



# TALITA CUMI

## NEWSLETTER

### **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.





# Talita Cumi Celebrations

## Happy 19th Anniversary!

In the month of March, Talita Cumi celebrated their 19th year anniversary. By the grace of God Talita Cumi has been able to be a home for many children. During the past 19 years in TC the Lord has been faithful in helping children who have been abandoned/ or removed from their homes. Talita Cumi has been blessed to have a team that serves the Lord and loves on the children whole heartedly.

We also celebrate that we are able to provide a safe place for children to have their basic needs met, and receive resources that can help them reach their fullest potential. We are also so thankful for the continuous support that Talita Cumi receives, whether if it's through prayers, sponsoring one of our beautiful children, and/or personally coming to serve. Talita Cumi is a ministry that seeks to serve the Lord by serving the children of Bolivia.



## Children's Day in Bolivia

On April 12th Talita Cumi celebrated Children's Day with a trip to the pool and park. This special day serves as a reminder that our children are special and loved. Children's Day was created to help stop exploiting children and remind them about their rights. Bolivia, as well as many other countries in South America, faces problems of child abuse and violation to the laws that have been established to protect our children.

It is unfortunate that the level of working children is very high in Bolivia. A high percentage of children have to work to survive and provide their families with food. Some children also do not have the opportunity to visit school due to having to work during the day. This has been the story of many children that have entered Talita Cumi.

Annually schools of Bolivia organize special events for all children under the age of 12. Teachers and parents also participate in the celebration and give children small gifts. We hope to continue to advocate for our children and lessen the amount of child exploitation.





# Academics

The new school year began on the 4th of February with the 1st marking period ending May 9th. After receiving report cards, all children were evaluated in Talita Cumi to see where growth was needed and to praise accomplishments and achievements. Without having much to none educational background, a good amount of our children are overcoming learning disabilities. With the help of educators in TC and teachers from school, they have been able to work through their difficulties and gain confidence in their ability to succeed in school.

During the week our children attend school from 7:30am until 12:00pm, following with homework time within their classrooms in Talita Cumi between 2:00pm- 4:00pm. This period of the day is used to tutor the children and provide help in areas needed. Having educators provide guidance and extra support in areas of deficiency has been such a testimony for many of our children who arrived without reading or writing comprehension.



Cristina



Cristina will be graduating high school in 2021 and will move forward from Talita Cumi. She has been in the children's home since 2005 and has grown and learned so much. With preparation and a life plan, Cristina has shown interest in the Medical field and has begun a class that will educate her on how to become a Medical Secretary. We are so thankful that Cristina is planning and thinking about her future. Cristina is setting her professional foundation and is more than excited to embark on this new journey. Helping Cristina learn how to become independent in Bolivia is highly important, which is why we are more than excited to walk with Cristina in pursuing her career goals.

## Highlights



Luis



Luis is currently 16 years and in 10th grade. He was given the opportunity to take an English course for the duration of three years. He was selected amongst other adolescents to receive a scholarship that would cover the cost of the course. The name of the organization is called Association of Minerva. He attends the course for 1.5 hours a day Monday through Thursday. To maintain his scholarship Luis has to receive grades above 90% in the English course along with his high school classes. Luis is grateful for this opportunity and hopes to be an interchange student at an University in the United States when he graduates high school.



# Daniela's Testimony +

Daniela arrived to Talita Cumi at the age of 10 years old. She is now 19 years of age and will be transitioning out of Talita Cumi in August of 2019. When Daniela arrived she was very scared and distrusting towards those in the children's home. She shared that it was a hard transition entering a home where she had to build new relationships especially after the trauma she had experienced.

As time went by Daniela was able to adjust to Talita Cumi. She also began school, which was the first time that Daniela had the opportunity to learn how to read and write. Throughout the years Daniela struggled with academics but has been able to overcome her adversaries with much support and guidance. Daniela shared that Talita Cumi has been a blessing to her life. Shelter, food, clothing, and education are things that she never lacked. Also having someone care about her and show interest in her future revealed to Daniela that she had individuals in her life who truly loved her.

Daniela has appreciated the opportunities that Talita Cumi has given her. Through the children's home she has been able to study and take courses in her field of interest. Daniela has received certifications in bakery and continues to desire to take classes that will continue to help her expand her knowledge in patries.

Areas where Daniela feels she has grown are spiritually and academically. She encountered Christ in Talita Cumi and has learned so much about the love of God. Daniela has been able to develop her own relationship with Christ, which has helped her in healing and forgiving. Daniela also shared that forgiving her family has been a challenge that the Lord is helping her with. With having the Lord as a guidance, although very nervous, Daniela has comfort that things will work out. Leaving Talita Cumi has caused Daniela to have mixed emotions, but overall she feels excitement to move on forward.

