



Happy Holidays! Shopping is not something our children are experienced in, unless it's to Supermaxi, the local supermarket. Usually a mall is for an outing, where we enjoy a little window shopping and practice going up and down on the escalators. Thanks to the immense generosity of our donors, FHC very rarely has to buy clothing for the children. In early December, with three Christmas parties scheduled at Jessica and Julieth's school, we surveyed the hand-me-down three-year old dresses hanging in the closet. Yes, it was time to go shopping! (We knew we had the budget to go dress-shopping thanks to the girls' generous sponsors! Thank you!)

Jessica, Julieth and Melinda started out on a Friday afternoon, picking up Daniela and Matias, our daughter-in-law and grandson who are in Quito for the holidays, and drove to a local mall where we found the perfect store, with the perfect party dresses.

Do you remember what it is like to watch a little girl absolutely enthralled with her reflection in the mirror while she twirls around in her white chiffon dress? And how about the smile that breaks out on your face when you watch a little girl fascinated with the

petticoats sewn into her dress so she feels like a princess? Enjoy the photos we snapped of Jessica, above left, and Julieth, at right, while doing some serious shopping that included a dress, tights, sweater and shoes. We then topped off the afternoon with an ice cream cone, and enjoyed looking at the Christmas decorations and the artificial waterfall in the mall.



The funniest thing happened on the way to the mall: Julieth and Jessica found a bag of dog biscuits shaped like bones that had been left in the van for hungry street dogs. Fascinated with their hard texture, shapes and colors, the girls couldn't resist, and to my shock, I discovered them sampling the dog biscuits (yes, they had just finished lunch at FHC). After my shock turned to laughter, we all laughed and decided that there was really nothing terribly non-nutritional or unhygienic about nibbling on dog biscuits, (at left). The next day, the Tías asked Julieth and Jessica about their shopping trip, and complimented them on their beautiful new dresses. "And did Señora Melinda treat you to a meal or snack while you were shopping?" they asked. "Oh yes," Julieth informed in her sweet little voice, "**dog bones!**"

The Matching Fund Grant has reached its goal! We would like to thank all who have contributed to our Matching Fund Grant – our goal has been reached! "Matching Funds" of over **\$40,000** have been received. We thank God and all of our supporters! From all of us at FHC, we thank the three families for their generosity in matching the first \$30,000 that was sent in by our donors! For His Children cannot thank you all enough for your support. May God bless you.

Happy news came our way in November and December with the adoptions of **Mario** (2 ½) and **Abram** (3 ½). No children were more ready to leave FHC and join their forever families than these two precious boys.

Abram's new parents are Raúl and Matilde (at right), an Ecuadorian couple in their mid-40's who have been married 20 years. Raúl has a family shoe-making business near Latacunga, and Matilde is a homemaker and helps distribute the factory's production during the week. There were tears and thrills when they met their new son for the first time. Abram, usually not at a loss for words, was nervous and emotional at the first meeting, despite being prepared for three or four days beforehand by our psychologist, Alexandra. When Melinda entered the preschool where Abram and his parents were meeting for the first time, he boldly announced, "TIA MELINDA! MIS PAPIS!" The look on his face said it all. After a few days of getting to know his new parents, he was ready to leave FHC. He packed his little suitcase his parents gave him and put it by the door. He could hardly sit still through his farewell party. Afterwards, he gave all his "siblings" at the Faith House a big hug, took his Dad and Mom's hands and walked down the street, looking back only once. That was December 1st. The family will return to FHC in the New Year for a reunion and the presentation of Abram's "Life Book", the story of his three years at FHC.



Mario's parents, Heidi and Jarvis DeGroot (and 3 year old big sister Camryn), together at left, are from Langley, B.C., Canada. Heidi and Jarvis stayed at FHC's Guest Home during the seven week process of their son's adoption, from early October until late November. Heidi is an educator at a Junior High school near their home, and Jarvis a mechanical engineer. Big sister Camryn is pretty happy with her new brother. They got along very well during the almost two months of living in Ecuador, but all were more than ready to head home to Canada when the final papers were completed. Congratulations to both families, and please keep them in your prayers.



