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## Building Update

We made an offer for the old YWAM building by the bullring in Las Playas near the beach! (Our owner of the Purple Palace has mandated that we leave before May 2010). The owners of the desired building will be coming back with a counter offer. We have \$20,000 in the building fund. Please pray with us that we can have a low down payment and then monthly payments of \$3000 per month until the building is paid off. We also need to buy or rent the land next to us for a play area for the kids. This is our big need now. It is so important to own the new home so that no one can make us move out again!

If you would like to get your church or organization organized to do fundraising drives for the "move", please get in touch with Clair Norris:  
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## God is Good!

It was a nail-biter whether the judge would decide if we had to pay one of our ex-helpers \$1,500US because she claimed we violated her employee rights. At times, there are people who want to take advantage of the donations we receive. We prayed that God would exonerate us from these false charges. And last Friday, God moved her lawyer to bow out of the proceedings and our x-helper did not show up in court! ***We thank God for this!*** We will always stand up for the rights of the children and defend them from others trying to take away the donations that are only the care of our precious children.

## Prayers for the Children:

- Richard (age 14), to obtain permission quickly to go to Shriner's Hospital in LA for his corrective hip surgery. We can also pray that God will heal Richard...it sure would be a lot easier!
- Sergio (age 18), is one of the star players of his public high school soccer team. He lead his team to victory! Yadira (age 16), was on the sidelines as one of the schools cheerleaders! The mayor of Tijuana watched their game too! We also have 4 other soccer teams from our home and the boys love it and are having winning seasons as well. These guys feel so good about being successful and their schoolwork is excellent! They are living very positive lives and really shine for God. It is hard to believe at one time that they were deserted and abused in streets.

## Donations are greatly appreciated!

Make checks payable to:

***Children of Promise International (COPI)***  
***6844 Loop Road***  
***Centerville, OH 45459-2159***

Be sure to designate your contribution for the Purple Palace.  
Thank you!!

**More of our kids send you "amor y saludos" and they pray for you constantly. Seriously..even at meals they ask for God to bless you. Here are peeks into their lives.....**

- **Julio** (age 18) has been with us for 8 years, excelling in High school, great in soccer, plays the guitar well and leads in praise sessions. He has a servant's heart and wants to be a missionary. Julio used to live in the streets as his mom was homeless, using drugs and into prostitution. He continually prays for his mother.
- **Marisol** (age 14) was left out in the streets all day by her drug addict parents. Now she loves the Lord and is an excellent student. She is very kind and helpful.
- **Joana** (age 19) is one of the first girls we rescued from the streets. Her mom is a drug addict. Joana is a leader who is caring, responsible, and a beautiful person who helps care for the girls. She is usually tops in her classes and wants to be a missionary to India.

- **Brenda** (age 10) came to us bruised and with a black eye. Her addict Mom said in front of Brenda that she never wanted to see her again. Brenda was often strapped to a chair with electric tape during the day. Now, with us, she is happy. God is healing her wounded heart with the help of our psychologists and our love. Brenda now feels good about herself and is doing well in school. She knows that God loves her.
- **Yadira** (age 16) was deserted by her parents. She is a beautiful, kind and positive person who loves the Lord. Yadira is a cheerleader for her school and is a good student.
- **Violeta** (age 11): She and her mother lived in the streets and house to house. Violeta was found sleeping at a car-wash with her mom. She had suffered neglect and possible molestation. Now she is content, has a quiet charm, good student and very kind. She has a heart for God.
- **Dayana** (age 10) usually was deserted all day by her drug addict mom. She had difficulty at first in school but is doing well now. Likes to have fun and now feels loved and needed.
- **Sandra** (age 17) was deserted by her parents. Now she is a caring and loving person. Sandra is a blessing to us all: She does laundry on Saturday and earns a little bit of money. Sandra is an excellent student and very kind.
- **Angel Axel** (age 9): His mom is a drug addict and he would be on the streets with no caring or discipline. Now he is working to obey and care for others. He loves Jesus and is working hard to get up to speed in school.
- **Antonio** (age 10): His mom was on drugs but now is in rehabilitation! She is doing well. Antonio is a smart guy but just has to understand that it is important to obey. When he tries to obey, he is really super! He is a sweetie.
- **Miguelito** (age 6): His mom is a drug addict that mostly deserted him. Miguel does well in first grade. He is a lot of fun. Miguelito could obey more but he loves the Lord and likes to help.
- **Eduardo** (age 11) was deserted by his drug addict parents who never come to see him. He had a hard shell at first but with love and a lot of hugs, God is healing his heart. He does great in school..a miracle since he used to not obey well.
- **Pedro Rudolfo** (age 11) was deserted by his parents who were drug addicts (now in rehabilitation). Pedro was a very angry person, but with love, patience, and psychologists, he is healing and now is a positive guy who is the main helper in his class at school. Pedro is a guy who likes to be hugged!
- **Mercedes** (age 7) was deserted by mom who lives in the streets and is a drug addict/prostitute. Mercedes is a positive and loving girl who needs to learn to obey more but has a good heart and loves the Lord.
- **Mariana** (age 13) used to live in a dark and dank shack with her 5 brothers and sisters. Her older brother would clean out trash cans with his hands to get food for his family. Her mom was a drug addict/prostitute who eventually went to drug rehab, committed her life to the Lord and eventually became our director! A super miracle! Mariana is a positive, pretty and caring person full of God's love.
- **Armando** (age 7): His mom died of AIDS and his father is unknown..he may be in jail according to reports. We picked him up from a friend's shack in the worst part of town. He was forlorn, dirty and full of lice. Now by God's love, Armando is growing to be a positive little guy. He is independent and has a tough outside so we grab him and hug him every now and then. He does well in school.
- **Anastasia** (age 5): She is like a little mother and very cuddly. We found her alone with her sister in the streets while her mom was high on drugs in their dilapidated apartment. She is ready to learn and responds well to loving arms.
- **Everardo** (age 5): His mom is a drug addict/prostitute. Often he was left alone with his little sister. He is doing well now and a sweet little boy... needs hugs!

