

## News from back home

Julie's father has been very ill once again and was in and out of hospital, Praise the Lord he is now out and although he is very weak and the hospital has told him he will be in and out on a regular basis we thank God that he is home and improving. However, this is one reason why we are praying about returning for Christmas this year.

## Planned visit to the UK

Prayerfully we are returning for Christmas if we can raise the finances. Should anyone want us to speak at their churches then they can email me us on: **fawcettplus3@aol.com** I am hopefully going to stay on for 3-4 weeks therefore we / I will be available between 3rd January - 4th February 2010 to try and gain some new supporters, both for the project and for our family.

### Planned Giving

#### If you pay tax:

Ian and Julie have engaged the expertise of Stewardship, a UK Christian charity specialising in tax-effective giving by the Gift-Aid scheme. If you wish to give regularly or to make a one-off donation to Ian and Julie, you will need to complete a Stewardship form in order for them to claim back the extra 28% tax. You can download the form directly from the Stewardship website [www.stewardship.org.uk](http://www.stewardship.org.uk) or you can request the form by email to [enquiries@stewardship.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stewardship.org.uk) or by telephone on 08452 262627. Once finalised, Stewardship will provide prompt written confirmation of your gift.

#### If you do not pay tax:

Stewardship do not handle any gift which does not attract Gift-Aid payment. If you wish to make a regular or one-off gift to Ian and Julie, please make a cheque payable to Christ Church (the sending church) and send to Carol Thomas, 35 Fairfield Road, Hull, HU5 4QX. Tel: 01482 443649.

#### Further information on all forms of giving:

If you wish to give to the Casa Hogar Project or require information about sponsoring children or adults, please contact Carol Thomas (details above).

If you can help in any of the following ways it would be greatly appreciated. Circle Yes or No to the following possibilities and post the piece below the line to receive the relevant information needed. Post to: Carol Thomas 35 Fairfield Road, Hull, HU5 4QX.

Pray for the family and receive regular prayer letters	YES	NO		
Support the family on a regular monthly basis	YES	NO	Amount (£	)
Support the project on a regular monthly basis	YES	NO	Amount (£	)
Give a one off donation to the family	YES	NO	Amount (£	)
Give a one off donation to the project	YES	NO	Amount (£	)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a tax-payer? YES NO

**Please note: Cheques should be made payable to 'Christ Church'. Please indicate on the back of the cheque whether your donation is for the Casa Hogar Project or for a contribution to the Fawcett family.**

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Above: Casey, Loren, Julie and Ian Fawcett  
Left: Ian distributing food to a local community

## Seasons Greetings from Honduras

**The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children then we are heirs - heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order we may also share in his glory. Romans 8 v 16 & 17.**

This last month has been a mixture of blessings and sadness; we will start with God's blessings.

As you may be aware the political situation has been unstable for some time now, but praise God, it is improving, and we are no longer under curfew. Later this month, we will have the elections for which there has been much prayer and we consequently feel peaceful about the situation.

Ian's health continues to improve, Praise the Lord. We are now able to make the trip to see his consultant in

the capital, and obtain his medication. During the curfew's this became increasingly difficult.

Julie has undergone surgery to her mouth twice in the last two weeks, and has experienced a lot of pain. She may not have seen this as a blessing, however, we are thankful that the pain has now sub sided.

Casey would like to study architecture, and now realises, that sustained hard work is necessary to achieve the grades he will require. His school results continue to improve, he appears more settled in school,



Loren sings her first solo at church

and enjoys playing volley ball for the school team. He recently celebrated his 16th birthday, on the 16th November in true Casey style, lots of smiles and fun.

Loren continue to excel at the university where she is studying psychology, she loves her classes and has made some very strong friendships. She is actively involved in the many ministries of the church, here she is singing solo for the first time a few weeks ago in the new church auditorium.

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## The first children's home is completed at Casa Hogar



We recently had a team from two churches from the UK staying with us, and they were a true blessing. They helped with many tasks, including the completion of the first children's home in Casa Hogar, we miss them very much. The highlight of their trip being the baptism of Dave, one of the team members.

Left: The team and Pastor Giovanni.

## Lives are being transformed!

Many know the Ortez family story, this was probably one of the worst cases of misery we have witnessed whilst being here...

God through the local church of GCLA has built them a new home and provided beds, table and chairs and various other items, Yaisara a eight year old who is infected and who is great fun made us laugh

because throughout all she asked for was cornflakes, her dream was fulfilled when we took her some!



From this...



To this...



To a new family home!

## Hearts of stone - a challenge

26,575 children die each year, usually due to things that can be prevented but are caused by the poverty they live in. 26,575 is a statistic, which takes away their stories, personalities and cheapens the value of each child, created in the image of God. (Richard Sterns, World Vision).

This we experienced in the death of a young girl called Kadi Paola. Kadi was a bright young fifteen year old who was unfortunate to be born with the HIV virus. She had many problems with her health but through it all she studied hard and her dream was to become a teacher, sadly Kadi never lived to fulfil this dream. We found out she was in hospital whilst

visiting another family, the hospital is not the best of places and due to the lack of medication in Choluteca we had to send by bus to Tegucigalpa for the things she needed, however the TB she had contracted really took a hold, Ian was there with her throughout her last moments. Kadi had accepted Christ around two weeks before her death, Ian had the privilege to be able to pray with her minutes before her death and she seemed to find peace in God. The death of Kadi impacted us all, we have had many death's only last week (5th Nov) we had another but Kadi was different we all found it hard to distance ourselves from the situation before her death.



Keydi with her Grandmother.

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## Pause for thought

Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless. Maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Receive the weak and the needy. Deliver them from the hand of the wicked. **Psalm 82 v 3-4.**

Statistics allows us to feel sorry for the many even distance our selves from them. But as Christian's we must be aware of the hardening of our hearts Ezek 11 v 19. We must pray to God to change our hearts into flesh, let each one of the children in the 26,575 be personal to us as they are God, like our own children are to us.

If we could do this then we would surely grieve deeply in our spirits-we would weep for their parents and we would respond with far greater urgency.

Our prayer this Christmas and onward is below:

**" Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God"!**

Bob Pearce World Vision.



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Wishing you all a happy Christmas and thank you for your prayers and ongoing support!

## Prayers and Praise

- Thanks to God for giving us the privilege to serve Him here in Choluteca.
- Thanks to God for putting us in the path of new people who are infected and need help.
- Thanks to God that the political situation appears close to being resolved.
- Thanks to God that the children are doing well with their studies.
- We are praying that we can return to the UK for Christmas (the first in four years) please pray that God provides all that we need to make this happen.
- For God to continually bless Casa Hogar Vida.
- That the team is able to glorify God in all it does.
- That our support levels increase.
- For continued good health for our family, we have many minor problems please pray they cease.
- That the fellowship which Ian runs in Casa Hogar continues to grow and God gives all of us the Spanish we need to teach.

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