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Little Hands Orphanage

(Mexico)

Happy New Year from Manos Pequeñas!

Thanks to each of you for your love and support throughout last year, however trying it may have been. It is our prayer that you each would receive a blessing in knowing that no matter what is yet to come in 2021, God is on His throne and He has already won the victory.

With your help, since 2015, we have now been home to over 45 children! Praise the Lord for working through each of you to bless this ministry. We are so thankful for the support and positive changes that have taken place this past year so that the children can receive even more individual care and

the children. Bro. Jesus Alvarez (Director) and Sis. Natasha Cervantes (Administrator) are now focused primarily on keeping the government requirements fulfilled and all

the communications that come with it. Bro. Juan Carlos

Quiñonez is in charge of property and vehicle maintenance and upkeep. Breaking up each role has largely reduced burnouts that previously occurred, and the future is bright!

As Sis. Natasha is now expecting her third child, we have been so blessed by volunteers who have been willing

to help with donor and social

media updates! Thank you, Sis. Annie Kuzmanovic and Bro. Jared Zarkovacki for your willingness and help!

Annie Kuzmanovic

Some highlights from 2020 included: breaking ground (pg 11)

for House Number 3 on the property, homeschooling the children, and thankfulness that Leah has committed to another year at MP!

We have been blessed with Relief Caregivers that have visited to give the full-time caregivers some welldeserved days off. We are thankful

for those from our local

congregation here in Tecate, but also to Sis. Milana Goodrich, Sis. Christina Greeninger, Sis. Amara & Bro. Glenn Bozic, Sis. Melody Cervantes, and Bro. Sam & Sis. Marti Szarka. We would love to have

more join this effort, if possible. Please contact us if you have the desire to bless the ministry on a more intimate level in offering relief care.

Christmas always brings many blessings for

the children and caregivers alike! They received so many gifts, and we can truly see how God provides above what we can ask or imagine. Through your generosity, He always provides not only everything that is needed, but also the smallest heart's desire.

Caretakers and

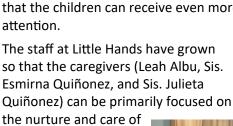
children

We feel so thankful and blessed for all the ways that God has provided for us

in 2020, and we are looking forward to the New Year! May our Lord grant each of your petitions and bring you much joy and peace.

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Nepomuceno

(Brazil)

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Brasil! In our last update, we mentioned the tradition of sending Christmas cards to our children and asked for your help once again with this. One of the

Christmas Cards

highlights of Christmas Day for the boys is receiving these letters from the States and Canada. This year however was the first time that no cards actually made it by Christmas. The postal system has been delayed due to Covid and we were all disappointed that the boys had no letters to open

Devotions in the Music Room

on Christmas. However, we are thankful that some cards started coming in at the beginning of January. We know of several of you who mailed letters and so we are looking forward to

receiving them and extending Christmas

cheer throughout the year as they arrive! We thank all of you who took the time, effort, and money to put together cards and packages and send them to our children. This annual tradition is truly a highlight for our kids and we appreciate

you blessing them in this way!

Due to Covid restrictions, our boys have not yet returned to our local Church services. However, we continue to do daily devotions and services for them here at the home. As we mentioned in one of our previous updates, we received a specific donation to invest in the spiritual lives of the boys, which we used to purchase



musical instruments so they could have times of praise and worship during these devotions and services. The caretakers, along with the boys, recently set up a special space inside the home for these times. The music room has become a beloved refuge for the boys during these 11 months of quarantine.

The caretakers have been doing an excellent job of coming up with creative projects and special activities for the boys to

Upcycled checkerboard table

help break up the day-to-day routine. One of these has been a recycling project where the boys have been taking old, broken cabinets and other furniture from the home and "up-cycling" them into new, useful pieces of furniture and decorations.

The decorations on the wall in the music room were all made from these old furniture pieces and painted by Ilza, one of our caretakers. The boys, along with the help of Jefferson and Ilza, also made a checker/chess board table from one of the broken down cabinets which now has a new home in the living room.

At the end of December, we said goodbye to two of our brothers, Davi and João Marcos, who went back to live with their parents. They had been having visits with their parents, but once Covid restrictions went into place those visits



Davi and João Marcos back at their parents' home

were suspended. However, the boys remained in contact with their parents by telephone calls. Please pray for their transition to life back with their parents and eight siblings.

