

GROUP EFFORT PAYS OFF

Summer Paint Project

Just look how pretty the new paint job is at Mama Tara Orphanage! Our thanks to New Direction Community Church of Wilmington, N.C. and the folks of Living Hope Lutheran Church! These two teams worked tirelessly during their visit in June. With a welder, a plumber and plenty of skilled laborers, much was accomplished!



Brand New Galvanized Columns



We're rejoicing over our new columns, because it has been a great need for some time! This project was accomplished by the efforts of 4 different groups: Asheborro Machine Shop of Asheborro, N.C., made and donated the 6 columns, Neuse Baptist Assoc. of Kinston, N.C. funded the shipping, New Direction Community Church of Wilmington, N.C. and Living Hope Lutheran Church of Kennesaw, Ga. installed them. The project took 9 months from beginning to end, but it was well worth it!!

Gifts of Love

*Surprise gifts were handed out in the Sunday service at Mama Tara's. The children were all smiles as they waited to receive their gift bags. These bags were hand crafted and donated by Providence United Methodist Church of Mt. Juliet, Tn. as a project for their "Worship Without Walls" Sunday. Each bag serves as a Bible tote and inside was a journal and pen for taking notes. What an original idea! We're feeling the love! Thank you!*



“NEHEMIAH PROJECT”

A Permanent Fence for the Remaining 5 Acres



I was so happy to see this photo of fruit harvested from the banana trees growing on the land of Mama Tara Orphanage! These are the beginning stages of a much bigger plan of becoming a self sustaining ministry. However, this goal is not that easy to achieve without a permanent fence around the all 7 acres of the property.

At this time, only 2 acres of Mama Tara land are fenced in permanently. As of last year, thanks the funding of Eastern Heights Church of Cleburne, Texas, we were able to hire someone to outline our remaining perimeter with a living tree fence and barbed wire. That is wonderful because it marks the boundary, but there is still such a great need to begin construction on a permanent fence.

Pastor Jeff Sutton of New Direction Community Church has come up with a plan, which was been dubbed the “Nehemiah Project”, because of the Biblical narrative of the prophet Nehemiah being sent to Jerusalem to reconstruct the wall. He has figured out a plan to build small sections of the wall for around \$1,000 in hopes that more and more teams will be inspired to take a section. Pastor Jeff’s team was able to hire locals to put up 180 ft. of fence during his recent visit to the orphanage. It’s a small beginning, but with everyone’s help, we can reach this goal!



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I think it's fair to say that we all put great value on having a good education. It is no different for the children at Mama Tara Miskito Orphanage. It was of the utmost importance to Mama Tara to see that the children received an education and she did whatever she could to make that happen. Since then, we have been blessed with having Linda Collins teaching the preschoolers when she opened "Mercy & Grace Child Development Center" at the orphanage. Many of our older children have received the privilege and support from sponsors to attend Instituto Vida Abundante, a wonderful Christian school in Puerto Lempira.

As we have progressed, we are noticing a few children falling behind in their studies. It was agreed that these children would need one on one attention to help overcome their scholastic difficulties. The problem was resolved by hiring another tutor who would cater to the specific needs of each child.



Justacio is the new tutor. God has prompted this young man to come and work with these students for the rest of the year with their home work, zeroing in on their specific needs.

Next year, Mama Tara Orphanage will be eligible to legally become a home-school under the umbrella of the public school nearby. In so doing, these children will have a full day of individual teaching with Justacio. He is a licensed teacher and has a creative gift for tuning in to the needs of the children, making learning fun.



Another God send to the children is a wonderful volunteer named, Cherian. She has been helping tutor the children since February. Ebety has been our children' tutor for 12 years, but because there is so much administrative work required by the local schools, paperwork, and meetings to attend, Ebety has been focusing more on helping Linda in this area. For this reason, Cherian has become a valuable, reliable assistant tutor to Ebety and we'd like to hire her as an employee when the new school year begins in Feb.

*Many people are looking for concrete ways to help this ministry. I believe this is a perfect "hands on" way to be involved. We are looking for about 7 Education Sponsors that would make a donation of \$55 a month to help give decent wages for Justacio and Cherian and to help provide the necessary monitoring of the education for the children of Mama Tara Orphanage. At this time, we have 3 sponsors. Ask the Lord if this is a way for you to sew into the lives of the Mama Tara children.*

### Blessings to Acknowledge!!

**Shipments:** Through the months of April and May we have been collecting hygiene, first aid, dry foods, clothes and other miscellaneous items. We are grateful for donated goods from our friends of the **Aglow International Prayer Group** of Mandeville, La and **New Beginnings Church** of Slidell, La.

**Fundraiser:** **Crossfire Church** of Slidell, La. collected \$1,633.24 to help with purchasing and shipping of school supplies. So Generous!!

## Prayer Requests

**Electricity:** The orphanage has not had electricity since January due to a broken transformer in the neighborhood. We sent items that will help get the solar panels up and running again, but they have not arrived. In the mean time, they are using the generator a few hours a day, but it is having issues as well. Please pray that this problem is resolved soon.

### Need sponsors for the following:

**- Transportation** for our high school students: We pay a truck driver \$200 a month to bring the students to and from I.V.A each day. We are looking for 4 sponsors to pay \$50 a month.

**- Maintenance:** With so many children at the orphanage, something is always in need of repair. We would like to find 1 more sponsor who would donate \$50 a month towards maintenance and repairs.

**- Lawn Care:** The two acres that are fenced in are cut regularly, but to keep the snakes and rats from becoming a problem, we need to have the grass cut on the other 5 acres. This is a costly endeavor. We are looking for about 2 sponsors to pay \$50 a month.

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



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