Two little ones arrived last week: **Javier Sandoval**, born November 23, 2006, (at left getting ready to leave the hospital on December 5th) was sent to FHC from the government Maternity Hospital. His mother has two other small children, and lives in the outskirts of Quito, but left a false address. Little **Evelyn**



(above right) was born in May 2006, and arrived at FHC in the arms of a police officer after she was left by her mother at her place of employment. The owner of the house cared for Evelyn for about ten days, and then brought her to the police. Evelyn's birth mother left only a short letter explaining her decision to leave her daughter behind. Evelyn arrived at FHC on December 8th. Both children are healthy and adjusting well to their new home.

Extreme Makeover Home Edition at FHC? What's taking place in our FHC Guest Home is pretty close to an Extreme Makeover! The Guest Home is getting a sparkling, colorful and stylish new look! With the funds collected from Mission Teams that have visited FHC over the past two years, as well as a generous gift from Melinda's sister and her husband, Leslie Maxwell and Rob Sckalor, an updated new look is taking place in the home, with new tile and flooring, and new furniture in the living room. Carpets and curtains are being cleaned, bathrooms are being remodeled and are being given a fresh new look. Leslie's talents as a professional Interior Designer are transforming a 30 yr. old home into a new, comfortable and colorful place for our visiting groups and adoptive families. Thank you, Les and Rob, and to our teams whose visits to FHC have brought us many blessings.

The weather was cloudy, cold and windy at dawn on Monday, October 2, but with the temperatures reaching the upper 50's later in the day, the **First Annual For His Children Golf Tournament** at Sierra Star in Mammoth Lakes, California was underway. Dean and Leah, (FHC Board members), and their children, Paden and Micah, organized the event that attracted a small but enthusiastic bunch of 30 golfers out to play on the beautiful greens of Sierra Star. After raffling over 50 prizes (cool Ecuadorian art and sculpture), course sponsorships, raffle ticket sales, and the income from green fees, over \$10,000 was raised. It was an amazing day, and a very successful fund-raiser considering the weather, the small number of golfers, and the fact that this was the Rosnau family's first time organizing a golf tournament! Our thanks to the Rosnaus and to all in the California Eastern Sierra community who helped make this fund-raising event a success.

Let's begin building FHC-Latacunga! As you have followed in our past newsletters, the property in Latacunga has been purchased, and now has a wall, gate and guard house completed. It's time to move forward to begin building the home. FHC Board member Dean Rosnau has drawn up some beautiful plans for the 10,000 sq. ft. home, which consists of two floors. See the First Floor plan and the elevation drawing of the lovely (proposed) home which are attached as pages 5 and 6.

The First Floor/First Phase: two large play areas, dining room and kitchen, pantry, laundry area, five bedrooms, three baths, offices, and storage area.

The Second Floor/Second Phase: bedrooms and living areas for children or visiting teams, long-term volunteers and visitors.

FHC has a big task ahead– to raise the funds, engineer the plans, find the perfect project contractor/project manager, recruit the construction team, and that's just the start! Some good news is that FHC-Latacunga can continue renting the current home at the same monthly rent for another year while the new home is built.

We invite you to join us as we officially open the **“Latacunga Building Fund”**. Please prayerfully consider participating with us on this project in the coming year. We would like to acknowledge the financial commitments made to this project in various special ways, as described below, with a verse that seemed especially appropriate:

1. Blessings - A contribution of up to \$1,000 will be recognized in the “Book of Blessings”, a leather-bound registry that will be permanently displayed in the Living Room of the home. *“I will give in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name, better than “sons and daughters”; I will give them an everlasting name which shall not be cut off.” Isaiah 56:5*

2. Pathway – A gift of \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be remembered by engraving the donor's name on a paving stone leading to the main entrance of the home. *“Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence there is fullness of joy.” Psalm 16: 10,11*

3. Cornerstone... To remember a gift of \$5,000 and above, the name of the contributor will be engraved on individual fascia stones surrounding the entrance of the home. *“For we are fellow workers for God; we are God's field, God's building.” I Corinthians 3:9*