Soon after Davi and João Marcos' departure, we welcomed back Reginaldo, 16 and Alifer, 14, two brothers who were raised here at the home. They left the home in 2017 to

return to live with their parents. However, their parents fell back into drugs and alcohol and so the boys were once again removed from their care. Alisson, who is their youngest

brother, had already returned to our home a few months ago, per his request. Please pray for Reginaldo and Alifer as they adapt to life here at the home and off of the streets. Please pray that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in their lives and that despite being rejected by their earthly father that they will come to know the love of their Heavenly Father.





We are grateful for your faithful prayers on behalf of this ministry, our children, staff, and us as directors. We also praise God for your generous and faithful financial contributions which help maintain the ministry here. May God bless you!

In Him,

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Canaan Land Ministries

(Brazil)

Greetings from the very rainy southern Brazil! It rained pretty much the whole month of January, and we are a little on the soggy side.

In the last issue of the Newsletter, we requested prayer for new caregivers to replace some who had left or were planning to leave. God responded in an extraordinary way! In the last 2 months, we have received 4 couples who have jumped into the ministry with their heart and soul. We would like you to meet them and to learn a little bit about them.

Victor and Mariana

Victor and Mariana were the first couple to arrive in mid-November. He is from São Paulo and she is from Bahia, but God brought them together at the Campinas, São Paulo base of Youth with a Mission (YWAM), where



they both went through the Discipleship Training School. Victor did short-term missions in Chile e Paraguay while Mariana spent time in Bolivia. They have been married for 4½ years and were involved in a project that ministered to children at their local church. Victor is finishing a bachelor's degree in Production Engineering and Mariana is finishing her undergraduate Law degree.

Lucas and Natalia

Lucas and Natalia were the second missionary couple to arrive, coming on board in mid-December. They have two



children, Helena (age 5) and Benjamin (18 months). They have been married for 6 years and are from São Paulo. They met, studied, and worked at YWAM's base in Campinas, São Paulo, serving there for 3 years. Lucas has completed

courses in accounting, leadership, urban missions, children at risk, and Spanish. Natalia has completed courses on sexuality, doula, children at risk, and parent coaching. They have traveled to many places and have discovered that God has directed them to the area of family and parent development.

Jorge and Adriana

Our third missionary couple is Jorge and Adriana. They have been at CLM since the middle of January. Jorge was a website

programmer before entering full-time missions 10 years ago. In Brazil, Jorge has ministered to chemical dependents and children. In New Zealand, he worked with Asian people and in Turkey, with refugees from Iran for 3 years. Adriana is a lawyer and was practicing until 6 months ago. They are both

finishing a theology course with a focus on Islamic missions. They have been married for 4 months.

Hernan and Tania

The fourth couple to arrive at CLM and complete our staff of caregivers is Hernan and Tania,



having arrived in the last few days of January. They were living in Pindamonhangaba, São Paulo. Tania was the cofounder and coordinator of a nonprofit that worked with clowns and campaigns to provide for the necessities of people of all ages in situations of risk. Hernan speaks Spanish fluently, being a native of Peru. Professionally, he has experience in IT. They have been married for 3 months and come to CLM with a strong conviction of their calling based on Joshua 1:9.

Adoptions

Adoption is such a special word. It means you have been chosen, just like we have been chosen to be children of God. Gabriele Z. (15) left CLM in late November to go live with her new mother. Dr. Stela is a psychiatrist who works with several of the CLM kids, including Gabriele. She was impressed by the change she saw in this young lady during her time at CLM, so much so that she was willing to take her in as her own daughter.

lago (now Yago) is in the process of being adopted by Leonardo and Gracielly. They have been his caregivers for



the entire time he spent at CLM (3 years and 3 months), giving them time to get to know him well. Their 22-monthold daughter, Maria Clara, has also been involved in choosing her brother. There has been

a special attachment between her and Yago since she was born. Her new word that is repeated throughout the whole day is "brother, brother". This new family left CLM on the 27th of December, returning to São Paulo. Their families were anxiously waiting to welcome Yago. Pray for Yago's adaptation to his new and forever family.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. - Psalm 34:3

More Goodbyes

Since the last issue of the Newsletter, 3 other caregivers ended their time at CLM, too. Geni left in December, while Jurandir and Luana said their tearful goodbyes in January, promising to come back and visit. We are thankful for the time they were able to serve at CLM and pray God will guide and bless their future.

