



Mark 10:16

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The Next Generation

Open Arms Foundation



Christmas Newsletter

December 1, 2021

Dear friends and family, it feels as if 2021 has gone by so quickly. As a reminder of how quickly the years pass by, Psalm 144:4 is a great verse which highlights this, "Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow" our brevity of life is a reminder that this is not our home and everything seen will pass away. It is important amidst the cares of life to keep our eyes on Jesus and to the eternal impacts the decisions of our lives have. We should carry this thought with us as we try to fulfill the great commission and help people become disciples of Christ. It is such an honor that you have chosen to support us in missions. Your support has changed many children's lives and have won people to Christ. Through your prayers and support you have refreshed the orphan and the widow. You have sheltered the oppressed and the fatherless. You have taken up the cause of the defenseless. How exciting that you have sowed into eternity! Some boys who came to us malnourished and discarded by society, living a life on the streets addicted to drugs without hope are now husbands, fathers, pastors, businessmen, and most importantly disciples of Christ. One day in heaven the full impact from your prayers and benevolent giving will show when you meet the brothers and sisters in Christ who you helped. One may say I learned about Christ because of this brother or sister. The other will say I was able to feed and clothe myself because of this brother and sister. As we move into 2022 let us continue to do good in all that we do for the Kingdom of Heaven, Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."



Luke 2:11 "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."



Juan Pablo as a small boy recently arrived at the Foundation

An Example of a Transformed Life

Juan Pablo's Story

Juan Pablo came to the Foundation 10 years ago and he is now the oldest boy in the program. Upon arrival he was a very shy boy who could not communicate well and was often a conflictive child. The environment he was taken out in the streets was full of dangers and evil influences that could easily wreck a young boy's life. At first he didn't care to participate in the activities with the other boys and he struggled with school. Over the years he has changed into a wonderful young man. Enoc, the pastor of the Boy's farm, commented that when he first arrived, he struggled to express himself to others and now he can communicate with great clarity. He now excels in school and has earned academic achievement awards. It sometimes takes the boys a long time to forgive those who were abusive to them, but Juan Pablo has learned to offer forgiveness to others and is not too proud to quickly ask for forgiveness if he has offended another. Most important of all Juan Pablo recognizes Jesus Christ as His Lord and Savior. What makes Pablo so exceptional is his sweet

spirit. He has become a real blessing to all of us at the Farm.

It is so amazing to see the transformation Juan Pablo has gone through during his time at the Foundation. Thanks to your prayers and donations this child and transformative power of our Heavenly Father, Juan Pablo is a fine young man who we pray will lead a strong life.

Moving into 2022!

The Open Arms Foundation Plans for 2022

At the boys farm the foundation plans to increase the staff by contracting with a special ed teacher because four of our boys have extreme difficulty reading. Fortunately, all our boys will graduate to the next grade level for 2022.

In 2022 we will finish the farm project by having a fully automated milking facility. This is very important if we want to obtain a milk contract with one of the major Dairy corporations. Their sanitation requirements are much stricter, and an automatic milking line sanitizer will be a requirement.



Juan Pablo With Dorlan

In 2022, we plan to start construction on our new dorm facility with a large meeting room on the first floor. We plan to make improvements in the current boys' dorms' bathrooms and dorm parents' spaces. We will disassemble one of the dorms and either sell the parts or use it to build a storage facility. Prayerfully consider sending a team to help build the new dorm.

The Colombia economy has been affected adversely due to the decrease in the supplies just as in other parts of the world. These economic shock waves are felt even in the dairy capital in San Pedro. Currently, feed and cattle prices are 36% higher. The Open Arms foundation is going to have to leave the small cheese factory which has been buying our milk for the last 25 months in order to find a Milk corporation which is paying more for milk. We are currently being paid \$1,350 COP per liter, but we need a company that can give us an increase up to \$1,500 Cop Per liter. Please pray that we can find such a blessing.



The Boys at the school playground

How can you help?

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Please Pray for the Following:

- That all of the Foundation's needs will be met.
- Please pray that we have wisdom as we decide what to do with the sell of the downtown property.
- Please pray that we have wisdom on how to be good stewards of God's ministry.
- Please pray that we can settle the disputes with the neighbor peacefully as he has been aggressive towards us.
- Please pray for all the staff and missionaries at the Foundation that God will bless them and strengthen them in their labor.
- Please pray for the churches that they will be refreshed and strengthened in their ministry.
- Please pray for the boys' at the farm that God can continue to transform their lives as he did with Juan Pablo.

Thank you for your support!



Help us change Colombia one child at a time!

- I would like to pray for OAF.
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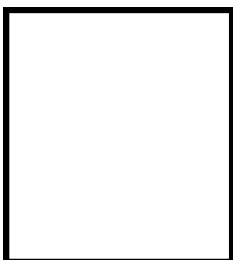
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