A Season of Change for Mama Tara Miskito Orphanage

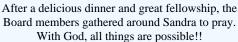
Most people don't like change. The word sometimes carries a negative connotation, however, not all change is bad. In life, there are seasons for all things and sometimes seasons come to an end. In my case, my time as President of this ministry has come to an end. I have served for 7 years and have felt for some time, that I needed to pass the baton on to someone else. So, that being said, I am happy to announce that Sandra Croft from Emerson, Georgia is the new President of our ministry! I will continue on the Board as Treasurer for the time being.

Sandra comes with great qualifications for this position. She has been involved, with MTMO from its inception. She has been on mission trips since 2004, served on our Board for 6 years and has been a faithful sponsor as well. She is one who has met Mama Tara personally and knows much of the history. Sandra is extremely compassionate and cares deeply for the rights and protection of children. She is filled with godly wisdom and handles all situations with a calm and fair manner. I believe she is going to do a fantastic job!

In May I drove up to Georgia to help set Sandra up for her new position. To my surprise and delight, most of the Board members were there to attend a gathering to thank me for my time as President. I was truly blessed by all the love they showered upon me. *written by Cathy Cantelli*



Sandra Croft is recognized in the ceremony of receiving the Miskito Bible, which will remain in her possession during her time as President.



I plan to continue to serve on this Board. I am honored to know such an amazing and dedicated group of people!



In April, the children at Mama Tara's were surprised by the local public officials of Puerto Lempira who gave them a fun afternoon of swimming, dancing, and playing. Fun times provided right in their own back yard!



Mama Tara Miskito Orphanage, Inc. 5000 W. Esplanade Ave. Box 348 Metairie, La. 70006

The "Nehemiah Project" Continues

Fencing our property at Mama Tara's is a tremendous project! Between labor costs and materials, this is not something that can be achieved overnight. Thankfully, our faithful friends from New Direction Community Church of Wilmington, N.C. have made this a pet project of theirs. They do fundraisers during the year and when their team visits Mama Tara's, they hire locals to work on sections of the fence. Pastor Jeff Sutton has dubbed this the "Nehemiah Project". There are 3 phases: Phase 1 is complete, Phase 2 needs more chain link and razor wire, and phase 3 has only just begun. *Side note: Please consider making a donation towards our Nehemiah Project, also consider having your church group to fund a section of the fence as a mission team project. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Wendy Tucker at peacewht@yahoo.com*





The old playhouse was renovated

New awnings for girl's dorm

Sponsors Needed

We have expanded our sponsorship program to include the following: Food Sponsor Transportation Sponsor Medical Sponsor Feeding Program Sponsor Maintenance Sponsor

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



An Extra Special Resurrection Sunday !

Six young lives were dedicated to our Lord that Sunday morning. What an honor to have Pastor Jeff perform the ceremony! May these children be great soul winners for Jesus one day!



New Shoes!!

One of our Board members moved quickly when hearing that a local shoe store was going out of business and was selling shoes for \$5 a pair. Joanie immediately organized a mini fundraiser to take advantage of this terrific sale, receiving enough donations to purchase a new pair of shoes for each child living at Mama Tara's. Great job, Joanie!

Living Hope Church - Fundraisers

The annual pine straw fundraiser headed up by Jon Torblaa was, once again, a huge success! Jon ordered the pine straw and organized a crew of amazing volunteers, who spread the pine straw in the gardens of various neighborhoods. They're getting the reputation of doing a "great job" and, from what I've heard, they have a lot of fun in the process!

In addition to the pine straw project, some of the ladies put their skills and talents to work creating an assortment of hand crafted items to be raffled off. These beautiful hand made items were an afphgan made by Luanne Torblaa, a Christmas wall hanging by Irma Sefers, and a beautiful quilt by Karen Sallander. All of these endeavors together brought forth a very sizable donation for the Mama Tara ministry! Thank you, Living Hope Church, for caring the way you do!



Page 2