

MISSIONARY MEMOIRS



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1- Texas group returned to the States. We took the children to the early service (7:30) and then had a lazy day as family members visited kids.

2- Steven has been giving away his snack money and pencils. Not sure why! Also, we celebrated his fifth anniversary. Work began on a new classroom.

3- Problem with Marta—she skipped school to go to the city with a boy that others call, “A big troubled rocker.”

4- Steve met with Marta’s principal about yesterday. She got three days of suspension. Brandon’s mom came to meet with us about his behavior. He ended up leaving with her, which we did not fully expect to happen. We ended the evening with Fourth of July fireworks; after buying them, I realized I was overcharged Q100.

5- Marta came to apologize (in words, not heart). We talked a long time!!! Later she ran away. It is hard to boil down in just a few words what has been going on with her the past few days (months/years). Just lift her up in prayer.

6- Steven has hidden his toothbrush a couple of times so that he does not have to brush.

7- Seven of the kids went to Sumpango just to walk around and to go to the store to buy junk food with their allowances.

8- We went to church. The kids played in the hoses. A group from High Bridge Church in Kentucky arrived. We celebrated Wagner and Samy’s fifth anniversary.

9- The group did some landscaping and helping in English classes.

10- The group worked on landscaping until the septic tank starting leaking, which was a disastrous thing. Yaquelin is worried about school. Carlos is throwing temper tantrums.

11- Happy Birthday, Ludwin!!! The children have had such a good time playing with kites that the group brought.

12- The group went to Antigua for the day after the fruit and veggie market.

13- The group made some extra special signs for the kids with their names and a verse and hung them in the house.

14- Wagner is very worried about the water problem. But the kids are very excited about the garden outside the house. Happy Anniversary, Gabriela!

15- Steve and boys left early for the States. The group left mid-morning.

16- Four woke up wet.

17- One of the nannies got sick and left early.

- 18- Geovany has a sore throat and tummy ache. Yaquelin and Wagner just have sore throats.
- 19- Yeny now has taken Brandon's place of not wanting to do anything: homework, chore, getting up, etc. Steve returned.
- 20- After lunch the Colegio La Senda kids have a week of vacation from school.
- 21- Mimi woke up screaming because of a nightmare.
- 22- Happy 8th Anniversary, Geovany!!!!!!
- 23- How fun for the kids!!!! Zucy, our principal, took the first through sixth graders to the coast to a house that her husband's company rents to workers. We took the five boys who did not go to the coast out to Pollo Campero.
- 24- Athena read books to the little boys. We went out and celebrated our 14th anniversary since there were hardly any children here, just five. It is quiet!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 25- The kids returned. They had a blast. They all came back exhausted, darker and talkative. Gerson, Happy 6th Anniversary!
- 26- Brenda and Lupita each hurt their foot and helped me make cookies. It poured rain.
- 27- Steve took some of the big kids to the mall. Others went to Sumpango. Geovany did not feel well.
- 28- Everyone woke up late. The kids played in the water hoses. Geovany knocked down a wasp hive and killed all the wild wasps. He's brave; I'm a scaredy cat!!!
- 29- A group from New Albany, IN came. (They had Phillip and Andrew with them.) Steven did his chore extra fast so that he would be ready for Andrew and Phillip.
- 30- The kids are very excited that the group is cleaning and painting the main walls of their house. They had to get on scaffolding and still did not get to the high parts. Another part of the group began sheet rocking our original building which will be used as administration. Mary Ann did organizing. Ruth Ann painted stools. Carol carried blocks. **Everyone** finished the day with an assembly line of passing blocks up to where the classroom is being built.
- 31- Gerson had an accident in the night and tried to hide his sheets and put clean ones on his bed. The group went to the market with Steve. Mary Ann and Ruth Ann did crafts with the kids. The group finished up painting the house.

BEST BEHAVED IN JUNE (by points): Oldest children: Geovany and Yaquelin; Youngest children: Ludwin and Victor

BEST BEHAVED IN JULY: Oldest children: Lupita, Yaquelin and Wagner. Youngest children: Steven, Gerson, Carlos, Mimi and Victor.

PRAYER REQUESTS

+ Marta and Brandon

PRAISES

+ Construction has begun on new classrooms.