

CREATIVE THINKING SKILLS

Amanda (pictured far right) spent over two weeks searching for bottle caps around the school and the Home in order to have enough materials to complete this school assignment. She and her classmates spent hours making these fun baskets as part of their "Upcycled" art project. This activity helped the children to think outside the box, and also to be more deliberate about seeing the opportunities and creativity that exist all around them. The students loved this project and can't wait for their next assignment!



A MOTHER'S LOVE

In honor of Mother's Day, our students spent time learning about the role of mothers in our society. They also gained a deeper appreciation of all the hard work and love that mothers pour into their children's lives. The students planned special activities for their mothers that included live music by our school orchestra, games, raffles, and presentations of gifts and flowers. The children from our Home presented our director (Seño Evy) with many gifts as well because many of them see her as a mother figure.



CRYSTAL BAND CONCERT

Our Bible teacher invited a special guest band to perform for the students. Cristal Band, which is from Florida, was a huge hit! After the concert, the band members especially enjoyed participating in a question and answer time with the students. The students' questions focused mainly on the band members' faith as well as their testimonies of how they became believers. We are excited to see our students desire to know more about Jesus.



PRAY 2017

Week 26 Please pray that our children would have hearts full of mercy and grace towards others.

Week 27 Please pray that God would create pure hearts in our children and that it would flow over into their actions. (Ps. 51.10)

Week 28 Please pray that God would teach our children perseverance in all they do and help them "run the race marked out for them." (Hebrews 12.1)

Week 29 Please pray that our children would develop strong self-worth centered in the realization that they are God's workmanship, created in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2.10)

ELIZABETH: HAPPY MEMORIES

Elizabeth came to Agua Viva when she was only three years old. She has grown up and learned about Jesus here at the Home. She considers herself “blessed to see and know a loving, powerful, and sovereign God. She feels him near her everywhere she goes.”



Although she desperately misses her mother, Elizabeth is thankful for the opportunities that Agua Viva has made available to her. She looks forward to getting a good job so that she can help her mother when she grows up. One of her interests is animals, so she would like to be a veterinarian one day.

Elizabeth has many precious memories, but one of her favorites is the night one of her best friends arrived at the Home. The girl was frightened, and because she was crying loudly, the house parents let Elizabeth sleep in her bed with her to comfort her. As a result, they became fast friends. Elizabeth has a sweet spirit and enjoys helping others. She says her happiest memories are playing, singing, running, and yelling with the girls in the open area in front of their house. She smiles even now whenever she recalls these treasured times. She considers herself blessed to have so many happy childhood memories!



(Feeding the bunnies.)



(Hanging with friends.)

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Our students celebrated Cultural Diversity Day through beautiful presentations featuring history, food, music and cultural dances from all parts of Guatemala.



DEDICATING NEW CLASSROOM

We recently finished construction of a new classroom at the school that will house our computer class. The students are excited about this new space because this is one of our students' favorite courses. We organized a special dedication ceremony at which our school orchestra played, and afterwards everyone prayed for the new room, thanking God for His many blessings!



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