In December, two CLM kids also moved on. Leonardo (almost 19) stayed at Mary's house for a few weeks and has now transitioned to living with a couple who has developed a relationship with him over the past few years. Wesllen (13) returned to live with his mother and younger brother. Please pray for their adaptation.

Christmas, Covid-style

As always, Christmas was a very blessed time, with many opportunities to spend time to together. Once again, we were overwhelmed by the outpouring of donations from the community, going above and beyond what we needed.

Our traditional pizza night, donated by a local restaurant, happened on CLM campus, and COVID regulations limited participation to only those living at CLM or coming to work daily. Unfortunately, this meant some board members, family members of office staff, and Mary and family couldn't come that night. Fortunately, we were able to deliver pizza to them, so they could participate even though not in the same room. On Christmas Day and New Year's Day, only those living on the CLM farm gathered.

Changing Beliefs

As part of our annual strategic planning, we had some meetings in the office and a video conference with Dr. Chuck, who couldn't travel here this year. We also met with the CLM children and had them answer the same questions the office staff had answered. We were moved by some of the answers to what had changed in their beliefs during the last year. We heard things like: "I now believe in Jesus." "I believe I can pass the school year." "I now believe I can calm down and

control my aggression." "I believe I can trust the psychologist and social worker."

We feel privileged to be a part of such transformations in their thinking and beliefs. Thanks so much for your prayers and donations that make it possible for us to continue working to restore hopes and dreams.

Praising Him who makes all this possible,

The CLM Team

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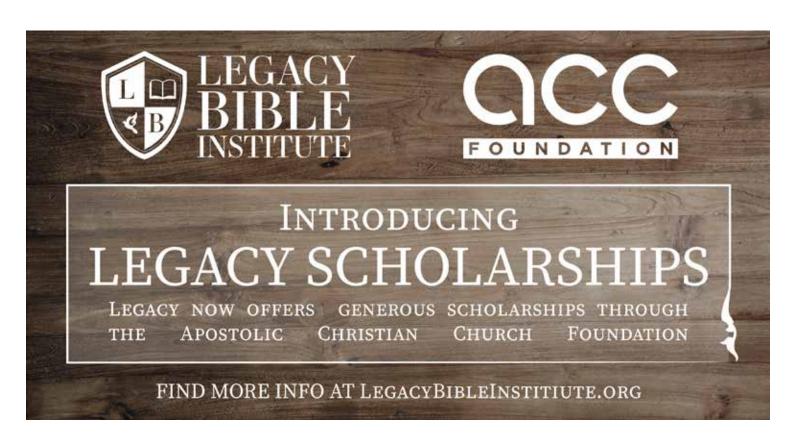
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BUILDING IMPACT FOREVER

Addressing Issues That Challenge the Church -

The ACCF Domestic Action and Projects Committee offers thoughts on how the Church can recapture the zeal of Kingdom living and increasingly build impact forever. A primary principle is to prepare.

• <u>The Principle of Preparation</u> – Before Jesus issued the commission to "go make disciples" he prepared and trained them over an extended period of time in a focused, intentional manner.

For this very reason, the DAP Committee offers a gap-year program to facilitate spiritual preparation in the Church. Here is an excerpt of one Bible teacher advocating the need for such a program:

We want to be clear, our strong support for a gap-year program is born out of a Kingdom-focus and a desire to see each participant thrive in their walk with Jesus. We also want to see each student more fully understand the beauty and depth of Scripture and the reasons we believe what the Bible says. With this growing knowledge will come a more intimate relationship with God and the desire to confidently engage with the culture regarding the Christian worldview.

The ACCF DAP Committee and ACCF Trustees share a deep desire for building- impacting both individual members and the local Church. We also believe there are great opportunities for preparation through the newly approved Legacy Bible Institute Scholarship program, available to interested and committed applicants.

For more information, please visit legacybibleinstitute.org.

Zambia

Africa

HAVE YOU HEARD THE GREAT NEWS?!? The Lifesong Medical Clinic has been completed! This clinic will not only serve the needs of the students at the school, but the idea is to provide healthcare for those in the community as well!

today (February 1). The school continues to observe the following restrictions; shortened school days, mask wearing and social distancing.

