

Valle Hermoso Children's Home Update

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Dear Valle Hermoso Web page readers.

In our last letter we told you about our new swings. Guess: How long did the new swings stay unoccupied? Here you can see how great they turned out!



Who can swing the highest?

After so much use, the metal connection began to wear! It is difficult for the children to wait while the swings are fixed, but they are developing a new appreciation for the swings while they wait!



Do you see my smile?

On July 10, all the children went on an excursion to the children's park in the city. We brought sandwiches and sodas with us. After so much playing in the park, we got hungry and thirsty! We sat down and had a good lunch break. After that, we played and played and played! We brought the camera with us so that we could share our day at the park with you!



Come with us to drive a car!



Happy passengers!



Pedrito in a hole.



After our successful day, we packed our backpacks and drove home. In the picture above, you can see how we drove home - 17 people in a little car - everything is possible in Bolivia! ☺

On July 3 we had a visit from some friends in Norway who became *padrinos* (godparents) of four children. This means they have committed to financially support these children for a year. Thanks to the Lord! You can see the big party they prepared for us in the picture below. We had a cake, several flavors of ice cream, potato chips and a lot of soda. The dining room was also decorated with colored balloons. It was fantastic!



The children keep asking, "When will they come back again?" They liked it so much.

As a thank you from the children to our friends, they prepared a show: a choreographed dance by Norma, Sandy and Maiver, a song, "Un Lugar Celestial" (A Heavenly Place) sung by Shirle and a nice number by all the Valle Hermoso children. Margarita (the VH Administrator) finished the show with a thank you first to God and then to our new friends.

In our next newsletter, we will tell you what happened on Friendship Day (July 23) at the Children's Home and what happened during winter vacation this year.

With Best Regards,

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