

## Casa Hogar Benito Juárez, A. C.

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Dear Friends in Christ,





In EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thes. 5:18

The year of the challenge!

AKA: Real life at Casa Hogar.

From kids falling out of bed and breaking their nose (Esther Riano) and their upper left fe-



Daniel Corzo, our valient angel



Surgery is no fun! A metal rod was inserted in the femur.

mur (Daniel Corzo), (see photos) to kids falling off the playset and breaking their arm (Ivon) and getting bit by a snake (Cesar) and a scorpion (Simplicio), we have had a very eventful year!







Here are a <u>few</u> more statistics that will give you an idea of the challenges we have faced this year:

- 17 flat tires in 2010
- 42 days of continuos rain and severe flooding
- Fallen bridges and mudslides
- Epidemic of chickenpox (22 and counting
- Ran completely out of water 23 times so far...
- Lights went out 15 times Casa result, we have 2 burned out refrigerators, 2 computers and 1 microwave)



Sarah Bennetts, our wonderful volunteer, with some of our graduates

- 8 months of delay in being able to pay our workers.
- A 34% reduction of our income.







We have also been battling with scabies, lice and bed-bugs, among other things.

So you ask yourself "Why in the world are they sharing THIS?"

Because through it all and because of it all, and in spite of it all, GOD is GOD! And we have learned to give Him thanks in ALL things!!



Children at our Bicentenniel Celebration with Francisco

In all my 23 years here at Casa Hogar Benito Juarez, I have to admit that we have never had a year quite like this one!

But it is times like these that are so challenging that you find out who and what you REALLY are and WHO and WHAT GOD REALLY IS!!





So we can safely say that in spite of all these hardships and trials, we serve a faithful, loving Father who never leaves us or forsakes us. Thanking Him in All things is the secret to finding Him in a new way. It is not weakness or denial: it is a reality that takes us to another level. A true sacrifice of praise!

The school continues to grow and is functioning marvelously. We now have 95 students! And we are quickly outgrowing our installations! About half of the children who attend are those who live here. The other half are day-care kids and children from the survounding area, almost all of whom come from single parent homes.



lst graders dancing to "El Ratón Vaquero" (the cowboy mouse!)

All is well up in Cuicatlan at the other Casa Hogar. The 26 children who live there are making great progress, both in the natural as well as in the Spiritual.

Stay tuned for a special update soon!