

MISIÓN TIMOTEO **Newsletter**

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Dear friends,

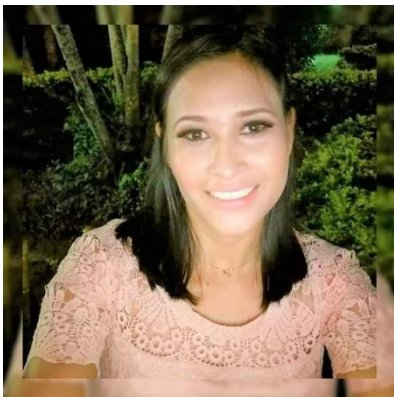
And again, almost two months have passed. Time flies, and so much has happened again in this short period of time Again you have surprised us enormously! Sometimes, I could cheer with gratitude. But I'll try to write down everything in the right order now.

In between the latest newsletters, we asked you for money to buy computers because we noticed that our children were falling behind more and more with their schoolwork. Not *their* fault, but because of the lack of adequate equipment such as computers, which made it impossible to follow the school's zoom sessions. The schools are still closed and all the homework and lessons are given online. The mobile phones from the aunts could not handle all the teaching materials of the various classes. And what did you do? Within a month and a half after our question, we were able to go 'computer hunting'. We could buy everything we needed. Even extra ink and finally a good computer for the office with a new printer.



When everything was bought, we called all the children and aunts together in the large hall. The computers were on the stage. The children were all very quiet and they looked amazed. The principal said that each house would get two computers and that these are not meant for playing games and roaming the world wide web, but only intended for school work. However, kids can of course, do their research for school on the internet. Everyone looked very happy, and flabbergasted too. They never had expected this. You should have seen those faces! Nobody knew that we had asked our supporters for computers. The kids were all very grateful and one of the girls thanked God and all the people that gave money for this, on behalf of the children and the staff. You can find a video of this girl on the Facebook page of Misión Timoteo USA (Mission Timothy / Misión Timoteo) Or click [here](#). Erelong someone will come to show the children how the computers work, and the aunts will also be informed. This will be for them a whole new phase in their work.

Carmen tells



At Misión Timoteo we need a lot of different people to help, guide and take care of the children. One of these persons is Carmen, our psychologist. She has been with us for 4 years now and also trains the aunts. She explains how she experiences her work:

“At Misión Timoteo, in the Redil home, we work with children and teenagers who come from the edges of the society. My experience as a professional in this field is very special. Because these kids are people with a very warm heart. Despite the threats and traumatic experiences these children have faced, they show compassion for others, love by helping each other and the desire to continue to learn what life brings them now at Misión Timoteo. They are children and young people with immensely big hearts, and that makes a big difference in my work. I see that they are motivated to learn new things, and that they are constantly training to develop the inner richness they have until they reached their maturity. Over time, I have seen the great potential these children have for our country (and who knows, even for the whole world!). After all, they are our next generation. I would personally like to thank all of you for helping develop our country. Thank you for contributing in various ways, so Misión Timoteo can continue with this special work in Bolivia. Many thanks! Be confident that God sees your good actions and be assured that you will receive a large compensation. Not just economically, but in many areas, and this will affect your families”.

God bless you,
Carmen Gualachavo Guasinave

Heart breaking

And so, it's never boring here despite the whole covid-19 situation, which has made us very limited in everything in recent months. Just like everyone around the world, by the way. Some countries have more problems than others, but especially here it was - and still is - a huge problem, because of the ignorance of many, the fear and the limited medical possibilities and lack



of finances. The previous president had built hospitals, but they turned out to be completely empty. And when I say "empty", it is *really* empty! And there is no money to change that. This means patients on the ground, poor hygiene facilities and panic in other hospitals and clinics. Really heart breaking situations. Some hospitals closed their doors to the covid patients, others did not allow other sick people in, and people over 65 were not allowed to leave their homes until recently. They couldn't get money from the bank, go for shopping, go to see a doctor alone, see or receive their children, etc. And this is one of the worst things for a Latino: not being able to see the family, the children and grandchildren. Retirement homes are almost non-existent here, which results in many elderly people left without any care. Fortunately, throughout this time there has been a great sense of belonging among Christians here, who have not abandoned their parents or grandparents and often simply took them into their homes.

Personally, I have also experienced a lot of love throughout the past period. Plus, the expansive terrain gave me the opportunity to get plenty of exercise and fresh air. Yes, I felt privileged and grateful. During this period we have also seen a real spiritual growth in the children and their tolerance towards each other grew by the day. It has become clear to us that home-schooling has certainly contributed positively to this. No influence from other children with a different upbringing and way of thinking. So the covid period does not only have disadvantages.

Grateful



I am grateful that God has placed me here and that He gives me new strength and joy every day. Sometimes I felt very alone despite all the children and lovely people around me. But for a few days now I have a puppy "of unknown origin"....! It requires a lot of attention, but I enjoy it.



And I was also able to buy a car, so that I am less dependent and can do my own shopping and visit friends again. I will also take it to Portachuelo, but not all the way to the farm. If you want to go there, you really need a 4x4 and they are ridiculously expensive. That was absolutely not feasible for me. But this car is an automatic, which is a huge advantage in the impossible traffic here. Thank you very much again all who helped me with this!

Postponed but not cancelled

And now a completely different subject: in the previous newsletter I wrote about the upcoming 25th anniversary of Misión Timoteo's children's home. We wanted to celebrate this in early January 2021, but because of the whole covid situation worldwide, we have decided to postpone the party to **April 2021**. Hoping that the people from the Netherlands and the USA, who have been so closely involved in this wonderful work and who would like to come as well, have the opportunity to do so. We would really love it!

I would like to submit a few more prayer points:

1. Please, keep praying for the health of all people and children in the orphanage, daycare center and farm.
2. Also remember the finances of Misión Timoteo. As the end of the year approaches, the financial situation is very uncertain again.

Thank:

1. That we have all been spared here.
2. For the great gift of computers and accessories.
3. That we have always been able to give everyone what is needed.
4. The faithfulness of our Lord and Savior through everything.

Warm greetings also on behalf of all employees here,

Therèse



Padrinos plan:

Sponsor a unit

In the children's home, we have children who all go to school, need daily food, clothing and medical care. These are very vulnerable children and we want to offer them a home.

We are looking for people who sponsor a unit. In each unit up to 10 children live with parents (or two "aunts") that take care for them. In this way, we simulate as best as possible a family situation and we can give these children new opportunities to develop themselves.

The sponsorship amount is USD 28,- per month. Will you join us? Thank you in advance. Are you considering becoming a sponsor?
Please, contact Miranda (see colophon)



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If you want to financially support Therese for her personal livelihood, you can transfer a donation to her private account number NL96RABO 0351185178. Thank you in advance.

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