



March 5th has become a day to remember and celebrate Mama Tara and the dream God gave her. This year marked seven years since her passing, but her dream is very much alive. The Tabernacle Church of Louisiana held its missions conference in conjunction with Lighthouse Missions' first ever Silent Auction. Mama Tara was delighted and honored to be the beneficiary of the organizations' fund raising efforts. The event took place at the 'Abby Rose' in Chalmette, Louisiana. It was a beautiful, fun, and productive event having raised above the goal of \$15,000 to be used for the church's team to come and build a multi-purpose pavilion at the Mama Tara home this July.

Mama Linda was also invited to attend the auction, participate in the missions conference, and speak at The Tabernacle's Covington Campus. The weekend was full of worship, great teaching, fellowship, and fun. Board members Cathy Cantelli and Sandy Croft and their husbands were also able to join in the festivities.

It was such a joy to spend this time with such dear friends. The Tabernacle fellowship is close to my heart as it is my father's church. I am grateful for all the ways they have been involved and am looking so forward to welcoming them at Mama Tara's. I was so blessed by the dedication and hard work of Mia Celino and all those involved with Lighthouse Missions.

Being a part of the Missions Conference was quite an honor as well. It was a joy and encouragement to sit with other missionaries and answer panel questions together. It is so amazing to see the fruit of the work of the Holy Spirit purifying His Bride and calling people to Himself.

I was overjoyed to share my testimony at the Covington Campus under the leadership of Pastor David Lukenovich. The Word tells us that we overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. What a privilege to recount God's glorious works in my home town. May our Lord continue to receive glory for all His goodness

written by Linda Collins



Friends Working Together in time of need

2020 started out with a medical emergency at Mama Tara's. Little Jeffrey fell and broke his leg. Kolby Palmer, who has been volunteering at the orphanage for the past 2 years, was able to escort Jeffrey and his mama, Veksy to Tegus to receive medical care on his way back to the states for some much needed time off. It warms your heart to see so many people work together to provide the medical attention needed in this time of crisis.

Our ministry has received \$2,450 in donations from our friends and sponsors after announcing the accident on Facebook, for which we are so deeply grateful!. Others who have pitched in to help during Linda's absence, since she was visiting family in the states at the time, were Stephen Hosack from House of Hope, who purchased airline tickets, Lexi Manuel Pineda, who offered lodging in Tegucigalpa, Morgan Hayden de Espinoza transported people to and from the airport and doctor visits a few times. Mama Tara's granddaughter, Kendy Carlisle, from Ceiba, has become very much involved in overseeing and monitoring the care for Veksy and Jeffrey for about 2 months. We couldn't have done this without everyone's help. We love and appreciate all of these special people who demonstrated selfless acts of kindness and generosity at this critical time.!

Update: At the time of this newsletter, Jeffrey and Veksy are with Lexi in Tegus still under the doctor's care. The Corona virus has complicated things and they are not able to leave their living quarters for a few weeks. They all seem to be doing fine. Please continue to pray that Jeffrey's leg is totally healed, in Jesus' name!



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Pine Straw Fundraiser - A Labor of Love

There's no stopping this crew from *Living Hope Lutheran Church* of Kennesaw, Ga. Every year this energetic group of close knit friends, under the leadership of Board member, Jon Torblaa, unite for the purpose of raising money and awareness for the MamaTara Miskito Orphanage. This year they plan to spread 3 truck loads of pine straw in gardens in various Georgia neighborhoods. It doesn't matter what age you are, from the youth to the AARP age group, all that's required is a willingness to work hard, and the ability to enjoy fellowship and laughter while serving the Lord and helping others! We appreciate these wonderful servants of God!



GUESS WHO NOW HAS A GAGA PIT???

Bethel UMC from Midland, N.C. visited in March. This awesome project was planned by Pierson Cline. Pierson's yearly visits to MamaTara's has set a wonderful example of friendship, dedication, determination and hard work to our children, by raising the funds, creating his material list and building his Eagle Scout project for our MamaTara family. Pierson you're AWESOME!



The children received new outfits and dresses made by the dress ministry of Bethel Church. They provided a delicious ice cream party and we loved every minute spent with our sponsors! Bethel also completed projects at our school I.V.A. where they painted the basketball court, school logo and built a motorcycle shed. Bethel Church we are thankful for each of you and the love of Jesus you share in our home and community ♡

Sponsors Needed

We have expanded our sponsorship program to include the following:

- Food Sponsor
- Education Sponsor
- Medical Sponsor
- Feeding Program,
- Maintenance Sponsor
- Fuel Sponsor

If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Cathy Cantelli (cjcantelli@hotmail.com)

www.mamatara.org

A Special Project

The Bethel team was hard at work on a project to transform a small open laundry area into a new room for Veksy & Jeffry.

