



Open House!

Earlier this month, we invited the community to an open house to see our new remodeled group home. It was all ready to go, save for the orphans who had not yet arrived. Our goal was to sensitize the community to the orphans with disabilities who were to live amongst them. Some 70 adults came for the open house, suggesting strong support in the community. As it was, the hundreds of hours that have been invested into the home were done, to a large degree, by many of those same people who attended the open house. Dr. Marisol Martinez, the director of our Foundation, spoke clearly of these children as God's precious creatures. We continue to pray for a smooth transition once these children arrive.



An Early Christmas Present – 6 orphans chosen for the group home!!

We give thanks to the Lord that an arrangement has been reached with the government on receiving the orphans! An arrangement has been worked out where, over the next six weeks, the children will spend their time between their current "home" in the government institution and our group home. Our very own Danelle Putnam and Dr. Marisol Martinez are overseeing this daily transition helping the children to adjust to one another, 5 new "aunts" and one "uncle" (caretakers), their new environment, and the pastors who are giving them devotions. Please pray that all would go well and we would be so blessed as to sign the formal agreement with the government on February 1, 2011. We thank you for your continued prayers.

Transition

Thus far, the six orphans have made two impressive forays into our neighbourhood. Earlier this week, they went to the ball field just up the street from their home, in an effort to expose them to their new community and its people. The boys in particular immensely enjoyed running on the large outfield and some of the boys on the teams joined in with them, encouraging them as they ran around the ball field. There was delightful interaction! Later in the week, all six went with their aunts,



Danelle, and Dr. Marisol to the park. A good time was had by all.

They even went into a clothing store and the owner so enjoyed their visit that she invited them back again, as she would like to give them some clothes on their next visit! We are thankful for our community's positive response to our children!