4. Keystone... a special **“Keystone”** memorial for major gifts has also been arranged.

We gratefully acknowledge that all levels of contribution are critical; the smallest of gifts paves the way for the greatest accomplishments. We would like to honor our donors with these memorials that represent the commitment to build a permanent home for children in Latacunga. **Thank you!**

May we take this opportunity to thank Brent and Joyce Bourdeau, our Ministry Assistants, for their love, caring, hard work and dedication to this ministry. All year long, year after year, they organize and manage the bookkeeping, banking, receipting of donations, correspondence (pause for a breath), proofing reports and newsletters – and this is just a sample of all they do. May God bless them for their faithfulness to FHC and the Vaughns.

From all our staff at FHC: **Verónica Rodríguez**, Administrator; **Cecilia Salinas**, Social Worker; **Alexandra Arroyo**, Psychologist; **Pilar Rodríguez**, Administrative Assistant; **Marlene Bracho**, Accounting Assistant; **Alfredo Verdesoto**, Guard; and all our Tías and all the children at FHC-Quito and FHC-Latacunga send our very best wishes to you for a **joyful holiday season**. May we all take time to acknowledge deep in our hearts the immense gift that God sent us – Jesus - the reason why we celebrate the season.

Clark and Melinda Vaughn, Directors



At left: A fantastic group of Tías at FHC-Quito pose for a photo: L-R, back row: Isabel, Alicia, Sandra, Myria, Piedad, Marcia, Gladys, Lupe, Fernanda, Maria, Paulina; Front row: Alba, Rosa, Pilar and Maria and Mario.

Below left: Tía Inés Tipán, a VERY important person at FHC-Latacunga- she washes the diapers and all the clothes!

Center: Melinda and Josué, FHC-Latacunga. Right: Lisseth was elected "Queen of Quito" of her school in December!



