

New Hope for Children



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³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 1:3

Dear Friends,



Merry Christmas everyone on behalf of our 200 strong Bogota family! And our UK trustees... what an amazing Saviour we have, He is the radiance of God! In December, celebrating our Saviours birth in everything we do, there will be baking thousands of Christmas Cookies, making two hundred Gingerbread Houses, organising hundreds of presents, Humanitarian Aid to help needy communities, school year-end closing ceremony, school graduation ceremony, four outings to see Christmas lights, Nativity Street Evangelism, and to finish it all off the main Christmas celebration.... it's a lot of work, and totally worth it to see radiant smiles on the faces of our children as we celebrate Jesus' birthday. Over the past months we have seen God's favour in many things which I want to share, and we give thanks to God for seeing lives, whom had been affected by hard and difficult situations, have now been transformed by His goodness.... as Joseph said to his brothers:

²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done.

The saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20

Just recently we reflected on God's favour in the lives of two of our girls "D" and "A" as they had their 15th and 16th birthdays and can see how God transformed harm for good through His great favour. We met these girls on a medical mission in 2004 and the Mum was asking for help. "D" was 5 months old, weighing just 6 lbs, and "A" was 17 months old, weighing just 10 lbs, both severely malnourished and with lungs full of smoke from the open wood fire in their shack where they cooked the little food they had. Our apartment in the Genesis House became the emergency medical centre as we gave them very much needed nebulisers helping to clear their lungs, other medicines, special baby milk to help them gain weight and of course lots of cuddles and many prayers.... we got to be part of God's miracle as another life was saved. They are both doing well, see their Mum regularly, and this December "A" will graduate from high school, the gift of an education that transforms futures. God's favour is clearly evident.



We have helped with Humanitarian Aid and Evangelism in many very poor neighbourhoods in the south of the city where the homes are made from corrugated metal and have dirt floors. On one of those missions we met a family who had been displaced and came to Bogota due to the violence in their home town and began to help them. After a time, the Mum asked if we would consider receiving three of her boys to live at the Exodus House. When "J" arrived, he had learned that the only way to move ahead in life was aggression and would act violently, he had little ability to express himself appropriately, was way behind in his education, and when we hugged him he would stand like a soldier at attention. Well, God has been transforming his heart over more than two years, now he has the ability to control his emotions, to resolve situations of conflict without violence, to express himself appropriately, is top of his school class! Also he is a member of our evangelism team that teaches many about the love of Jesus. Just a couple of months ago, in a moment of receiving good academic results I gave him a hug and told him "We love you" and for the very first time, he whispered in my ear "I love you too." I had tears in my eyes, as I remembered how "J" had been when he arrived and looked at how he is today.... thank you God for a great victory!



Favour has truly been over the new building project the "Blessings Building." From this place, blessings will truly flow that will not only bless all of our children in Bogota, and in addition a whole nation through Humanitarian Aid and Evangelism. Here are a few of the miracle of provision that have taken place:

New regulations have required us to purchase a lift. The supplier in Colombia on visiting us offered immediately his lowest price which then went lower as the owners of the company agreed to sell at cost price. They called the supplier in China who also agreed to sell at cost price, and the miracle was complete when our contacts in the Presidency gave



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us the permission to import the lift free of importation taxes. This great miracle achieved us our lift at 40% of the original price, Praise God.

We were needing 1,200m² of heavy duty, non-slip floor tiling for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors. Just a couple of months back one of the suppliers called to tell me "Richard, something has happened that I have never seen before, the floor tiles that you liked were put on discount of 50% from head office, for four days only!" This was another huge miracle; God made the provision and we went and made the purchase. A couple of weeks later the tiles arrived..... three lorries full!!



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God always gives his miracles in full, and we began to think about tile installation which was going to cost at least £12,000.00 for the three floors. Joel, a friend from the USA who had been to Colombia over 15 years ago came to mind, and I remembered him being good at tiling. Joel and his family had always remained in contact with the foundation and on finding his number we gave him a call. Joel answered immediately and told us that the teaching in his church just the day before had been all about taking opportunities to serve the Lord and help others. He called us back ten minutes later, to say that yes he would come to Colombia, and that he now had his own professional tiling company. He told us he would be bringing in his family, and some of his employees, and made the commitment to finish the 1,200m² of tiling installation in November. What an amazing blessing, God is so very good.

God has made a great provision in terms of the volunteer teams that have come to help, some from the UK..... they have completed a huge amount of work on this project, from bricklaying to cement work to electrical work. **Thank You to everyone, to those who have given of their hard work and those who have given financially already..... for truly being a miracle of provision to get this project done!** This Christmas/New Year we dream of getting this building finished and into operation. We are around 85% done.

Praise God that UK Coordinator Christine has continued her great recovery during 2019, and we have also been able to fulfil our need to expand our volunteer UK support team. Ruth Brierley has taken on the planning of Richard's UK speaking calendar and has done an outstanding job.... Thank you Ruth! All enquiries/bookings about speaking engagements, please contact Ruth ruth@newhope4childreuk.org or on the New Hope for Children mobile 07538 887305. Janine Lowe childsponsorship@newhope4childreuk.org is our new sponsorship administrator and Pauline Wallace is providing Christine with administrative assistance. Pauline and Janine many thanks for your important help. All enquiries should continue as normal, info@newhope4childreuk.org, or via the normal telephone numbers, 07538 887305 or 0191 2570313 and calls will be directed to the correct person.



Have you ever considered volunteering at CVII? 4 people are travelling to Bogota Jan 24th – Feb 8th, if you would like to travel at or around the same time, please contact Richard or Christine.

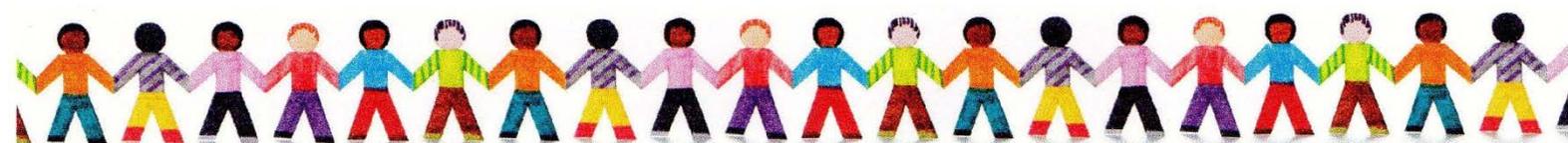


Thank you so very much to all our supporters for your prayers and donations during 2019. It has been a fantastic year, lots of work, many victories and children's lives transformed by God's great favour and power. We look forward to 2020 and all that the Lord has planned. Thank you for helping us do what we love.

Blessings and hugs on behalf of Jeanene and I and the trustees.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Richard and Jeanene Sanderson and our large Bogota family.

Please help our large family to continue forward, praying for and helping take care of all our needs: food, staff wages, medical care, gas, water, electric, telephone, transport, maintenance, school supplies, and new buildings to name but just a few! Please join with us in prayer for the expansion of our UK support base, we are very much looking for new opportunities to glorify God in sharing about our work.



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