

News from

For His Children A Christian ministry to children in Ecuador

January – February – March 2007

Greetings to all and our *immense* appreciation for your support, caring and prayers.

“Say it with pictures”, the old Kodak motto used to be – and so that’s what we’ve done for our January-February-March newsletter. Enjoy!

At right, Jenny Barrett, of The Village Church of Wellesley, MA, meets six month old Jordan, a new arrival at FHC-Latacunga. Jordan was sent by the courts to FHC in early January because of family problems. Jordan will hopefully be reunited with his birth father very soon.

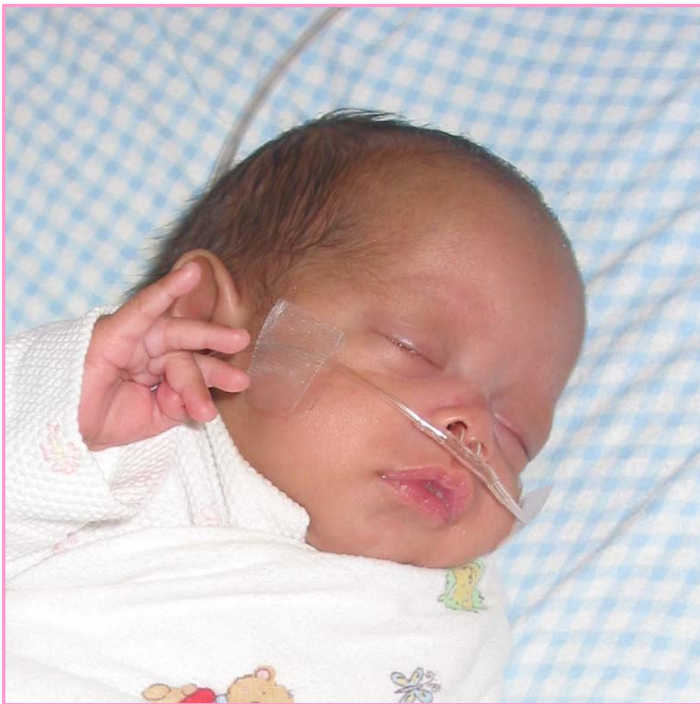


Below left, Tía Mercedes with new arrival Luciana Elizabeth, born in late January and welcomed at FHC-Latacunga March 1. Luciana was found in the Latacunga market, taken by police to the hospital, and arrived at FHC one month later. Elizabeth is doing well.



At right, FHC’s social worker, Cecilia, welcomes Andrés Gaibor, born November 30, at the government Maternity Hospital and welcomed at FHC-Latacunga in December. Andrés is doing well. Out-patient surgery for an inguinal hernia is the only health problem this little one will face soon.





At left, tiny Sofía was born in early November, weighing two pounds at 29 weeks of gestation. One health complication after another (including Hyaline membrane disease) kept her in the Maternity Hospital until February. She continues to require oxygen because of respiratory problems.



At right, Teresa was born on December 17, 2006, in the Santo Domingo Provincial Hospital. After she arrived at FHC in late January, she had to be hospitalized due to hydrocephaly, which necessitated the placement of a valve. She is now home at FHC, and Teresa and Sofia are closely watched by our pediatrician, neurologist, and ophthalmologist. Soon they will have a hearing test added to their schedule of medical exams. Both girls are slowly gaining weight and doing well – little by little!



At left, Tía María serves two week old Victoria her afternoon bottle. Victoria was found in a park in Quito, brought to the hospital and welcomed at FHC in mid March. At right, “Princess” Wilma is once again gracing FHC with her presence!



Wilma was two when she was first welcomed at FHC. She was fortunate to have received the love of an American foster family in Quito for over a year. When the family’s

plans changed, Wilma returned to FHC-Quito. She is now five, and is doing well - under the circumstances. Her future could still include adoption if the right family can be found. Please keep Wilma in your prayers.



Partings are very difficult when a child dies. Nancy, at left, 11 months, died in late December at FHC after suffering cardiac arrest. Nancy was severely challenged, having been born with a very small brain. Doctors were amazed she survived almost a year. We miss her so much!

At right, In mid December Luis Miguel was reunited with his mother after spending seven months at FHC-Latacunga. She calls often and says he is doing well.



At right, while on a trip in early February, Clark and Melinda visited newly adopted Nataly, 4, and her mom, a special friend of FHC, Joyce Bowie, in St. Petersburg, FL. Joyce prayed and God answered - Nataly now has a mom who loves her dearly! Congratulations to this wonderful, new family!



At left, Jim and Martha Mikula family of MN met Irma in February. Big sister Ruby (in red), and brother Jimmy, joined by their Aunt Beth (in front), bonded with Irma from the start. In late March Irma will finally

take that long-awaited flight home to the US. Please keep the new Mikula family in your prayers.



At left, The Fairlawn Church of Apple Creek, OH blessed FHC during their visit in late December. Team leaders Roger and Kim Yoder and their hardworking group are shown here with six of the wagons they MADE for FHC. Thank you all for your energy and support!

Below right, in February, members of The Village Church of Wellesley, MA, led by team leader Mike Paddock, joined us for ten days. They painted, repaired all sorts of broken things

at FHC, and really enjoyed the children. *Gracias* to our dear friends from The Village Church!



A small but mighty energetic group from The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Alexandria, MN accompanied us during ten days in March (above left). They didn't seem to mind spending their hard-earned vacations holding babies and constructing lots of useful furniture for FHC-Latacunga. Thank you, team leader Lisa Meyer and friends!

And thank you to all our supporters. FHC is blessed to be able to count you as friends.

Sincerely,

Clark and Melinda Vaughn - Directors

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