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Greetings

The summer passed quickly, and the angels were blessed in so many ways! Many of you had a role in that success - mission teams, construction helpers, visiting child sponsors, and donors, just

to name a few. Thank you for sharing your time and treasure!

What's next? Children eagerly anticipate school; nervous adults anticipate hurricane season!



Angels Update

All of our angels advanced to the next grade in school. We were especially proud of Chanti, who had the highest grade point last year: 10.0 of 10.0. She is shown in the first photo.

Many have asked about our schooling plans for Marcelina (middle photo). The Mexican public school system will not mainstream a deaf child like Marci. We are investigating the private school options that might accept her. She has demonstrated considerable mental acuity based on the private tutoring in sign language that she started earlier in the year.

Briceida (bottom photo) is one of our most athletic children. This summer she played on the winning state soccer team from Cozumel for her age bracket. That team then played in a national tournament. The national tournament was held near Mexico City, so Briceida took her first airplane flight and spent a week with her team. She represented us well. Briceida has also been invited to play on a National All Star team.

Our angel, Isaura, turned 15 years old this summer. She celebrated her quinceñera (a special birthday party) with her sponsors, the Todd Stewart family. The sponsors served with the East Cobb Mission Team. Isaura is shown on the next page attending the event with her *special* siblings.

Many of you commented on how well our former angel, Socorro, is functioning as a "mama" and member of the Ciudad

de Ángeles staff. Socorro indeed has a special gift working with children, and we are pleased that she has chosen to remain with us.

A dramatic change this summer has been the amount of English being spoken by our children. Dana Grove, of the A&M congregation, developed a special English as a second language (ESL) curriculum for the Mission Teams to implement. We also hoped to increase the Spanish of our visiting teams. Our last group, Brooks Avenue from Raleigh, NC, tested the progress. We are pleased to report that overall the angels (and their teachers) received a AAA rating in our measurements.

We reported in our last newsletter that Dulce, who turned 18 years old about a year ago, had chosen to leave the home. Dulce continued with her studies this spring and completed her high school examinations. She participated in the graduation ceremonies at the end of the year and is currently working at a local day care facility. Dulce is considering attending university.

Ciudad de Ángeles is very close to 100% sponsorship coverage for all children. Unfortunately, children will not be added this summer, as the uncertainty of our electrical supply continues (read below). We do not believe it is wise to add to the stress of the staff until reliable power is available.



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Attend a Celebration Dinner

In 2010, several hundred friends of Ciudad attended our *Fiesta*. A great time was had and almost \$30,000 was donated for the next house. Several could not join us because of the travel distance to Atlanta. This fall, regional dinners will be held instead. Events are planned for Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Minnesota, North Carolina, Colorado, and New Jersey.

These celebrations will communicate the vision of the future of Ciudad de Angeles with as many people as possible. The dinners will be a time for volunteers to share their stories, celebrate the successes, and spread the word with other people who are interested in learning more about the orphanage and our vision. Contact us for details.



Construction Update

Construction continues on the campus at a steady pace. The Mission Teams successfully completed the 1st floor of the Resource Building. These rooms were a great activity area for the Mission Teams. As school begins, this building will become a library, study hall, enrichment center, and crafts area. Work has begun on the 2nd floor to become a general storage area.

our new security gates. Work will begin on the wall for the unfinished portion of the property soon.

Slow progress is being made on approvals for a permanent power line, but it is unlikely to be installed this year. Construction on the 5th house will likely begin later this year.

If you would like to join our next construction team, we would like to hear your interest and preferred dates. Contact us soon!

The teams also completed the security wall. Tim Petty is shown painting one of

**Command those who are rich in this present world . . . to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share . . . so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.
I Tim. 6:17-19**



Mission Team Applications

Nine mission teams served Ciudad de Angeles this summer. Team members, Ciudad staff, and most importantly the angels, agree that this was "the best summer ever". It was the first year for two teams - Eastside from Colorado Springs, CO, and Station Camp, from the Nashville, TN area. Three autumn teams will round out our year. Thanks to all these great volunteers.

Our Mission Team Coordinators were led again this summer by James and Gay Maclaskey (shown upper left), and included Allen and Debbie Nichols, Melaney Cost, and Laura Klapheke. They did an awesome job!

Planning for 2012 is well under way! If you want to send a mission team to Cozumel, you need to act quickly, as the preferred dates are filling fast.



Opportunities to Serve

There are many ways to serve the children in Mexico. We have several week-long mission and construction teams working on site each year. However, there are many ways to support us without ever coming to Mexico. Please visit our website to see what other volunteers are doing to help.

nonprofit and your donation is tax deductible. Many employers will match your contributions. In many regions, your United Way donation may be designated to the orphanage.

Check out our Facebook Group (*Ciudad de Angeles, Inc.*), and we are on Twitter at *angelstweeting*. We look forward to sharing our vision with you.

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