

Our Dear Brothers & Sisters and Friends,

2014 September

The Lord gives His people strength;  
the Lord blesses His people with peace.  
**Psalms 29:11**



### **Katherine Fawbert**

Our most fun news during the month of September is the arrival of Dr. Katherine Fawbert from London, England. She is volunteering at the Buen Pastor Clinic in Santa Maria del Real, about 10 minutes outside of Catacamas, and will be staying with us until the beginning of November. "Dr. Katherine" served there 10 years ago for a summer and was heart struck by the needs in Honduras. The family she stayed with at that time has a house full of family now, so we have the pleasure of her company. We have enjoyed getting to know her and delight in her British accent and her helping us speak a bit more 'properly'.

### **Lidio's widow and family**

The work has been completed on Maritza's wall, gates, and back section where the makeshift bathroom was exposed to rain and all other elements. One group built the cinder block wall and gates, and a different group did all of the extensive work on the back of the house. The work behind the house included digging a trench for the grey water and a septic for collecting it, leveling and cementing the entire floor, adding posts and a roof, and building the cinder block walls for the bathroom stall. The builder said there is enough roofing materials left to add another section of roof between the covered area and the cooking area (visible through the double gate), and will do that after he completes his current construction job elsewhere. The Saenz family feels secure now and Maritza has expressed great appreciation for the new feeling of safety. Thank you all who graciously helped.



### **Independence Day**

September 15<sup>th</sup> is Independence Day. There are parades and other events, including lots of rockets all day long, often starting at 4 AM. In Catacamas the parade route has been changed to Bulevar La Mora and Bulevar Acacias, both wider roads. The dancers from the different schools wear traditional costumes. Dwight had never noticed until this year that each of the school's costumes were different. He combined these photos to show the differences.



## Dwight's classes

With not much more than a month left in the year, Dwight is pushing the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to learn the basics of simple programming. This month at Por Los Niños was complicated by the arrival of a 1<sup>st</sup> grader who can't read and doesn't even know her alphabet yet. That is compounded by her not having ever been in a school before and never having had to focus on school work. But Emily is a sweet girl who does well if motivated. And Dwight knows it is hard on her to be going through this stressful time of change.

Dwight's study of the Book of Acts is winding to an end in the Sunday School class (pre-teens), with the competition for prizes looming on the horizon in late November or early December. While in the U.S. in late July we were able to collect several great prizes for the early levels of the



*Emily*

challenge, but still lack prizes for higher levels towards the end. Any suggestions for popular prizes in the \$4-5 range?



*Dwight explaining how computers have changed since the CDC 6600 he learned on in 1969 to the cell phone from 2014 – and yet, how they are still the same.*

## Joanne's Day

Joanne is keeping busy with day-to-day obligations such as caring for Andrew, planning and/or preparing dinner for our household of five, laundry, bills, and secretarial duties such as accounting, report writing, car insurance, and ministry activities. One day last week she accompanied a group of ladies to an elderly home to clip finger and toe nails and to treat open wounds. This week she is preparing treat bags for 15 church ladies who will be departing at 4am Friday morning for a weekend conference. There never seems to be enough hours in the day to accomplish everything, which she likes because that means she has projects still to look forward to the next day.

## Mama's in Catacamas

We have mentioned that Lisa and Chip Bloecher have moved here in as missionaries. Lisa's program (Las Mamás en Catacamas) to help single mothers is proceeding - now having 4 locations for teaching and distribution of food. Dwight is teaching an Introduction to Computers class for five of them and their children at the storefront location about 10 blocks from our house.

## Prayers

Thank you for your prayers for the Saenz family and for our travel. Please continue to pray for our residency status.

Love, Dwight and Joanne Tomkins



*Maritza's wall*



*Maritza's bathroom area*