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Scripture of the Month

"Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Psalms 36:5



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Ministry News

In August, we wrapped up our summer team season. We hosted 11 back-to-back groups. We were super busy, but it was an incredibly gratifying experience. We are so thankful for all the people who came to serve at the Abraham Project. So much was accomplished, and many lives were touched by God's love through each person who served sacrificially. "¡Gracias!" to each of our incredible teams!

On a side note, our son Caleb came for a speedy visit the first week in September. He came for a week specifically to renew his Costa Rican residency, as did the rest of the boys (*Stephen, Sr, Steve, Jr., and Luke*). Thankfully, everything has now been streamlined and we don't have to stand for endless hours in long lines at Immigrations. The process went relatively smoothly - no hassles along the way. Their residency cards should be ready for pick up soon. During that week, we took a couple of days and went to the beach as a family, minus one (*Bethany*). We've learned that it's important to carve out time, here and there, with the gang every so often. It was a good get away and we're looking forward to the next time we see each other!

As you may know, we are gearing up to begin construction on Phase II. We have already begun looking ahead at how we are

going to manage the finances once the two additional children's homes are completed and in operation. We are still more than a year out, but we think it is wise to get a good head start.

We are confronted with the task of raising additional funding for the new homes (a grand total of \$144K per year, which is an additional \$12K per month) to successfully operate the children's homes. This amount includes all living expenses for the children, salaries for house parents and housemaids, full-time salaries for the administrator and the psychologist, utilities, security, emergencies, and more. We receive no financial help from the Costa Rican government and rely solely on donations locally and internationally.

We have reached a point where we are now looking for new ministry supporters. We are searching for folks who can be instrumental in helping us reach our goal. In short, we need YOU! Thank you for taking this into consideration, as we initiate this new phase. It would be a privilege to have you come alongside and be a part of what God is doing here at the Abraham Project. God blesses a cheerful giver.

Proverbs 21: 26 " the righteous gives and does not spare."

Stephen, Georgiana, & Luke

Full House!



On August 7th, we received a rambunctious trio. Cameron, Naomi, and Dominic exhibited some nervous anxiety about coming to the Abraham Project. They are the products of a neglectful mother who left them alone for long periods of time. We know that God has brought them here for a reason, and we trust He will fill the void in their hearts. Please pray for this trio as they adjust to their new surroundings and that they will sense the love of Jesus in this place.

Children's Homes News!

With the arrival of our newest siblings, we want to share some very exciting news. We are celebrating the arrival of the 100th child to the Abraham Project Children's Homes! While we all know that God's faithfulness is immeasurable, we cannot help but be overcome with emotion as first-hand witnesses to His provision for the children. It is hard to believe that just thirteen years ago, we received the first four children into our home – doubling our family overnight. As we look back on the years, we realize how God has had His hands not only on us, but also on each child who we have been privileged to minister to. We thank God and give Him glory!!!

Currently through adoption, our children can be found all over the world – Italy, Spain, Germany, Costa Rica, and the United States. We know that as they grow, they carry the seed of God's love that was sown into their hearts.

In September, there was a Latin American reunion hosted by Lifeline Children's Services (*the adoption agency in the*

U.S. that facilitates international adoptions). It was in Birmingham, AL and several families were in attendance. Lifeline has facilitated the adoptions of a number of our children with Christian families. There were 7 families who had adopted children from Costa Rica. It was a "mini" reunion of sorts. Gathered in the photo are some of the children that used to live here at the Abraham Project.



"mini" reunion



Ian and Kelsey with Aliza, Zhion and Lion

Last time, we shared that Aliza, Lion, and Zhion had been matched with a family! Well, on September 14th, after 2 months of waiting, the children met their parents for the very first time! Ian & Kelsey are a young couple who have taken on the challenge of adopting this sweet trio. Thankfully, during the initial stage of getting to know one another, all things have been a "Go!" Zhion (*the toddler*) has acted up a bit, but nothing out of the ordinary. Pray for them as they await their hearing with the judge, as this can be a stressful time. And pray that this new family will adjust to doing life together.

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