

HUTCHINS NEWS

What is it like to be a struggling single mom, with little to no resources?

In Costa Rica there are very limited, if any, social programs. Can you imagine not being able to go anywhere for help? The children in our preschool are living in high risk, extreme poverty and because of this are extremely vulnerable. Pescaditos del Salvador is a safe childcare and preschool that supports and provides special services for these children and their families. It is a place of peace and hope. A place that provides food, snacks, personal hygiene, clothing, education, Bible stories, activities AND most importantly LOVE.

Interns:

The month of January we received 5 interns; three from Bethel University and the other 2 from Pennsylvania. Each one came with focused talents in the areas of education, teaching English, Adult education, and youth ministries. Throughout the month they hosted more than 20 children a day in a summer Superhero Bible Camp, taught over 30 adults ESL (English as a Second Language) three nights a week, and supported our mom and baby program with many activities and songs! They were an incredible addition to the ministry! Everyone loved them and the children said they couldn't leave.

Do you ever wonder if the donations and support you give makes a difference?

Here are some stories:

IVAN (3 years old) - Has memorized the preschool prayers and makes his mom repeat the prayer before meals at his house.

NICOLE (5 years old) - "Grandma, you need to buy me new clothes because I'm going to this school now and they don't wear uniforms."

RAQUEL (6 years old) - "I look like a princess" She got her nails painted at the school by her Tías (We call our teachers - Tías/Aunties). Also when she received a doll for Christmas she said, "This is the first doll I have ever had in my life!"

MARLON (6 years old) - "I love to be at this school because I always get to eat!"

DANILO (5 years old) - "I like it here because you give me hugs, I don't get hugs at my house."

ANABEL (5 years old) - When she ate pork for the first time she responded, "What is this food, I have never eaten anything like this, it is delicious."

- John and Jill Hutchins

