

# MAMA TARA MISKITO ORPHANAGE NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas .....the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!



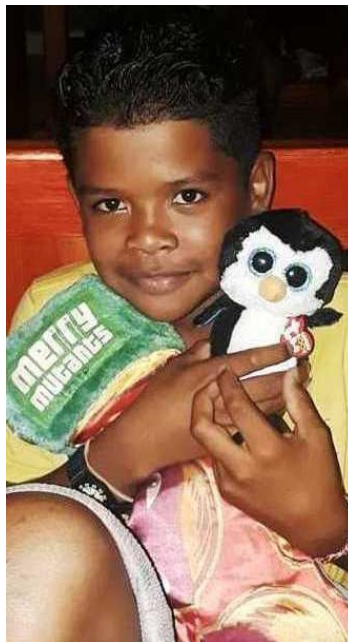
The joy of Christmas season was felt warmly in our home this year. Our family enjoys counting down the days 'til Christmas with our traditional paper chain. Each link has a special activity, (i.e. Picking the movie or snack, etc.), and each night a new child tears off a link until we reach the top. We celebrated six birthdays in December, in addition to Jesus! It is always a joy to remember our Lord and Savior! This year was especially moving, as we have felt His love so deeply throughout this tough year.

I often think about how many children will remember their childhoods. Words alone cannot express how grateful I am for the ways each of you make it possible for me to raise my children in a safe and healthy home and in the fear of the Lord! This Christmas my heart swelled with love for you and your families as I watched mine learn to make the cookies on their own, sell frozen Kool-Aid to help raise money for dance costumes, untangle the Christmas lights, practice and perform their choreographed dance at church and so on.

Our Christmas night tradition of tamales, cake and fireworks brought many smiles and giggles. What joy to watch the kid's glee as they opened their gifts from you! It is like a letter from home to see how everyone's families have grown. As much as it is a joy to receive, it is also a joy to give. It was our pleasure to share the love of Christ through the Josiah Project at the hospital. God touched the heart of another person who made a way for our family to share Christmas with many of our neighbors and children, who spend time on the streets.

As we look forward to this new year...."Come, let us adore Him!"

written by Linda Collins



One word comes to mind, when looking at this adorable photo of Isaac, staring dreamily at the Christmas tree, and that word is HOPE! What deeply moves me to continue the "hands on" support to this ministry, is that I have witnessed the ongoing faithfulness of God's provision and I have seen first hand how He continually lays the ground-work, for each of the children to have HOPE for their FUTURE.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11*

Our many thanks to the sponsors, friends, family members, businesses and churches who pray for this ministry and send financial support!

We're also very grateful for Linda Collins, a.k.a. "Mama Linda", whose love and dedication for each child never ceases to amaze us, and for volunteer/missionary, Kolby Palmer, for humbly serving, in countless ways, the last 3 years at Mama Tara's!

God's blessings to all of you for the New Year!

written by Cathy Cantelli



"Tis the Season to Give"



Linda Collins describes a visit to the hospital : "It was an absolute honor to carry out 'The Josiah Project.' This is a project born in the heart of our dear friend, Lizzy Fraser, to give gift bags to expectant and new mothers. The bags were decorated by our kids and filled with goodies including clothing items, receiving blankets, socks, hat, pads for mom, diapers, formula, and a bottle. The project is named in memory of our dear Profa Ebety Pasta\_Valle's son, whom she and her family lost to a miscarriage earlier this year.

*Special thanks to Melva Erazo and other local businesses for their donations and discounts, Lizzy and family, Catherine Dahlberg, Wendy Tucker and "The Christian Mission" of North Carolina, with Cherlin Flores."*

**Well Done, Faithful Vanessa!**



Watching Vanessa growing up at Mama Tara's has been sheer joy! It became even sweeter when my sister, Cindy, became her Madrina in 2007.

Vanessa has always been such a good role model for the other children at Mama Tara's, with a sweet and quite temperament, always displaying an obedient and teachable heart and a deep devotion to Jesus!

Although high school was challenging at times, Vanessa was determined to learn! She has always been studious, and diligent in her homework, which is why she has done well and won awards over the years! She intends on continuing her education to study micro biology.

We are all so very proud of this young woman and her many accomplishments! She reminds me of the Tortoise in the story, "The Tortoise & the Hare", who quietly and faithfully plods along, doing what needs to be done without requiring a lot of attention, but finishes strong in the end! You can't ask for anything more. God bless you, Vanessa! "You can do all things through Christ, who strengthens you!"

written by Cathy Cantelli



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