



YWAM MEDELLIN

May 2010 - Sandra's Story

"Mercy" is an important word for Sandra, it summarizes her time with us here in YWAM Medellin. In the 9 years that she has lived with us, she has come to learn that mercy is really the expression of God's love in practical ways, to each and every one of his children.

When she first arrived at our "Ebenezer Home" for girls, at the age of 15, it was as an abandoned and at-risk teen. She had lived her life passed from one institution to another, as her father had abandoned her at the tender age of five and her mother had very little means of providing for her.

After graduating from high school, she went on to do the YWAM Discipleship Training School (DTS),



during which time she was able to deepen her understanding of God's character, His great love, how He views His children, and how He desires to work through them to impact the world. After finishing the school, she returned to

live with us in the staff house, no longer as a dependent, but rather as one of the volunteers, helping to care for the children in both our homes.

During this time, she was given the opportunity to further her education, thanks to the generosity of a faithful sponsor, and she started college where she chose to pursue a degree in Social Psychology. She felt that it would allow her to serve people by listening to them and helping them process their conflicts. Now it gives us great joy and honor to announce that, as of December 17, 2009, she is the first young person from our ministry to earn a professional degree!

For now, Sandra is continuing to help with the work in our children's homes. Eventually she would like to get some work experience in her field, perhaps pursue a Master's degree in a more specialized branch, and someday she hopes to go to India, where she feels a call to work with children living in extreme poverty.

Sandra's achievements and her dreams are truly an inspiration for us; in her story we are seeing the fulfillment of our own vision of instilling in our children a longing to seek God's heart and to commit their lives to participate in his merciful work of transformation - in the countless desperate places in this world.

As a ministry, we give thanks to God for the role he has allowed us to play in the realization of his divine will in Sandra's life. If you would like to write Sandra, feel free to send her an email: sandramive@yahoo.es (she's also working on her English fluency).

A New Girls' Home



"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life," Proverbs 13:12.

During the past 15 years we have been living in rented houses, but our prayer has always been that we could have our own house, where we wouldn't have to move anymore and the children could feel they had a permanent home. We are praising God this year because the desire of our hearts has become a reality.

In January we received the keys for our new house, and after a few months of renovations, in May we are now in the process of moving the girls into their new home. We wish to express our profound gratitude to an anonymous Swedish donor who generously provided for the purchase, and also to the many people who have helped contribute to the remodeling project.

We continue to pray that God would supply for the construction of a second floor so that we could move the boys into the same facility.

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done," Prov. 19:17.

The Promised Land Project

What happened with the farm purchase? It is still in our hearts and God's. The new home is a blessing for the 20 girls that we have in care and it will be a blessing for the boys when we are able to build the 2nd floor, but it does not meet the need we have with 150 children on our waiting list to enter into the ministry.

At Christmas we managed to raise \$15,000 USD for the farm, much less than hoped for and we have approx \$50,000 in total.

We are praying for new strategies and praying that many more churches will join our cause this year. Please help us to contact new churches and groups so that we can provide a permanent home for many children this year.

www.thepromisedlandproject.com

"Missions for Everyone"

That was the name for the Mini Discipleship Training School that we offered in the northwestern town of Montelibano from January 3-20, in which we taught the participants about Christian character and missions. We dealt with themes of identity, interpersonal relationships, evangelism, biblical worldview, etc.

We also held regular evangelistic outreaches in the parks, in which we were accompanied by a team of young people from the US. The school was offered to

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a broad age-range, from 12 years old and up, and a total of 45 people attended. The whole event really exceeded our expectations and we were touched to hear from the students, how they felt God has impacted their lives in the process. We hope to continue to live out YWAM's motto, "Knowing God and making him known," by offering another mini-school next January in the same town.



Our Needs

- Resources to build the 2nd floor of the new home.
- New volunteers with a heart for at-risk children.
- Donation for our Medical and Community Outreach, which will be held in Montelibano, June 21-28.
- A volunteer married couple to serve as our girls' home directors.
- Educational supplies and school uniforms for our boys and girls.

Thank you for your faithful support!