

Emmanuel Ministries

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Dear Friends,

What a privilege to serve the Lord by showing His love every day. We find ourselves feeling sad as we look around our almost empty buildings. Most of our children are away on summer vacation with relatives and friends. The whole hill is pretty quiet, only the sound of our intercom system can be heard with worship music playing. We have 10 children who are from Child Protection Services and have no relatives to take them. We have made it a point



to make these slow days fun and meaningful for them. With the help of all our staff, our interns and



friends our little group of kids have gone to the circus, the pool, the movies, the park, on picnics and they have enjoyed a lot of one on one attention from everyone. We thank the Lord for them and for you, for it is through your help that we are able to provide a Home for these 10 who would otherwise have nowhere to go. Thank you for your prayers, your love, your support and encouragement, thank you for being part of Emmanuel!

I have the wonderful opportunity to work with people who believe in making a difference. Every day a group of a couple of dozen staff come to work at Emmanuel (during the school year we have teachers, too) in many different areas but with the same heart. They want to make our children's lives better and believe we are investing in their future. Each day we ask the Lord to use us to be vehicles of His love and give us the desire and ability to do our work with excellence. I have asked people from our staff and our interns to share their heart with you. In the following weeks, you will read about what the Lord is doing at Emmanuel from different staff members from Emmanuel. I pray their stories bless you as much as they bless me.

I will take advantage of this opportunity and share my heart. Ulises is a young man who works with us running errands and helping our maintenance crew. He is 23 years old and is looking for God's guidance in his life. He has a heart of service but feels a little lost at times. Ulises comes from a broken home and has very difficult family relationships, he feels his family is at Emmanuel and we try to be there for him. I found out a couple of days ago that Ulises was taking Luis Angel, one of our 10 children I mentioned earlier who is 6 years old, to buy tennis shoes and get a hair cut. Ulises does not make very much, and vet

