

Talita Cumi!

Just saying the name brings a smile to my face! How thankful I am to have worked there! It's a unique place, with a tear jerking history and fun loving, hard working day to day life. The Tías (Aunties) are special because they give their life to ministering to the kids. The kids are special because they live through the challenges that life has presented them already. And they all eventually came to accept me into their daily lives.

One evening, we celebrated together Día de la mamá (Mother's Day). I remember this night in particular because the older girls of Talita Cumi came together to give back to us Tías. The girls organized it so that the little ones would sing a song to us, and then several of the older ones sang or read a poem that moved us to tears. They then presented each one of us with plastic roses and a letter of thanks with a kiss and a hug. At that moment I knew I had experienced something special. I realized that giving to children can never be time wasted. Give all you have (but take care of yourself too) and you'll really be gaining. Especially in moments like those when you can see that what you give is making a difference.

Gracias!

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