- **Angel Diaz** (age 9): His mom is a drug addict/prostitute. He is one who always obeys and is very sweet. He does well in school and is always helpful. I love to squeeze him tight for sure.
- **Berenice** (age 8): Mom is a drug addict and let Berenice hang out in the streets while she was high on drugs. Berenice loves the Lord and is doing well in school except she likes to talk a lot in class. She is carefree and likes to play.
- **Ernesto** (age 2): Mom is drug addict/prostitute. Dad is a recovering drug addict and may be able to care for Ernesto in the future. Ernesto is active and always into things wanting to experience it all. Pray he can get potty trained easily. A cutie!
- **Cristal** (age 7): Mom is a drug addict/prostitute who rarely visits Cristal even though she hangs out just a few blocks away. Cristal was used to pass drugs around in her diapers to many all over the red light district. Who knows what else people did to her. We received her when she was 3 and she was totally introverted and didn't want contact with anyone. Now Cristal is smiley and outgoing, doing well in school and loves to have fun.
- **Estrella** (age 3): Her mom is a drug addict who neglected Estrella until she was very skinny. Finally, the mom's boyfriend brought her to us. Now she is a happy, busy, normal, sweet little girl.
- **Azucena** (age 8): Mom is a drug addict who neglected Azucena. Now she is a perky little girl who needs to not talk in class and is getting better at it! Pray that she can grasp on to learning better. Likes to help and work on the computer.
- **Ema** (age 10): Mom is a drug addict and neglected Ema as well as her brother and sister. Now Ema is calm and happy. She is doing well in school and loves the Lord.
- **Erika** (age 6): Mom roams the streets and is a drug/addict prostitute. She used to take Erika through the streets with her and when she came to us, she had a skin disease and was very dirty with lice. Now she is an out-going and fun little girl. She is a little awkward and her coordination is not the best but she is cheerful and very affectionate. She is doing well in school and loves the Lord.
- **Yanara Amor** (age 11 mos.). Yanara is shy but eventually warms up to you. She is learning to walk and so cute and cuddly. Loves to be held. Her mom is a drug addict/prostitute and her dad is a recovering addict.
- **Martin** (age 7): His mother is a drug addict. We found him alone, dirty in the streets and caring for his 3 year old little brother when he was just five! Now he is an active happy boy when he is obeying. Pray he will obey better in school. He wants to be a policeman!
- **Jessica** (age 17): Her mom is a drug addict who lives house to house and in the streets. Her Dad runs cock fights and is distant. Jessica a beautiful, quiet and kind person who loves the Lord. She wants to be an FBI agent and does well in school.
- **Damaris** (age 18): Her mom is a drug addict, really has no interest in her children and is very immature. Damaris is very caring, responsible, pretty and loves God. She teaches the other girls in devotions and wants to be a missionary. She cares for baby Ernesto as if he is her own.
- **Santiago** (age 4) is a spunky guy who has calmed down and likes to learn. His mom is a drug addict and was neglecting this little guy. He likes hugs.
- **Oswaldo** (age 5) is another spunky guy and is obeying better. Oswaldo likes to learn and is pretty good in art. He likes to take risks and is a busy guy. He also likes to be tickled!
- **Deborah** (age 17) is an introspective person who really enjoys going to help the elderly. She loves the Lord and is kind. She does well in school. Her parents were so strict that it was hard for her to have much self worth. Deborah needs to be encouraged and reminded that she is needed and is special and loved.

- **Samantha** (age 5) is a very precocious little girl and a lot of fun, loves hugs and is cute. Samantha needs to learn to obey. She sings well and does well in kindergarten. Her mom is a drug addict/prostitute.
- **Spike** (age 4) is Samantha's brother. He is sweet and obedient. Loves action and playing. He does well learning and is a cutie.
- **Misael** (age 4): His mom neglected and abused him. He has been with us since he was 4 mos. old. Misael is moody but cuddly: sometimes he obeys and is known to manipulate. He is getting better though and can be fun.
- **Naideli** (age 2): Her mom is one of our helpers and is also a single mom with 5 kids. We made a little house for the family this year. Naideli is very cute, active and smart.