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Greetings from Colima, The months have gone by quickly again since my last news update and here we are in September already! The children had their ceremony for third year kindergarten graduation. I was blessed to be able to go to the morning ceremonies and see them and also the afternoon one for the Casa Hogar Children. Jorge is now in high school....I can't believe it! He was just a baby when he came to the Casa Cuna. I will never forget the time when he was about 1 ½ years old and

I found him sitting in the toilet playing in the water. He thought it was so much fun!!



This year five of our children moved on to other homes. Paula, Cristian, Andres, Rosemeri and Andrea made the move to three different homes. I always dread this time...even though they are still



close you miss seeing them almost every day and having them in the home. This year was especially hard for me as Cristian moved. I have been helping raise him since he was about 4 months old. I have been taking him to my home for weekends and vacation time for quite awhile now. I have missed my morning hugs and him running to me after school to tell me how his day was. Or when he would bring a flower to me that he had found on the ground and say, "This is for you!" So thankful for the weekends I have had him since he left.☺ Before the children left I took them for a special day. Haircuts for the boys and

hairdos for the girls and then we went to a movie. Then we went to McDonalds for supper before heading back to the Casa Cuna. They had a super fun time!!



My mom and niece came for a visit to Mexico!!! What a blessing that was!! My niece Emily wanted to help out in the Casa Cuna and meet Belen whom she had been writing back and forth with since they were very little. My mom accompanied her on the trip. It was such a blessing for me to have Emily here and show her what I do in the Casa Cuna. During that time



that they were here, the Casa Hogar had a vacation week. I had Belen and Cristian in my house also for that week. Man was my little home ever packed to the max! I slept on the couch and had two blow up mattresses next to the couch that just fit for Emily and Belen. Cristian slept next to Danny's playpen on a small mattress in Kenia's room. We were quite packed in but had a fun vacation week. It was so nice for my mom and Emily to see Susy again and meet Sophia.☺ We saw them quite a bit over the vacation week. We were able to go to the zoo, some pools, and the beach and just hang around the house. It has been so hot and humid so it was nice to enjoy the pools while we were off of work! I was so happy to see Emily and Belen when they first met! ☺ It was nice they were able to spend vacation week together and have a chance to build a friendship. When the children were all back from vacation Belen stayed one day extra. That day we did a water balloon fight with the children in the Casa Cuna. Emily got to do a lot of dishes, mopping and sweeping in the Casa Cuna! Three times a day it all needs to be done!! She also had the opportunity to play with and do different activities with the children. For me it was a joy to watch her interact with the children! ☺





The week before school started two couples that were here visiting took all the Casa Hogar homes to a pool place. A special thank you to Cruz and Lety and Tim and Kathy for a very



special day for all the children and workers!! That day they also celebrated Pastor Nahum's birthday and that night the children that were moving to the next homes moved after the pools.

Some of the students were also blessed with





laptop computers from the same couples. There was a ceremony for that as well as for the children making the home changes.



Now our children are back in school. They had about six weeks off. We are



back into the routine of getting up earlier and getting everyone out the door by 8am. Even our little two year olds are going this year to school! Chuy just cracks me up. He sits next to me in the van and within minutes he is snoring away every day after school. Toni looks so cute pulling his backpack! 😊



Prayers for two of our older special need boys please, for Miguel and Luis for their conduct in school. They were both expelled from school last year and they are going to a different school now. Miguel has one of our workers go to school every day with him as his monitor. He also has different hours he goes. He gets out 2 hours earlier then the other students. When I went to pick him up from



school this past week the security guard met me at the gate asking if I was also going to take Luis. I told her I thought he was staying the normal time. Then his teacher stood in her doorway of her classroom yelling to me if I was going to take Luis too?? A desperate look on her face of help!! It would be really hard to send two workers everyday for monitors. Hopefully something can be worked out to help the boys get an education.



We are so thankful for specialist, doctors and dentist that see the children for free! Such a blessing when they are in need of some type of health care!

Thank you to everyone who sends in donations to help me with my ministry here in Mexico! It is so appreciated!! Thank you also for all the prayer



support it is so needed!!! I appreciate everyone's support through prayers and donations over the years.

Blessings,

Michelle



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