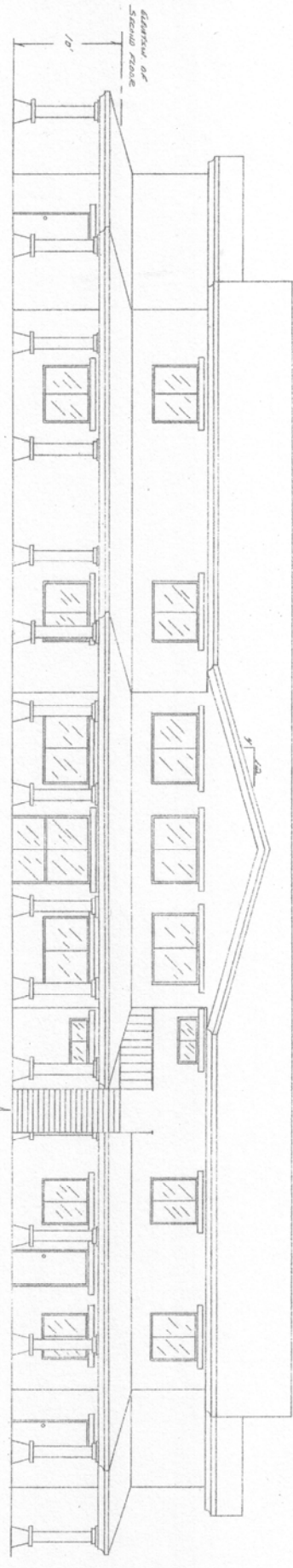
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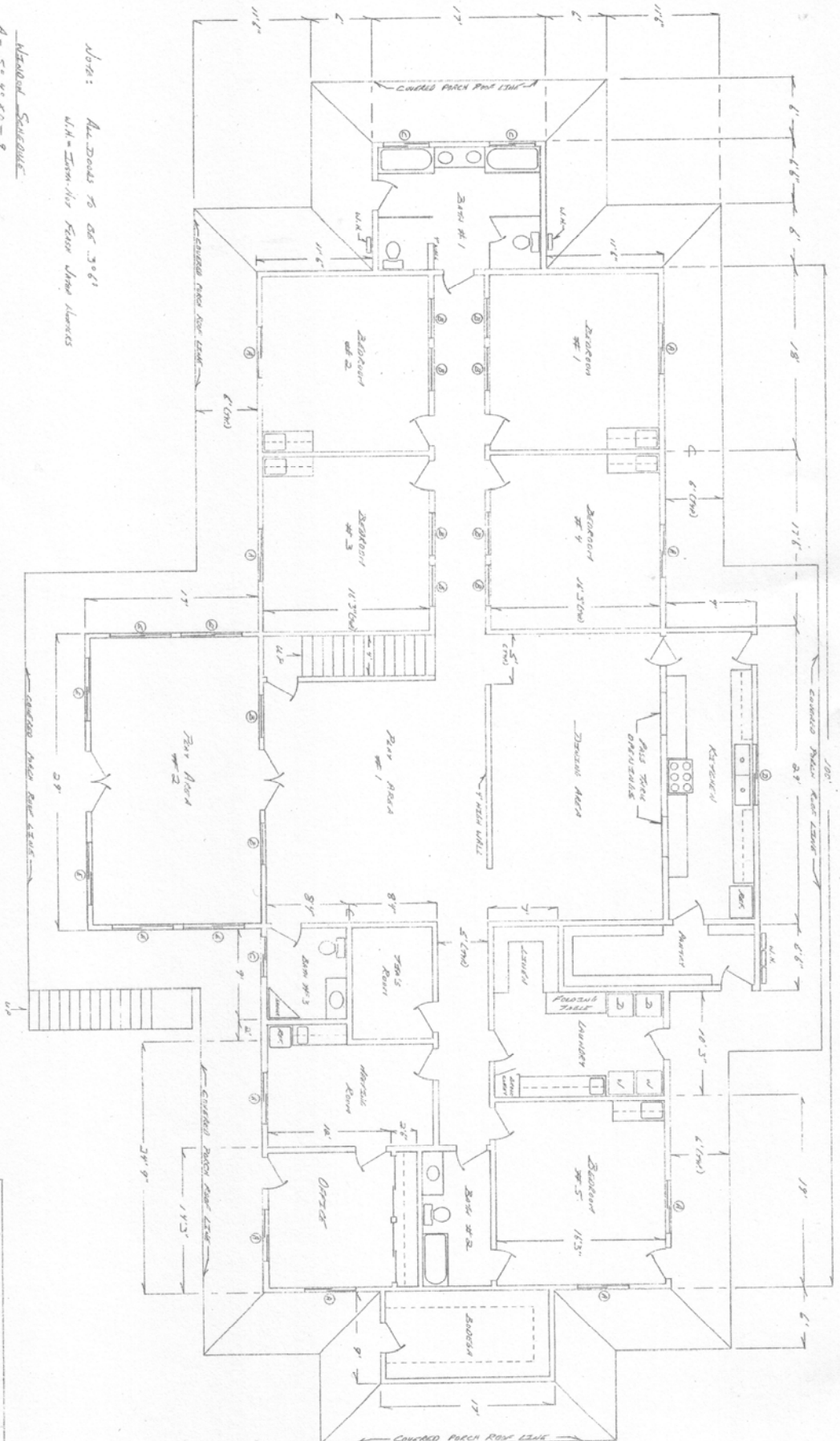


NORTH ELEVATION

CHILDREN'S HOME
AT
FOR HIS CHILDREN
QUETO - LA MICHIGAN
Scale 1/4" = 1'

- HEADLINE SCHEDULE
- A-5' 0" x 10' 0" - 9
 - B-4' 0" x 10' 0" - 10
 - C-4' 0" x 10' 0" - 5
 - D-4' 0" x 10' 0" - 1
 - E-4' 0" x 10' 0" - 6
 - TOILET - 29

Notes: All Doors to be 3'0"
 W.K. - Iron-Nip Floor Shop Sluices



MAIN FLOOR
 5.15.35

CHILDREN'S HOME
 AT
 FOR HIS CHILDREN
 OJITO - LANQUANA
 Scale - 1/4" = 1'