Now that the construction is completed, we will need to outfit the clinic with the necessary equipment in order



to make it fully operational. Some of the ailments that are taken care of here are; Malaria (which unfortunately continues to rob lives in countless communities); Bilharzia (a disease caused by parasitic worms - many of our young students suffer from this because they play in heavily contaminated waters); small wounds; and vaccinations for Polio, Measles, etc. We currently have two nurses who run the clinic, and are faithfully serving the needs of Lifesong Harmony School. With their constant watch and care, the number of malaria deaths has drastically reduced.

We are also delighted to announce that we have enrolled 75 students into our new Vocational School! Here they will focus on learning a specific skill that will enable them to find a job after they have completed their secondary education. This will give Lifesong's young men and women the opportunity to become cycle breakers, thus fulfilling one of Lifesong's mandates. We at Lifesong are endeavouring to assist our underprivileged students in a way that can contribute positively in their community: by teaching them a trade that they can use in the future. So. Exciting.

Due to Covid, Zambia enforced a two-week nationwide delay to the school year, which means that they started school

Anyone looking to have an experience of a lifetime? We are looking for an experienced principal or school educator/teacher who would be willing to spend one year in this amazing country while working alongside the teachers and providing teacher training (in-services).

If you are interested, please reach out to Andrew Sulja (andrew@lifesongcanada.org), Bob Ritzmann (bob.ritzmann@lifesongcanada.org), or Sam Rufener (sam.rufener@lifesongcanada.org)



Thanks for taking the time to read this latest update. We really appreciate your financial support and your prayers - without that none of this would be possible. So, we mean it when we say, thank you.

Oh, and our current wish list - can't forget about that.;)

- Container full of medical equipment and supplies -\$25,000.00 USD
- Grade 12 classroom block \$40,000.00 USD
- Boarding home \$54,000.00 USD
- Ministry vehicle \$40,000.00 USD
- 2 Pre-School classrooms \$40,000.00 USD

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Mission Paraguay

(South America)

We are thankful for a new year of challenges as we prepare this year's calendar and Church activities. God is faithful. God is good. His love endures forever.



Praise God our construction project

continues. We have the kids' area almost ready after 7 years of classes in our garages and back yard areas, sometimes in rain and cold, the kids were always outside. But God is



faithful and has provided our needs and, Lord willing, next month (February) we will be able to use this area of the building for our children.

The project continues.
The main auditorium is on the first floor and all the classrooms are on the second floor (which we haven't started yet). We still need donations to continue the construction for the classrooms. Everything is made with bricks and cement, and we need a roof (not just the cement floor/roof) to

protect the walls from rain water seeping in. As with every project, we are trusting in God's timing and we are thankful



for your constant support.

Everyone is an important part of

Christ's body. We can all be used for His honor and

glory. We are gathering in small groups, in homes, which is permitted by the authorities, and we are also copying the early church in Acts 2. They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles, worship, prayer and sharing. We are making sure everyone has a support group throughout the week to enjoy God's presence and fellowship and grow in Him.

Thank you for praying for us, our health, our finances, our Church, and our Church's growth. Thank you for being a part of our ministries through your prayers and your financial gifts.

During 2020 we had to adapt our project "School of Life" to the new health protocols and that is why we started kid's small groups, as an extension of the social project. God is so wonderful that through the small groups we were



able to continue to minister to children's lives giving them a chance to receive a word of encouragement during these difficult days we are all living in.



The small groups are from Monday to Friday (3pm - 4:30pm). Each group has a leader and a leader in training. During the meetings, we have an icebreaker and a worship moment, followed by lessons from the Bible and games at the end.



We also serve them snacks and take time to talk and play with the kids.

At the end of November, we were able to have a special "Family Night" where the kids presented skits

and Bible verses. This event was an opportunity to invite the parents to come to see their children and also receive a word of salvation. We had around 180 people participate, between

the kids and their family members.



It was an unforgettable night, and we thank God for His faithfulness in everything that was done this past year. 2020 was a year of many challenges, but with God's help, the end is always a great victory!

As we look forward to this new year, we continue to believe that God is in control of everything. Due to the government's rules, we won't be able to start the social project yet, but that won't be a barrier for His work to be done. The small groups will continue to meet and the Word of God will continue to be spread to His children.

Along with the kid's small groups, we have a calendar full of activities prepared for this year, for the adults and youth



as well. Bible studies, special services, fasting, and baptism are some of the activities that will be happening in our Church. Our



goal is to never allow the hard times to be an excuse to stop God's Kingdom to grow. Everything we do, we do under the power of His Holy Spirit that lives in us and this power is strong enough to help us to fulfill His purpose here in Paraguay.

