

# AGUA VIVA

## GUATEMALA CHILDREN'S MISSION NEWS | APRIL 2017

### FRIENDSHIP DINNER

For Valentine's Day (or Friendship Day as people call it in Guatemala), we hosted a special formal dinner for the children. We invited a guest speaker to present a devotional about the importance of choosing good friends, and he emphasized that Jesus is the best friend of all. It was a special night filled with fun and good food, and many of our staff members and their families enjoyed a time of fellowship with the children. Please pray that our children would come to know Jesus, and that He would give them wisdom in choosing good friends!



### UPDATED PRAYER SHEET

We have an updated our Photo Prayer Sheet for 2017 with a current list of the children here and fresh new photos. Download your copy today and and join us in praying for our children!

[www.aguavivahome.org/pray2017](http://www.aguavivahome.org/pray2017)



### BRIGHTER FUTURE

As Irma is completing her final year of education here at Agua Viva she has decided to enroll in a technical training school that specializes in manufacturing Guatemalan artisan crafts. She is learning the art of sewing, weaving, and embroidery. These skills will allow her to create marketable items such as bags, pillows, and Guatemalan *trajes* (cultural outfits). Irma is extremely gifted in producing beautiful textiles, and she is continuing to pursue her interests in painting and baking, and jewelry making. After Irma leaves the Home, she plans to establish her own small business, specializing in selling artisan items. Although she knows this goal will require hard work, she is confident that she possesses the skills and determination to succeed. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless Irma's efforts, and to give her joy and peace as she plans for her future.



### PRAY WITH US!

**Week 14** Please pray that our children would learn to "do their work (chores, studies, etc.) as unto the Lord" (Col. 3:2).

**Week 15** Please pray that our children would learn to pray, see the power of God through prayer, and understand that He is listening to them.

**Week 16** Please pray that God would mend broken hearts, and that He would draw our children closer to Him when they feel sad or alone.

**Week 17** Please pray for the emotional development of our littlest ones because it is a pivotal time for them to develop the ability to give and to receive affection.

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## FIRST AID TRAINING

Our house parents and some of our staff are working towards their first aid certification. We are working hard to better train and equip our staff to care for the children here and this training has helped everyone feel so much more confident about what to do in case of emergency.



## NEW CHILDREN

We are blessed to welcome a number of new children to the Home. Lester (11) and his younger brother Federico (8) are sweet boys who are adjusting quickly to life at Agua Viva. We also received a group of five siblings: Damaris (13), Charly (10), Maria (8), Alejandra (4), and Victor Hugo (2). Please pray that they will open their hearts to the gospel and adjust well to living at the Home!



## “BEST TRIP EVER”

**Submitted by Teresa Hinrich**

Three of us traveled to Agua Viva with the hope of instilling in the children a deeper understanding of John 15:12-14. We had the joy of watching these precious children put this teaching into practice by giving written messages of encouragement to each other. There were three specific highlights of our trip. First, we enjoyed listening to the children energetically recite their memory verse. The second memorable experience was seeing the smiles on the children's faces after they looked into their bag of messages and read aloud with great pride the positive things that they had written to each other. Finally, we benefited from a



deep time of sharing with our sponsor children, in which we learned through tears and laughter about each other's fears, delights, and specific prayer requests. Between the three of us, we have visited Agua Viva a total of twenty-three times, and we agreed that this trip was the “best ever.”

## HELP PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Our scholarship program benefits children from under-privileged families by giving them access to quality Christian education. Our school labors tirelessly to prepare students for higher education, and offers them the opportunity to have a better life. You can read more about this exciting program at [www.aguavivahome.org/scholarships](http://www.aguavivahome.org/scholarships).



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