



October 16, 2018

We send warm greetings from the Rivas family and all the children. We sincerely hope that the hand of the Lord is on your lives. By the mercy of God, we are celebrating 20 years of ministry at Amazing Grace Children's Home. 20 years have passed quickly, but they have been 20 years of hard work, sacrifice, much responsibility, and by the grace of the Lord we move forward.



More than 800 children have passed through our facilities, and it has only been possible because of each person, each pastor, each church that has contributed in some way to make this project a reality. In doing so, you have become part of this noble institution that spends its time and resources to the care and attention of children with problems of abandonment, orphanage, abuse, and other types of abuse by their own family members. We cannot imagine the profound damage caused to these children.

Our priority is to help these children so that these wounds are healed, using conventional methods, but above all guiding them with the Word of God so that their hearts may be healed. For every little one who enters the Children's Home, I compare it with an empty vessel of which 2 Kings 4:1-6 speaks. These vessels need to be filled with the Holy Spirit of God and this is achieved when they accept and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as the only and sufficient Savior. As long as we have empty vessels, God's provision will keep coming. Let us not get tired of doing good knowing that our work in the Lord is not in vain.

We ask for your prayers for each one of the children of Amazing Grace Children's Home. The last year has not been favorable for our health because both my wife and I have had different illnesses. We ask for your prayers so that the Lord brings healing and time of refreshment to our lives. Because of the limits of our health, it has become necessary to look for additional help. In the last month, we have been able to hire two additional staff to assist with the cooking and cleaning. We are very blessed to have found the help, but need additional support to sustain the expense, which costs about \$700.00 a month.

We thank the Lord for the blessings poured out on the Children's Home through the kind gifts at the Fiesta in August. We thank the many churches and individuals who gave to provide the kind gifts to each of the children, staff, and our family. God has used you to deliver His blessings to us, and to show His love to the children.

All for the Glory of God,

Leonardo & Esperanza Rivas
Amazing Grace Children's Home