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GIVING A NEW VOICE TO THE CHILDREN OF GUATEMALA IN ORDER
THAT THEY MAY "PROCLAIM WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE."
PSALM 118:17



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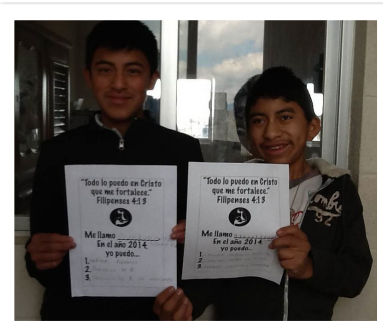
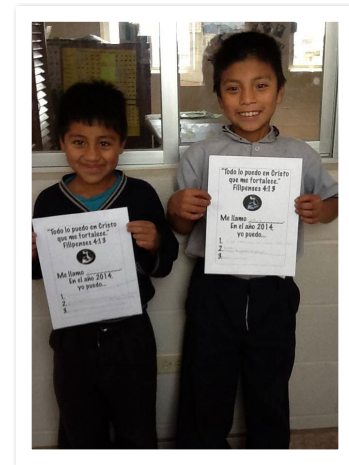
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I CAN DO ALL THINGS

With the beginning of a new school year, I decided to change a few things this year in my speech therapy. One thing I learned from my teaching in the States was that it is important that the children know what goals they are working towards in therapy and in their classes. The children and adults here in Santa Maria are usually not very goal oriented. They think of the here and now and rarely reflect on the future. So, this year, I decided to have the children write their goals out on a sheet of paper with the verse from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." We discussed what a goal is and how God is the one who will help us accomplish these goals and give us the strength to do it. I am reminding them throughout the year of the verse and having them tell me their goals so they remember what they are doing. It has been very successful so far and has made therapy more purposeful for them. Here are some pictures

of my kids with their goal sheets below.



Mothers' Support Group

For those of you who may not have heard, I have been involved in starting a mothers' support group for this school year. The school psychologist and I are leading this group of 16 mothers in an effort to support and disciple these mothers and help them lean on one another for support as well. We are meeting twice a week for an hour in the afternoons.

February 5, we inaugurated our first meeting with fun activities, get to know you games and times of fellowship between the mothers. It was a great success with 12 mothers in attendance. Last week, we watched the movie based on the Max Lucado book *You are Special* and discussed the importance of viewing ourselves and others through God's eyes.

The mothers have been very open in sharing and have shown great interest in attending the meetings. Please join us in prayer for these mothers that God will open their hearts and minds to his love and will for their lives. Also, I need to personally thank the Fairlane church of Christ ladies Bible study class for supporting this group and for the generous donation of the projector.



Prayer Requests

- For the mothers in the support group
- For wisdom for Sandra and I as we lead the group
- I have had several issues with my car and with its paperwork this month. Please pray for resolutions in all of it.
- For all the children at Nueva Vida and their teachers

