

### A NEW FAMILY IS FORMED

We are excited to share that our transition to a family style of care in Casa Samuel is off to an excellent start. Cesar, his wife Eunice, and their two boys Derek and Alan, moved in last month and already have created a loving family atmosphere for Casa Samuel. They are moving to a more relaxed system that provides each child as much individual attention as possible.



Both Cesar and Eunice have a background in education, as well as a desire to invest in the lives and the futures of their “foster” children. In order to create a loving environment, they enjoy meals together, give goodnight kisses, read daily Bible stories, and spend time together as a family. The children already have started calling them Mami and Papi.



Please pray that the Lord would bless Carlos and Eunice with an abundance of wisdom, energy, and patience to minister to the Casa Samuel children.

### LIFE SKILLS

During school break our girls have taken turns selling special treats in the Colonia that our kitchen staff lovingly prepared. Madelyn, an employee whose job is to clean the home, has been teaching the girls the crucial skills of approaching people and inviting them to purchase their products. This method is the common way to sell items in Guatemala, and will assist the girls in developing skills that will help their families earn extra income in the future. The girls love working with Madelyn and are quickly gaining confidence. The money they are earning will help them to buy new boots.

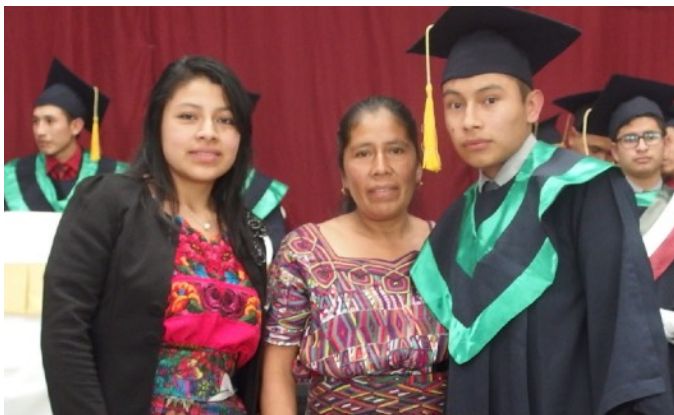


### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray that God's blessing would be on the ministry at Agua Viva and that His presence would guide all we do this year!
- Please pray for our school and teachers as we get ready to start a new year.
- Please pray that all our students would have a willingness to learn and hearts open to the gospel.
- Please pray for the provision of our financial needs in this new year.

## GRADUATIONS

We are proud of two young men who recently graduated from high school. Please pray for them as they leave our transition home and begin the next season of their lives.



Estuardo graduated high school with his certification in auto mechanics and is planning to live here in Chimaltenango. He is looking for a job as a mechanic and wants to take a course in auto electronics in order to enhance his qualifications. He is also beginning his entrance exams for the university where he hopes to continue his studies in mechanical engineering.



Misael also graduated high school with his certification in auto mechanics. He wants to move to Guatemala City so that he can live with his family while seeking a job as a mechanic. He hopes to continue his studies this year by taking a course in auto computer systems.

## CAN I WORK IN THE KITCHEN?

During school break, Damaris, one of our older girls, asked special permission to work in the kitchen instead of playing with her friends. She said, "I love spending time in the kitchen and learning from the cooks." Damaris makes use of a notebook, which she has filled with notes and tasty recipes. In addition to helping with small and large cooking projects, she washes dishes as well. Some of her favorite foods to prepare are cakes and empanadas.



## NEW CHILD

We are excited to welcome a new little girl to our Agua Viva family. Sarita (which means "little Sara" in Spanish) is a sweet 7-year-old girl with a huge smile. Please pray for her as she acclimates to life at the home. We are eager to shower Sarita with love and to share the good news of the gospel with her.



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