



## Children's Overseas Learning Opportunities & Resource Strategies

### COLORS

#### EXCITING NEW NEWS



Things always seem to work out eventually. Our dreams are finally starting to come true. Thank you to a wonderful family in the United States who bought and donated a house that is on a big sector of land to Jackie's Home, in the last 2 months we have been able to slowly move from the small cramped house that we were in, to the new HOME. This new house is on a large piece of land and far enough out of the main part of Santo

Domingo that it is like being in the country when you are there. This piece of land/house could not have been more excellent for our children. They are now able to run around freely inside the compound that has a 15 foot wall all around the property to protect everything and everyone inside. The children now have room to play and exercise and enjoy the fresh air on a daily basis. Since the move in the last month we have seen remarkable changes in the children. They are happier than ever and LOVE the new house and the best part of all is that the fresh air and sun has done wonders for the children's skin and health. The children are looking great and if you ask them if they like their new house better than their old house, you will see the biggest smile ever and get a big YES.



Although the house on the property is big, it is a regular sized house for a regular family, it is definitely not big enough to accommodate sleeping arrangements for 20 children but because we have been blessed with this house that is on a huge piece of land, we are now in the process of constructing 2 large dormitories which will be 2 separate houses next to the main house that will have bathrooms and bedrooms. Once the construction is finished this will be the main sleeping quarters for the children and will be able to hold close to 50 or 60 children plus the construction of these two houses is being done in a way that eventually if one day we need more room we can build a second level as well to accommodate for more children. We are also in the process of building a mess hall which will be a warm welcoming room where we can cook meals and the children can all sit together comfortable and eat their meals together inside this special room. As well we have been blessed by a Missionary Group from the United States that is going to be building a large playground outside on the property this summer for the children and even possible a water park (the kind you see in Canada and United States) that are like big sprinklers that the kids can run through.



In closing, with all these blessings, we are still in need of lots of help from the the wonderful people out there that have done so much to help support our children with their donations in the past. In this moment, we have approximately 20 children living in the Home, and a waiting list of approximately 20 children that are at high risk and

living on the streets that are waiting to enter the Orphanage, but without the completion of the dormitories we cannot accept these children at this time. As much as we would love to take them in, it would just not be responsible on our part to take children that we do not have room for or funds to take care of them at this time. But with some help from the outside world, as little as it may be, anything will help us buy building supplies so that we can finish the dormitories as quickly as possible and get these children to a safe haven. We pray that God will send us Angels as he always does.

## FAMILY VISIT

Thank you to family and friends in Atlanta, Georgia, the children enjoyed a large donation of clothing, baby supplies and food. On this day we had a visit from a whole family that brought 2 large bags of donations with them for our children. The family spent some quality time with the children reading books, playing and just giving hugs and snuggles to our children. As little as things like this might seem, every little bit counts, every piece of clothing, every can of milk or jar of baby food makes a difference in the lives of these children. It is the small things that count.



## SHOPPING SPREE

Today the orphanage was in need of some emergency baby supplies and food. Thanks to our Project Colors and COLORS Dominican sponsors we were able to go on a little bit of a shopping spree. We also brought with us today bananas and raisins for everyone. The children love it when they get healthy treats.



## **BAKE SALE**



Today these Grade 5 students from ABC School in Santo Domingo got a real taste of what it is like to live in an orphanage and to see a little of what it is like outside of their worlds. On May 8, 2009 this class of students held a Bake Sale of brownies and donuts in the honor of Jackie's Home. All of the money of which was 5,800.00 Dominican pesos was donated to provide food to the children of Jackie's Home.

Even though we had approximately 100 donuts left over after the Bake Sale, it was still a huge success. Not only did the children of Jackie's Home receive the left over donuts (which I know they were thrilled to eat) they received the donation of funds from the Bake Sale as well as a visit from the Grade 5 children.

On this day of the field trip to the Orphanage the children all brought with them Refreshments, ice and muffins to share and eat with the children. As well each child brought a bag of donations from their home, things that they no longer need. The early in life that we teach our children to give to those less fortunate the better. With only a little bit of love and kindness our world can be a much better place. It only takes a minute to help someone and that minute of your life could change the life of someone else.

