# Talita Cumi Newsletter

FALL 2018

our vision

Talita Cumi strives to see its children, adolescents and young adults develop their God-given potential through educational, emotional and spiritual support, equipping and empowering them to become responsible adults who contribute positively to society.

our needs

Our kids need sponsors who are prayer warriors and want to have a relationship with them. They feel extra special and loved when they have a friend who sends them letters, photos and prayers. Sponsors help the home build security in managing our budget. We currently have 4 children without sponsors.

If you are interested in being a sponsor please send an email to talitacumi@talitacumi.org. We will help match you with a child to sponsor.

NOTE: Our donation address has changed: Please make checks out to Talita Cumi
Mail to:

Talita Cumi 244 Dickenson Ave. Newbury Park, CA 91320

## Sponsors Needed



### Jennifer - 6 years old

Jennifer arrived to Talita Cumi in March of 2017. She is the youngest of three siblings, has a sweet personality and also a very strong character. She would love and benefit from receiving letters and prayers!

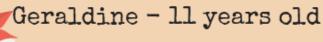


Geraldine

## Jhon - 9 years old



Jhon arrived to Talita Cumi November of 2017, and is the second oldest of three siblings. Jhon arrive to TC witthout having ever been educated. He is now in school and thriving. He is very intelligent and a compliant individual!



Geraldine, the oldest of three, has experienced abandonment with her other two siblings, Jhon and Yamil. She has lived at TC since November 2017. She sets a great example to the younger children in TC with her supportive and lovely attitude.

#### Lider - 13 years old

Lider, the oldest of three siblings, arrived in April 2018 with his youngest sister, Milagro. Before arriving to TC, Lider lived in an unstable environment and often would be in search of food for his family. He has been progressing well since his arrival to TC!



Lider

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# Camping Retreat 2018

On September 22-24th Talita Cumi was able to go on a camping trip to Berlin, Santa Cruz. The retreat was specifically for Talita Cumi to join together and enjoy a weekend learning about the Lord and building relationships with each other. The children enjoyed spending time together in a new environment and loved the variety of activities that involved group work and learning about how powerful, loving, and mighty is the Lord! The time spent together was a special experience for both the volunteers and children.

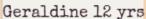


Before arriving to camp I wasn't sure what to expect. It was my first time going on a retreat with Talita Cumi and I was quite nervous on the outcome. When we arrived I felt peace because I enjoyed the environment, there was plenty open space and breeze. It felt different from being in the inner city part of Santa Cruz. Being at camp brought clarity of my thoughts and helped me reflect on the devotions that were shared. Hearing the messages shared by Pastor Timothy Kanter lead me to think of my relationship with God and learn more about his power, faithfulness, and love. Our time together in worship was also one of my favorite memories from the camping retreat. I really enjoyed the weekend with friends and workers from Taita Cumi, it was a lovely time getting to know each other more.

## Academic Accomplishments

One of Talita Cumi's goals is to provide opportunities where our children can grow and learn how to excel academically. There are many cases where children in Bolivia are not enrolled in the education system and unfortunately, do not have the chance to read and write. In 2017-2018 we have received seven children who have never attended school. With the help of the local school and individual work with the children at Talita Cumi, we have watched our children learn and be empowered through their academic accomplishments. We have also witnessed our oldest adolescent here at Talita Cumi graduate from her fine pastry course. Please read below some of the testimonies provided!







When Geraldine arrived to TC, she was placed in first grade due to not having educational background. She experienced sadness and embarrassment because she couldn't read or write. With individual work at TC and school, she advanced to her grade level! She takes delight in her accomplishments and enjoys learning



Lider 13 yrs

Lider arrived from an unstable environment without ever attending school. He was put in 3rd grade and has made progress in learning how to read & write. Although Lider is having difficulties he is making progress and overcoming his adversaries!



Ana 13 yrs

Ana was placed in 3rd grade after being evaluated.. Throughout the year she has made progress and has become excited about learning. TC will continue to work individually with Ana to help her reach her academic level.

#### Daniela's Graduation



Daniela is 18 years old, she has been with Talita Cumi since 2010. "I have always wanted to expand my knowledge in pastry. Together with Talita Cumi and the support of my sponsors I was given the opportunity to take a bakery class. Although it was quite difficult to adjust to a new schedule and take different courses than my friends, I was able to adjust and loved it! I am thankful for this opportunity and will apply what I have learned to grow professionally and teach others. It has helped me begin my profession in pastry and establish the foundation of my career."

Thank you so much for your support,

Love Daniela

# Special Thank You!



Talita Cumi would like to thank Graciela & Todd Spence for their heart and dedication to serve Talita Cumi. Thank you for organizing the retreat and making such a lovely weekend with Talita Cumi possible!



Thank you to the Kanter family who came from California to serve and spend time with our TC children during the retreat. They enjoyed every minute of the devotions and worship that was shared!

## New SALTER Volunteer

Hello my name is Vilma Caraballo, I am the new SALTER at Talita Cumi. Yearly TC receives a SALTER for one year to work in areas needed. It is such a blessing to be here after a year of preparation. I recently have graduated with a degree in Social Work, and was seeking an opportunity to be used by the Lord overseas. My heart for children has brought me here and I am excited to serve, grow, and most importantly learn from the children! Although miles from home (Lancaster, Pennsylvania), I have joy in my heart knowing that I have a family here.

If you have any questions, you can contact me through talitacumi@talitacumi.org. I am available to assist with communicating with your sponsored child and matching you with a child if you are interested!

