



### MISSION:



Talita Cumi Children's home exists to tangibly show the overwhelming love of Jesus Christ through service to and relationships with orphaned, abused and abandoned children of Santa Cruz, Bolivia.



On November 31st TC children began their school summer vacation until the 4th of February. During summer break the children's schedule consisted of group activities, field trips, academic preparation, and preparation for our annual Christmas dinner. It was a time filled with relaxation, team bonding, and relationship building. Talita Cumi was also able to visit local farms in Santa Cruz to serve within the community, an opportunity which empowered our children to take leadership roles through serving in the community. Thanks to our supporters our kids were able to visit the pool, movie theaters, and participate in activities that helped them stay active and stimulated throughout their time off from school. Their schedule in the home also consisted of reading time and learning English to include academic preparation within their schedule. Check out the photos!





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I have enjoyed our summer vacation because I was able to play with my friends here at Talita Cumi and participate in many different activities. For our Christmas dinner, I was able to take part in the praise dancing and the chorus which I enjoyed so much. As it is coming to an end I am happy to begin the new school year in 5th grade!

- Lider



## GIVING BACK

During the summer break the coordinator of educational projects planned two field trips focused on serving the community. There were four groups to select from: Hygiene, Hair Care, Community Cleaning, and Creative Ideas. Objectives of the project were to help the children learn how to serve and to provide opportunities where they could explore their skills and talents. The exercises were both to help communities in poverty and to help empower our children to take leadership roles in teaching and serving others. It was such a delight to see our adolescents and children share what they learned with the communities visited.



The hair care group helped the younger girls braid their hair and learn how to remove lice.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various

forms

1 Peter 4:10



The group in charge of exploring creative ideas helped mothers decorate boxes for their children's toys and hampers for their clothing.



The hygiene group educated the children on the importance of brushing your teeth after each meal and washing your hands throughout the day.



The community service group helped clean the surroundings by cutting the grass and removing trash from the ground.

# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS in Talita Cumi has a tradition of thankfulness and hope in the celebration the birth of Jesus Christ. To show our appreciation and gratitude we planned a special event to celebrate and share with others. In preparation for our annual Christmas dinner, we prepared praise dances, a chorus, and skits presenting the birth of Jesus Christ. Our Christmas event was an evening where friends were invited to join our celebration and spend time together as a family.



### CHRISTMAS WITH TIAS

During Christmas each child from Talita Cumi was able to spend two days with an aunt (staff) from the children's home. The goal was for the children to experience Christmas with a family and someone who knows they are special. Many shared the fun things they did and that being with a family during the holiday was a moment they will hold on to and cherish. This is the second year that the children were able to spend Christmas outside of Talita Cumi and with a family during the Holiday!



### SHOE SHOPPING

Special thank you to those who bought a pair of shoes for a TC child as a Christmas gift for a loved one back home. With your generous donation, the children were able to buy shoes for the new school year! It is a time that they look forward to yearly as they get to visit the central plaza and select a pair of shoes to their liking!



Milagros

Birthday: November 12th Favorite food: French Fries & Sausage

Favorite Candy: Bubble gum Hobby: Playing with Barbies



Rosalia

Birthday: December 15th Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite Candy: Chocolate Crackers

Hobby: Riding bike



**Yamile** 

Birthday: January 3rd

Favorite food: Pollo Picante

(Spicy Chicken)

Favorite Candy: Chocolate

Hobby: Handstands



Juan Pablo

Birthday: January 31st

Favorite food: Chicken with rice

Favorite Candy: Chocolate

Hobby: Soccer



Benjamin

Birthday: January 14th

Favorite food: Chicken Sandwich

Favorite Candy: Bubble Gum

Hobby: Soccer





# CHILD SPONSORSHIP

If you are interested in sponsoring a Talita Cumi child, please send an email to talitacumi@talitacumi.org.

We will help match you with a child



#### TO DONATE:

#### **USA SUPPORTERS**

By Check: Make Checks payable to "Talita Cumi Children's Home" with "Sponsorship" on the Memo line.

Mail to the attention of

Todd Spence Talita Cumi

244 Dickenson Ave.

Newbury Park, CA 91320

Or

Securities: If you would prefer to donate publicly traded securities directly to Talita Cumi, please contact Todd Spence at tccalifornia@talitacumi.com

or call (805) 915 8151

Online: Donations can be made online through PayPal at www.talitacumi.org

# PRAISE & PRAYER

We value your prayers for Talita Cumi Children's Home, please join us in Praise & Prayer for the following

#### PRAISE:

- For all the organizations that supported TC during summer break.
- Thank you to our donors and sponsors who support our children- all kids stared their school year with all the materials needed, including uniforms and shoes.

#### PRAYERS:

- For support and academic progress as the children begin a new school year
- For staff and volunteers at TC, that the Lord would continue to provide wisdom and guidance on how to serve our children in the best way possible.



Talita Cumi staff & volunteers thank you for your support & prayers!



