



Newsletter

December 2021

Dear friends,



I'm walking my last round with Hertha, my dog. We do that every evening, and usually we stop at the house of Jose Miguel and Yaneth. But this time, halfway through, I'm filled with amazement by what I see. A hundred small lights flash along the 5th unit, where 'tia Fanny' now holds sway. And there also appears to be a Christmas tree shining bright with countless colored flashing lights. A beautiful sight on such a dark evening! Of course I'm anxious and take a look over there, just to see that she has done a lot more. The entrance to the house has been

completely changed and has a personal touch with some white gates next to the path and some embellishments. What a nice view, and a great initiative. Until now it was only 'tia Martha' who did this sort of things and made her house really feel like a home for the kids. But now also 'tia Fanny'. A little later I'm standing in front of Jose Miguel and Yaneth's house and there too the lights are flashing. I must admit that I am not so fond of those wildly flashing lights (cultural differences!) but it does look very cheerful. I think now the other units will soon follow with decorating their houses. It's really contagious and to be honest... we could use some encouragement.

At the beginning of December, our general manager Jorge Montoya was diagnosed with covid. He had to be rushed to the hospital, and because there was no space available, he was taken to a private clinic. Hugely expensive, but we had no other option. We pray and hope that when this letter reaches you, we will have better news. It is very exhausting and a lot of work for his daughter Litzy who still lives at home. For Veronica (his wife) and Moises (his youngest son) are also sick. But luckily they can stay at home. On [Facebook](#) we will try to keep you informed. Your prayers for this family are greatly appreciated.



I am extremely grateful that not a single child or aunt got sick. God takes such good care of us all. We really experience this as grace. Manager Jose Miguel is also spared, except for all the extra work that now lands upon his shoulders. I try to help him as much as I can and that is mainly in maintaining all contacts and looking for solutions for the problems that still arise.

Such as a thief, who tried to enter the property last week and the older boys tried to catch him together with Jose Miguel. At such moments they come to get my lantern and inform me. I actually wanted to help too, but Jose Miguel has forbidden me to do so. Oh no, way too dangerous! They didn't catch the thief, but he couldn't steal anything either.

In the meantime the stones and iron for the foundation of the first 50 meters of wall have been purchased. Now only the stones for the construction, the cement and a good bricklayer who does not pull the wool over our eyes. For in the end it is a total of 500 meters, and that is a big job, but it is

really necessary. We are very happy with the response that many of you have given. To all sponsors: thank you very much!



The foundation for the first part of the wall is ready

The holiday season has arrived now and so the 'Zoom' education is over. The government has announced that schools will be back to normal in February. But that remains to be seen...! In any case, the children have all got good grades for their work and exams, and all children can go to the next class. We are very grateful for the aunts, who guided the children with great dedication throughout the Zoom-time. Hats off to the ladies. And especially thanks to God, who gave them the wisdom and patience they needed. At Misión Timoteo we welcomed two new children, whose mother is in prison. Micaela, aged 9, and Jose Daniel, aged 12. Quite a transition for these children, we give them a warm welcome and hope that they will soon feel at home in the Misión Timoteo family.



Studying hard



Micaela



Doing chores, that has to be done... Children take garden waste to the compost heap

Now just a personal note: I am very grateful for being spared the covid, but unfortunately I fell quite hard a while ago. This gave me a bruised tailbone and I suffered from it for a very long time. At first I thought it wasn't that bad and so I just continued with everything at my usual pace, but that turned out not to be very wise. So I had to lay flat all day for a few weeks. Fortunately things are better now. We are never too old to learn 😊.

Soon it will be Christmas, which always brings many visitors from organizations who want to bring gifts and spoil the children. But you will undoubtedly do that in December as well. Do you have any plans for Christmas and New Year's Eve? I'd love to hear from you every now and then. Feel free to send an [e-mail](mailto:altena.therese@gmail.com) or message via Whatsapp. (altena.therese@gmail.com / +59-167709556)

In any case, I wish you all very blessed holidays with all your beloved ones. We are going into the new year with great anticipation and we will continue to tell you regularly about the ins and outs of Misión Timoteo. Thank you for your involvement with us, which you have shown in many ways.

God bless you all. Greetings from all the staff here, who are also grateful for the prayer support and donations they have experienced over the past year.

Warm regards from your 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)



Christmas without snow? Bolivians are very creative and make their own snowman!



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Sponsor a brick

Please, help us to build a wall to protect the Misión Timoteo children and staff. We need a lot of bricks to build this wall. Will you do your part? We would love your support. Any amount of money is welcome. When you transfer money, please mention the word 'Wall'. Bank account nr: see colophon.



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Thank you in advance

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