



YWAM MEDELLIN

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Dear Friend, How have you been?

We want to share with you how things have been going in the last few months and also share a great need that we have in the ministry.

We Need A Home

It is ironic that a ministry that provides a home for dozens of children has no home of its own.

In all of the years that we have ministered, we have done so from rented houses and many times the struggle to pay rent has been difficult. Even when the rent is paid we are not always guaranteed a stable environment for the children.

That was the case in January, when with only a few weeks notice, we again had to move 2 of our homes because the owner had sold the properties.

As you might imagine, it is not only a tremendous stress for us, but also one more trauma for our children. It is for this reason that we have seen the need to try and establish a permanent base of operations, both inside the city and out.

The Promised Land Project

Up until now, we have been functioning from various houses, but we wish to consolidate all of our work into two properties initially.

The first is a farm outside the city. A safe place, the farm would be the permanent home for up to 100 children; in cabins designed for 10 children and their house parents. We envision this to be a self-sustaining farm that would provide fruit, vegetables and meat for the inhabitants.

We already have people interested in helping us build and \$20,000 US towards the purchase.

The second facility would be our “**First Contact Home.**” While the farm would be our main home, we need to maintain a base in the city: to first meet the children, as an outreach centre, for offices, for staff housing and to receive the many short term teams that come to work or stay with us.

It is a great challenge and a great dream. We believe that it is a dream that God has given us.

The Promised Land Project will cost approx. \$600,000 US from start to finish, with various milestones to reach, but God has made us understand that it is a dream that He wants to fulfill. We only need to do our part.

If we could find 600 people who would donate \$1000 towards the project we would be finished. It could be that it will be 6000 people donating \$100 or one of many other combinations that the Lord uses to accomplish the goal.

However it happens, it will be the Lord guiding the friends of this ministry to lend a hand and help us build a brilliant future for our children.



Staff Training

Would you pray and ask Him what part He would have you play in this dream?

Our Ministry Homes

Thank God the beginning of 2007 started in blessing. We started with a mini School of Mercy to further train our staff.

Our children started school in January.

In one of our homes we have 18 girls and in the other 20 boys. In both, 5 of the children are new. The majority are in primary school, some in high school and some in preschool.

We saw God's faithfulness and yours, supplying all of their needs.

Their school supplies were a miracle. We thank God and His servants for the spiritual, emotional and economic support offered to this ministry so that we can better accomplish the task that He has put before us.



Health Brigade

From November 3 to 6 we ran a health brigade in Montelibano, Colombia. It was a great time. Glory to God, we were able to touch some 2000 lives with health care, counselling, used clothes, carpentry, literature and others details.

Thanks to the people that participated and supported this effort.

"Bread For Life" with Rosita Zapata

We thank God for the new year in which we have begun to work with new hope and the desire to be more effective in our labour. We continue to draw closer to the families and children of the Hotel (The Traveller's Rest). It is a place where there are lot of drugs, prostitution and violence.

We disciple the people through Bible lessons and friendship evangelism. This way we have the opportunity to learn more about their problems and we can share with them about hope and the new way of life that can be found in God.

Please pray that we will be able to hold Personal Hygiene and Nutrition Brigades in the Hotel and for the sports campaigns with young people in the street.

Each child is a different world of illusions, desperation and dreams to fulfill.....

Every day they fight to understand their reality and in this process they need to leave behind the past that has scarred their hearts. They begin a new phase of growth. Physically and emotionally it's different because their form changes much faster than scarred emotions. They become adolescents and adults.

It is in this process that we want to establish the love of Christ in their hearts and teach them Christian principles and values. At the same time we can improve their education. We hope that God's love will heal their wounds, even in the most profound depths of their hearts.

Over is the oldest of the boys. He is 16 and together with his 3 brothers, we thank God for giving him the opportunity to grow with us little by little. He is rebuilding his life and trying to forget a sad and painful past; the violent loss of his parents. Since then, Over has been able to finish primary school and enter high school, He has recognized that he has a family with us and day by day he can reach his goals; while getting to know God in a deeper way in his life.



To each one who reads our newsletter, God bless you for your prayers and the support that you have given us. God is faithful with our lives and yours as well. Never doubt it. We love you lots.

Enith Diaz

Director



Rosita with children from the "Hotel."

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