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## Third Quarter Newsletter

October 2, 2021

Hello Dear Family and Friends,

At the Open Arms Foundation we have a vision to transform families one child at a time. We accomplish this by giving the children a safe, Christian environment where they can grow up and impact their families and communities as young men. Many of our pictures of the children at the farm show them enjoying the wonderful life of country living and it is easy to forget the harsh realities of the dire needs where these children come from. We receive many requests on a regular basis from families seeking an opportunity for their boys to have a place of hope on our farm, unfortunately we are not able to help all of these boys. Recently we received three boys by faith from such dire circumstances and two of them are brothers.

We wish to tell their story so that you may better understand how your donations are helping to rescue these children. The brothers come from a family that lives on the east mountainside of the valley of Medellin. The family's shack is located in an invasion area. Invasion areas occur when large groups of homeless people or refugees invade tracts of land and build provisional shelters on them just to have a roof over their heads. This is land which no one wants to live on and is usually deemed uninhabitable by government planning because it is geologically unsafe due to the extreme incline of the terrain or because it is too close to ravines with streams or rivers. During the rainy seasons entire communities have been swept away to their deaths by great landslides.



Some of our boys with the house parents preparing to go to the creek for a swim





**Invasion barrio where the brothers come from**

The invasion areas are not only at risk geologically but also the inhabitants themselves are threatened by hopelessness, depression, domestic abuse (both physical and sexual aggressions). Other forms of threats also occur due to overcrowding, property disputes, theft, addiction and gang violence. There is also the daily struggle to maintain running, drinkable water and energy supplies, not to mention the unhealthy conditions resulting from the runoff of raw sewage. Due to the rugged terrain and isolation, the government is not the only ruling authorities in these invasion villages. Normally, the local gangs place

their own tariffs and control on the basic utilities such as electricity, cooking gas, and water. The residents of these invasion areas are at the mercy and whims of these individuals who hold power over their mere subsistence. To gain a place on our farm is an offer of hope and a future in a garden paradise compared to where they are coming from.

The story of the family of these brothers unfortunately is not uncommon. A young mother has been left to fend for an extended family of seven, all living in a one room shack on a steep slope bordering a ravine. Their father was taken from the family and incarcerated in the local prison leaving the young, defenseless mother to care for the entire household of seven people. The shack has a kitchen nook, a small bathroom, (which runs open sewage into the adjacent ravine) and one room with 3 double beds where the entire family lives and sleeps.

The young mother is unskilled, uneducated and unemployed. No one else in the household has a source of income. This is a truly urgent situation which could be classified as a rescue. We believe that by receiving these brothers at the farm we are potentially liberating them from a life of crime, addiction and a life of marginalized existence.

Far more importantly is that when the children come to the farm they can hear about Jesus Christ who can forgive them of their sins and through Christ transform their lives while giving them a hope of a good future and eternal life. By living at the farm in a rural



**The one room house where the brothers come from**

community they have staff that cares for their physical, psychological, and spiritual development.

### **The Two New Brothers at the Farm**

Kevin is 8 years old and has recently joined the Open Arms family at the farm. He is a second grader who is in the process of enrolling at the public primary school near the farm.

Yorman, the younger brother of Kevin is 7 years old and was fortunate to enter the Foundation with his brother. He currently is in the process of enrolling in the first grade at the Tambo primary school.

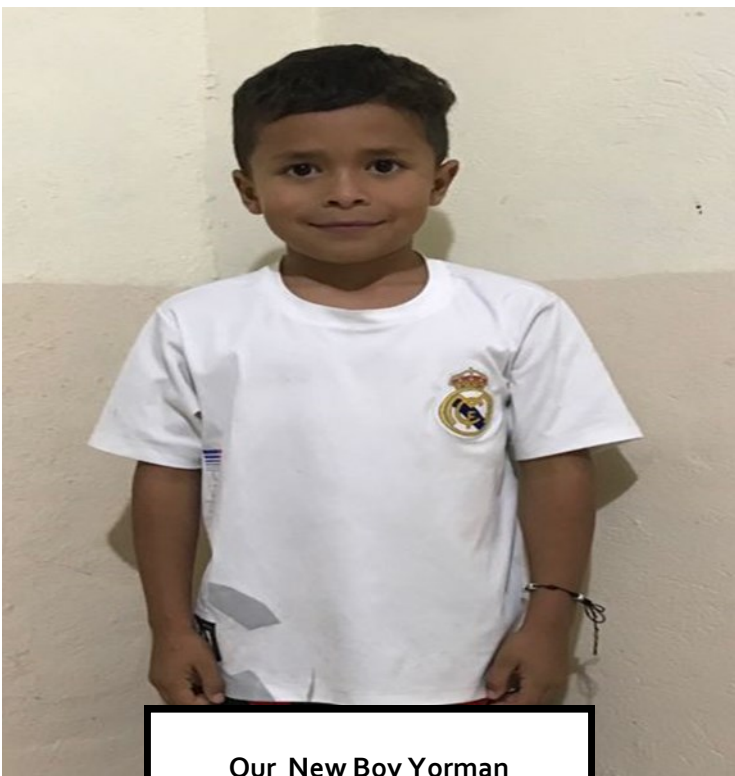
We hope and pray that these boys will be able to thrive and grow safe and strong in the Lord at the Open Arms farm. Our boys that have remained faithful at the farm are showing great improvement and are demonstrating notable achievements for their efforts in life.

