
The Potter's Home

2014 Year Review

Celia

We have had the privilege of working with a wonderful girl named Celia this year. We first met her many years ago at the children's home Casa Shalom, and we've continued to visit her family since she returned to them 5 years ago. This year she entered into 7th grade, and we received permission to have her come live with us because only elementary school is available in her village. It's been a great experience, and we dearly love her!



Teaching English

Last year I taught English class at the school that Celia attends. I've gone to help out at the school previous years, but this past year I accepted the position. I really enjoy working with the students, and I try to use it as an opportunity to share my faith with the students.



Church at the Barn



We received our first team this year! A group of 11 from Church at the Barn north of Orlando, FL came to visit us for a week in February. They were involved with evangelical outreaches in Celia's town, in our school, and at Casa Shalom. We greatly enjoyed fellowshiping and ministering together, and they were extremely accommodating with staying in our little house. We're very grateful for their help, and we're praying for more teams to visit us this year!

Diamond

In the summer we received our first intern named Diamond. She came here from our home church in Austin, TX and quickly became Celia's best buddy. She's currently studying to be a speech therapist, and she volunteered at a orphanage for children with special needs in our town called Los Gozosos. We look forward to her visit again this year!



Unexpected Blessings



We've been incredibly excited with a new and unexpected ministry opportunity this past year. A group of teens from our church reached out to us because they wanted to see what we were doing at Casa Shalom. We were amazed by the huge heart these guys have for sharing God's love with others, and they've been faithfully visiting the kids at Shalom with us. They also started a new ministry on Sunday mornings in our town's central park for the poor boys who shine shoes and for anyone else in need. We've also started reading the Bible together regularly, and they're incredibly hungry for the Word

of God. It's been a huge and unexpected blessing to be able to partner with them in both outreach and Bible study. They've become dear friends and co-laborers.

Flora and Alejandro



December has been a very exciting month as we received two new young adults here in our house. Flora is 21 and is about to start her last year of high school. She's grown up at Shalom for the last 10 years and has made the transition to live permanently with us. She can walk to her school from our house in 10 minutes, and we're so happy to have her with us! We love her quick smile and constant cheerfulness!

We've known Alejandro for many years, but had lost contact with him as he got bounced around various orphanages. Last year he turned 18, graduated from high school, and needed a place to go. We were so

happy to have him come live with us! This year he hopes to find a job and start college. We love to see how eager he is reach out to the less fortunate - he loves serving the shoeshiners on Sunday mornings!



5 Years Already?!?



Yuliza and I celebrated our 5th wedding anniversary last week! What an amazing blessing to have such a sweet and loving wife. Words cannot express my amazement with the gracefulness that Yuli handles raising Margaret, managing a house full of people, and ministering to children in the streets of our town and at Casa Shalom. *She's pretty incredible!* We spend all day everyday together, and we're more in love now than we were 5 years ago. Praise the Lord for such a wonderful wife!

In November our daughter Margaret celebrated her second birthday. She a very happy little girl and immediately becomes best friends with everyone she meets!



Prayer Requests for 2015

- **Please pray for Flora and Alejandro** as they adjust to life outside of an orphanage. It can be challenging for them to make friends and relate to others because of their past. Please pray for their spiritual lives that they would mature in their relationships with God.
- **Please pray for Celia** as she returns to us this week after spending her vacation with her parents. School starts next week, and she'll be in 8th grade this year. **Please pray for her sister Ana.** We would love to have her here with us too! Their family life can be unstable and we would love having Ana join our family, too! We'll be talking to her parents again this week.
- **Please pray for any other guy** who should live with us. We have one spot left!
- **Please pray for sponsors** for Flora and Celia's schooling. I had planned on preparing sponsorship information for them by now, but life has been pretty busy! We could use help to offset the additional costs as our family grows.
- **Please pray as we look for funding to expand our house.** We're getting pretty full in here!

Thank you so much for your support and prayers!
Brent, Yuliza & Margaret