Daniela will live with a family that will help her prepare and transition into adult life. She is currently finishing high school and hopes to continue to study bakery and work. Please pray for Daniela as she transitions into independency, pray that what has been instilled in Daniela will produce fruit and serve as a guidance in her future decisions. We also pray that Daniela will continue to grow in the Lord and remain steadfast. We are thankful and excited to see her grow and begin the foundation of her future.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Kiomi**

Birthday: June 6  
Age: 9 years old



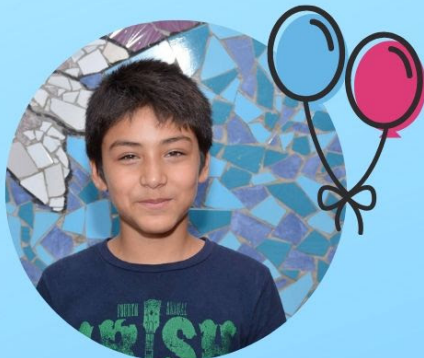
**Jennifer**

Birthday: June 21  
Age: 7 years old



**Daniela**

Birthday: June 8  
Age: 19 years old



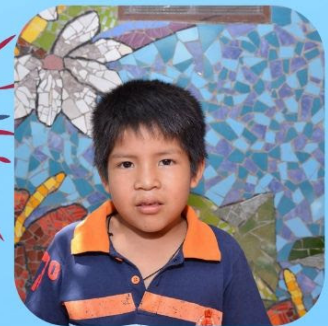
**Matias**

Birthday: July 3rd  
Age: 13 years old



**Nicol**

Birthday: July 4  
Age: 17 years old



**Brayan**

Birthday: July 14  
Age: 8 years old



**Clara**

Birthday: July 17  
Age: 13 years old



**Jessica**

Birthday: August 9  
Age: 12 years old



**John**

Birthday: August 15  
Age: 10 years old



# Volunteers and Visitors

## Jennifer Fowler & Daniel Fowler



In April, Jennifer and Daniel Fowler were able to visit their sponsored children Geraldine, John, and Yamill! Seeing our kiddos light up with happiness when they arrived was indescribable. Sharing their joy and thankfulness to spend time with Jennifer and Daniel served as a testimony that Sponsors do have a great impact on our children. Receiving letters, prayers, and/or visitations are things that Talita Cumi is always thankful for. Raising about 30 children would not be possible without the support of our sponsors and donors.

## SALTer Volunteer

My name is Vilma Caraballo, I have been serving in Talita Cumi since August of 2018. The SALTer position branches from the organization MCC (Mennoite Central Committee). As an associated organization I was placed in TC to help translate messages between sponsors and our children here in Talita Cumi. It has been a beautiful journey to serve the children in this area! Starting September of 2019, we hope to have a new volunteer that will continue to do the sponsorship work as my term finishes in July 2nd. I am thankful for all the support you have provided, seeing sponsors invest in our children and visit throughout the year was truly a blessing. If you

have any questions please email [talitacumi@talitacumi.org](mailto:talitacumi@talitacumi.org) or message our facebook [@talitaCumi](https://www.facebook.com/talitacumi).

## Saskatoon Christian School from Canada



On April 22nd Saskatoon Christian School visited Talita Cumi from Canada. They were a group of 30 students accompanied by young adults from Bolivia.

Throughout their visit they helped lead worship, drama skits, group activities, and assisted the children in homework. Their time with the children served as an encouragement and a reminder of God's goodness. It was a special time to see the children bonding with young teenagers who were there to serve them. Although with a language barrier the children did not let that stop them from interacting with them.





# Camping Retreat Winter 2019

## Message

Winter camp with Talita Cumi was centered on the theme “Who AM I ? “ The motive of the camp was to provide our children an opportunity to explore who they are as they identify themselves in Christ. It was also a place for our kiddos to feel safe and most importantly enjoy their time in a different environment. From problem solving games and team centered activities our children had an amazing time!

We would like to give thanks to our California & Bolivian team that helped prepare and lead the camp. It was a special time together with many fruitful conversations and lessons shared. We are praying for camp to take place yearly!





# CHILD SPONSORSHIP

If you are interested in sponsoring a Talita Cumi child,  
please send an email to [talitacumi@talitacumi.org](mailto: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](mailto:tccalifornia@talitacumi.com)

or call (805) 915 8151

Online: Donations can be made online through PayPal at [www.talitacumi.org](http://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:

- Talita Cumi recieved a washing machine that was donated for the girl's house. We are thankful for this great gift!
- During the recent retreat TC children were able to encounter Christ and have discussions about their identity .

### PRAYERS:

- Please pray for a new volunteer that will help translate letters between sponsors and TC children.
- Pray for the children as they enter their winter vacation. That it would be a time of rest and preparation for the remainder of the school year.
- Pray for Daniela and her new host family as she transitions out of Talita Cumi.

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