### **Other Updates**

Currently the boys enjoy private tutorial classes from Rebekah, our resident missionary and wife of Daniel. Enoch has established a blossoming soccer training camp which our boys are able to take full advantage (which he hopes will blossom into a church plant). Now that Covid



**Our new boy Kevin**



**Our New Boy Yorman**

is receding in Colombia, we plan to resume and increase activities for our boys that involves allowing volunteers to return to the farm to offer the boys special training in classes such as music, cooking, personal athletic training, art classes and agricultural experiences.

Cristina has become quite knowledgeable in the dairy industry and due to her many efforts in the last 20 months our dairy is now fully certified, with only 15% of the other dairies in the region having this certification. The dairy association is now using our farm to conduct training classes for the area. Our dairy's building with the refrigeration room, pump room, milking stalls, and holding corral is 98% completed. Now we are working to finish the project completely with up to date computerization and mechanization of the entire dairy parlor. What our goals concerning the Dairy are is that each cow in production is like a child donor with a production span of 7-8 years, and



that the children can learn about a modern dairy with the possibility of gainful employment in that field.

Missionaries Daniel and Rebekah have taken on a new role within the ministry. They will be producing content for the child sponsorship program and other media items related to the website and new mobile app. We ask that you please pray over their new roles and that God bless them.



Missionaries Daniel and Rebekah



Amanda, Jose, and Cristina celebrating a birthday.

## Help Us To Rescue More Boys Through Our Mobile App!

We hope that we can receive even more children at the farm rescuing them out of extremely dire situations. In order to do this we need your help. Please consider becoming a Child Sponsor through our new app that we recently created which is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

A composite image showing the app's availability on the App Store and Google Play. On the left, the Apple App Store logo is above the text "iTunes App Store", a "Download the App" button, and "Available on iPhone and iPad". On the right, the Google Play logo is above the text "Google Play", a "Download the App" button, and "Available on phone and tablet". In the center, there are images of the app's interface on a smartphone and a tablet, showing sections for "Child Sponsorship" and "Projects".

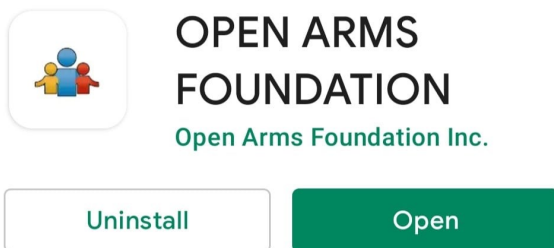
New App available via App Store or Google Play

# How to Sign up to sponsor via our App

We are asking that you consider either becoming a \$30 dollar a month child sponsor or a \$15 dollar a month child sponsor. OAF is an organization that relies solely on the donations of churches and individuals in order to help change lives and we need your help. If you sign up as either a \$30 or \$15 dollar a month sponsor you will receive a monthly update on all of the children at the farm. Giving has never been easier through all the options which have been made available. Below are the instructions on how to sign up to be a child sponsor. Through planting this small seed every month you can be a part of changing a child's life forever.

## Step 1: Download the App

Go to either the Apple App Store or Play Store and search using our name Open Arms Foundation Inc, and you will see our app appearing as the picture below.



### What's new •

Last updated Oct 1, 2021



- Added support for Android 12
- If enabled, Subsplash Messaging notifications now displays th...

### ← Child Sponsorship

Please fill out the form on this page with the indicated fields and give \$30 dollars via the give section.

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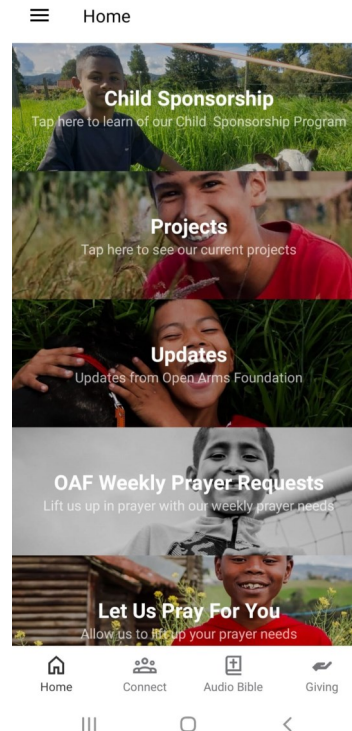
Enter a dollar amount to make a gift.

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## Step 2: Download and Open App

Once downloaded, open the app and tap either Child Sponsorship or the giving tab at the bottom of the screen.



## Step 3: Giving Interface

There is a giving interface in either the Child Sponsorship Tab or the giving tab. Once in the giving interface you can select the amount by tapping on the \$0 and typing in the \$ amount. Then you can set the frequency of the giving by moving the frequency slider to one-time, weekly, or monthly.

# Please Pray For Us

Please Pray for the Following:

- Please continue to pray for Enoc's health and full recovery.
- Thanks giving the Cheese factory increased the amount they pay for milk by around \$200 pesos pergalon.
- Please pray for provision for the Foundation according to Philippians 4:19.
- Please pray Cristina's labor as the dairy farm manager and for her upcoming surgeries.
- Please pray that property disputes can be settled peacefully with neighbors at boy's farm.
- Please pray for the negotiations and final payment to be made for a property which was sold 22 ago.
- Please pray we can continue to show Christ in the live of the children and be used a ministry to spread the gospel.

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