Thank you for all the prayers and support!

May God continue to bless and protect you and your family.

- Gabriel and Hadassa Caballero

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Ghana

(Africa)

We are very grateful to the Almighty that even though the number of confirmed active Covid cases show big rises, the number of deaths remain low.

The government allowed the opening of all schools on January 11th, but the upsurge in new and active cases, has necessitated a review of the decision. No firm decision has been made yet but the indication is that if the rise in new cases continues, the government will shut down the economy.

Since last year, the school complex has remained closed, until January 11, when all schools were allowed to open for classes. During the period of the shut down, the final year students were allowed to attend classes. For the non-attending students, distance learning was introduced by the school. It is a shame that the government is again considering shutting down the schools if the epidemic continues to worsen. We are trusting God that this epidemic will pass soon, and we thank and praise Him that He is a prayer answering God.

The repair of the serious cracks in the school building is ongoing. All the weak mortar has been removed from the

damaged walls, the exposed iron rods were brushed with metal brushes to eliminate any rust that existed and the exposed iron rods were painted with anti-rust material. The walls are now being plastered with mortar treated with non-rust substance.

The building of the Etse church has been stopped for some time because of the incessant rains in the area. Most of the building materials, with the exception of the roofing materials, have been purchased. Now that the rains have subsided, work has started again.

A team of six missionaries visited 3 prisons in southern Ghana just before Christmas. The Word of God was shared with the prisoners at each location and the prisoners were also blessed with food items, medicines, footwear and used clothes. The inmates also enjoyed a time of singing Christmas carols.

Follow-up note: the shipping container of medical equipment and supplies that was sent in December, has arrived in the port of Tima, Ghana. Please continue to pray for customs and final transport to go smoothly.

Trustee Corner

(ACCF)

YOUR PLACE IN THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE

FINDING YOUR PLACE IN SPIRITUAL BATTLE

Believers must learn to fight their true enemy: demonic spirits working behind people and organizations. Many Christians fail to discern their place in spiritual battle, thinking that if they don't see it, they are exempt. Spiritual battle defines people in one of three ways: soldiers in active duty, prisoners of war or slaves of the state.

SOLDIERS IN ACTIVE DUTY

Some Christians believe they engage in spiritual battle only when participating in some type of ministry. Others recognize that spiritual warfare never ceases, unperceivably influencing every aspect of life. Satan always comes against us through deception because he knows that he can never withstand Believers in open spiritual battle.

PRISONERS OF WAR

Some Christians have a hard time seeing themselves on any spiritual battlefield because they are imprisoned in figurative cages of the enemy. Within these prisons, captives find a measure of comfort and peace from the clamor and confusion of the raging conflict on distant battlefields. As long as they feel safe from the dangers of battle, they are blind to the prison that binds them. From inside prison bars, life doesn't seem so bad. They get used to prison life. However, their experience is one of lack: lack of freedom, peace, satisfaction, contentment, affirmation, recognition, identity, resolution of life circumstances and joy.

SLAVES OF THE STATE

The unsaved represent those under the regime of the kingdom of darkness, imprisoned not by the bars of a cage but by the borders of Satan's evil empire. They move about in relative freedom but live enslaved to the oppressive laws of the land. As citizens of Satan's empire, they are unable to discern their bonds. The shackles of sin bind those who fail to pass from death to life and from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. As slaves of sin, unbelievers are incapable of pleasing God. The difference between a prisoner of war and an enslaved citizen of the state is one of citizenship. Many Christians, although they are citizens of God's kingdom of light, allow the principles of the kingdom of darkness to imprison and oppress them. They are in the world not as enemy combatants in active battle, but as enemy soldiers, taken out of action and imprisoned through the oppression of the enemy.

A CALL TO BATTLE

Where are you in spiritual battle? If you have never believed, you are a slave of the state. If you have been born again are you a spiritual prisoner of war or a soldier in active duty?

The gospel is not only a call to repentance and faith, but a call to spiritual warfare. The battle belongs to the Lord, but He engages it through His army, the Church. The strength, power, resources, strategy and tactics come from Him. Each member of the Church must learn to step up, assume the posture of a soldier, put on the whole armor of God and stand firm for His cause on the earth!

- Submitted by Bro. Rick Spinos

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For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

- Ephesians 6:12

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