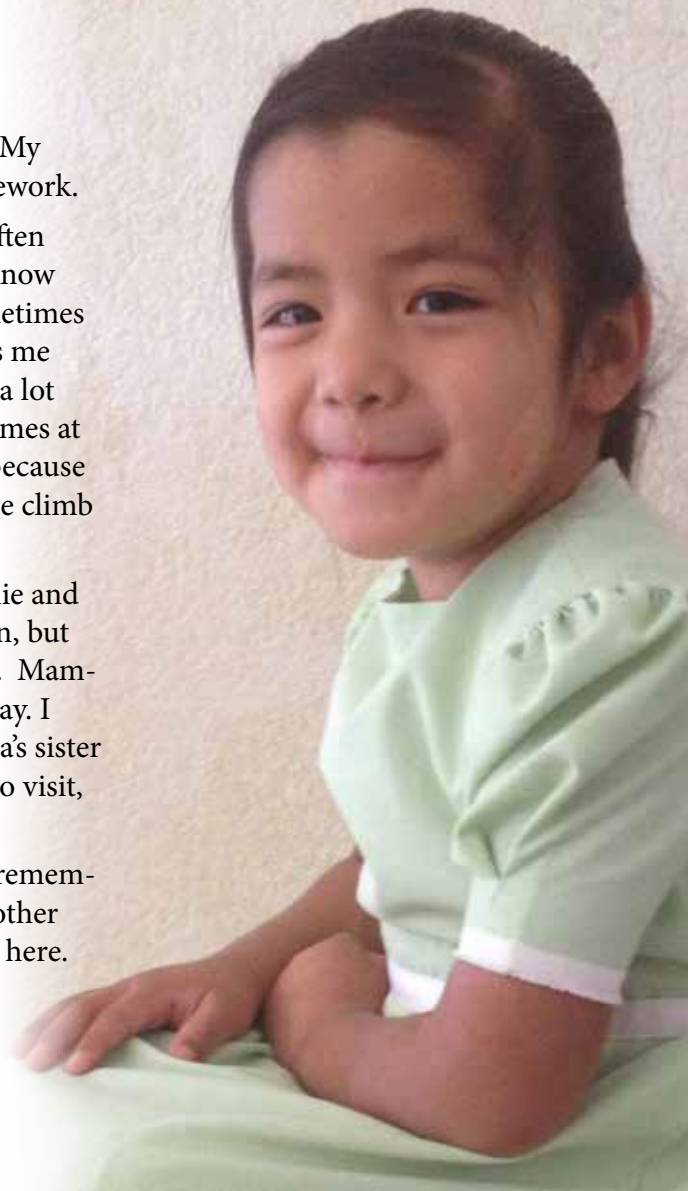
and how to write my name. My teacher often gives me homework.

I like to sing. My mommy often laughs when I sing. I don't know why, but I sing anyway. Sometimes she sings with me or teaches me a new song. I love my mom a lot and often tell her so. Sometimes at night, she hears me crying because I get scared. Then she lets me climb in the big bed with Imelda.

Mom is teaching me not to lie and to obey. I do my best to learn, but every now and then I forget. Mamita also taught me how to pray. I like praying. I pray for mama's sister Phebe every day. She came to visit, and I liked her a lot.

Do you like to pray? Please remember to pray for me, and the other little girls and boys who live here.

Sarai and Mama



Pray with Us!

Praise God for His protecting and guiding hand.

For years, the government/social workers have looked the other way in regards to SLCH using corporal punishment as a method of discipline, for which we have been grateful. However, that has come to an end. If the administrator or staff were to violate their mandate forbidding corporal punishment, jail would be a likely possibility. Please pray for discernment and direction on where to go from here in this matter.

Water is an ever-present need. Remind God that we are helpless without His provision. Thank Him for supplying water for us in the past.

Pray that God might supply us with house parents to replace Jason and Lois. Pray that even now He would prepare hearts to take on this responsibility.

Pray for teachers for the upcoming term. None of the three main teachers are planning to teach again.



David, 10, fell from the play set on December 7 and broke his arm.



Reyna feeding a runt piglet.



Working at the well



David, after surgery.



Oops! somebody's in trouble.

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Income & Expense
Oct. 1, Dec. 31, 2014

Previous Fund Balances

General Fund \$14,659.33
Child Sponsorship \$13,245.75
Greiven's property fund \$6,455.81
Beginning Balance..... \$34,360.89

Income / Contributions

General Fund \$43,731.00
Child Sponsorships \$24,106.25
Interest \$1.16
Total General Income..... \$67,838.41

Other Income

Greivens Property Fund \$2,246.00
Total Other Income..... \$2,246.00
Total Income..... \$70,084.41

General Expenses

Bank Fees..... \$384.27
Transfer to Mexico \$51,500.00
Total General Expenses \$51,884.27

Net General Income \$15,954.14

Other Expense

Loan Payment \$ -
Building Improvements \$1,512.39
Total Other Expenses \$1,512.39

Net Other Income \$733.61

Total Net Income..... \$16,687.75

Fund Balances

General Fund \$21,994.83
Child Sponsorship \$20,352.00
Home Building Project \$8,701.81
Ending Balance..... \$51,048.64

Loans

Loan 1# Previous Balance .. \$31,501.00
Loan Payment \$ -
Loan 1# Balance..... \$31,501.00

Total Loan Balance \$31,501.00