



Hogares Luteranos el Buen Pastor

Dominican Republic

Fall 2014 Update

Kids' News!

Junior just started his 4th year at our Concordia Lutheran School. Every morning the children in the school line up according to grade level to listen to morning devotions. This year, Junior stands like a tower as the tallest kid in the school!

Junior is also working at the town hardware store once a week. The owner loves having Junior's help. Junior's job is teaching him to gradually be more independent and giving him the opportunity to make many new friends with the hardware store clients.



Ramona continues to keep us laughing and smiling. She is very loving. When we see Ramona we have to brace ourselves, because she is going to give us a big hug!

Randy enjoys one-on-one time and loves to read the Bible. Vicar Justin Massey has been reading to Randy for a while now and has formed a nice bond. Vicar Justin has just started confirmation classes with Randy! Please pray for Randy as he continues to learn more about Jesus!

Moises loved going to McDonald's for a fun summer outing! He especially loved playing on the play structure. We could barely get him to stop playing to eat a bit! Moises is attending school again this year at our Concordia Lutheran School. One of the group home aunts is serving as a shadow in his classroom to help him move along in his studies.



Estefani has had a great year so far! She was confirmed in her church at Palmar. She has taken a special interest in learning God's Word and is growing in her faith in Christ. Estefani successfully completed computer classes this spring and summer at a technical institute. She is studying 4th grade with adults two evenings a weeks in the local public school. She is very excited to continue with her education!

Francis grows more and more curious as each day passes. He loves learning and discovering. He started his 4th year at the Santiago Deaf School this year. His signing ability is getting stronger. He is a happy kid who has grown to be more confident and independent.



Developmental Disability Ward of Psychiatric Hospital

We have continued with regular visits to the psychiatric hospital. In our weekly Bible study times, we always take prayer requests. Consistently, for several months, Soledad prayed for a wheelchair. Thankfully, we were able to get 6 wheel chairs from the government and 3 adapted wheelchairs from Joni and Friends Wheels for the World mission. Having wheelchairs has made a great difference in the lives of the people there! People who were only on the floor can now sit comfortably in their chairs, communicate eye to eye with others, and can move themselves or be easily pushed from one place to another. We are now able to put folks in their chairs in a semi-circle to have great Bible study times! Please continue to pray for the people in the psychiatric hospital as we seek to improve their quality of life and share God's Word with them.



To the right, Soledad signs "V" for victory after being fitted for her wheelchair!

Amigos de Jesus –

Our monthly developmental disability outreaches continue in Palmar Arriba and Licey. In addition to sharing God's Word, along with fun and fellowship, we also serve to advocate for the children and adults who attend the activity. We were able to help Luis Angel receive a walker through the Joni and Friends mission. He is a happy boy who is very determined to learn and walk!



Love in Christ – Francis, Junior, Randy, Ramona, Moises, Estefani, Marisol, Danelle, the Tíos and our Dominican Republic Lutheran Church

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