

**My Husband**



**Praises:**

- The Lord continues to guide and direct us daily.
- Today is Dan and my 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.
- The government is considering our proposal for the abandoned school.
- Samantha has completed her first month of high school.
- The kids are settling in to school and the new routine.
- Our staff does a wonderful job of showing and teaching Jesus.
- We have a new volunteer doing art with the kids one day a week.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for our whole family. Dan's sister Yolinda passed away Tuesday evening. Dan is in the States helping.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as I take care of things here.
- Pray for the kids that have left the center for different reasons. I always miss them and continue to put them in the Lord's hands.
- Pray for the monthly parenting classes that it produces fruit in the families.
- Pray for the salvation of the kids and parents. I want the Lord to do a revival in the whole area.



What do these three pictures have in common? Dan a part of what is happening with the kids and doing whatever they are doing. This month in honor of our 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary and Dan's birthday on Saturday, I want to share a little of what Dan does. He is also not here to stop me. I love you, Honey! Dan jumps in and does whatever needs to happen, anything

from fixing a broken toilet to a meeting with the government about an abandoned building to sitting on the ground entertaining kids to paying staff. He does whatever needs to happen and doesn't complain often. (Well, I have to be honest, too...) The middle picture touches me the absolute most! This is Antonio who is almost 10 years old and has never gone to school. His Dad works from 5:30am to 7:30pm and gets 2 days off a month. Antonio has pretty much raised himself since he was 4 years old. School starts at 7am, and we live about 45 minutes from the center. The first week of school Dan left the house each day about 5:50am to take Antonio to school. Dan arrived at his house in time to walk him to school. This picture was on his first day of school in his whole life. He was scared to death. He kept looking to Dan for reassurance. Dan watched him all the way into the school till he couldn't see him anymore. As my dear husband walked back to the center, he stopped by Antonio's Dad's work to tell him that he was in school. Dan went to pick Antonio up after school, and they stopped and got an ice cream on the way back. I love the trust and respect Antonio has for Dan, like so many of the others. The picture above to the right is of the kids playing Bingo and learning English with guess who? Dan. (His arm is barely in the picture.)

Dan and I were able to spend the weekend at the beach (thank you, dear friends for letting us use your place). It was wonderful to be able to celebrate our anniversary last weekend. We went early not knowing what will happen with the national strikes, which praise the Lord might not happen. But God knew we needed the time together before we got the message on Sunday that Yolinda was being put into hospice care. Her cancer had overtaken her lungs. We searched for flights, and because of pricing, Dan and I chose that he would leave Tuesday night. As we were waiting and doing last minute details, he got a call 2 hours before he left for the airport that she had passed. I praise the Lord she knows Jesus and gets to spend eternity with Him. Dan is with his sister and aunt doing final arrangements and decisions on property. Lord willing, he will be back October 6<sup>th</sup> just before midnight. I miss him already.



One of the hardest things we do is say goodbye to kids. This is the night Mauricio took a bus with a neighbor to go back to Venezuela to be with his mother as his father has chosen to walk to the US. Mauricio is 8 years old and had not seen his mother in 2 ½ years. He did arrive safely to his mother. I pray that she takes good care of him and that they both know Jesus as their Savior. Also in the picture is one of our dear neighbors that supports us in so many ways, like going to bus stations at night or taking your husband to the airport at night. We are so thankful for all of his and his wife's support in so many different ways.



The kids love just being kids, whether that be playing dress up or playing with magnets. Thank you to those that donate and bring the items.

As we have said many times, we have the best staff! I am always amazed with what I catch them doing. Christian is taking care of the baby of one of our teen moms as she is studying and getting disciplined. This is no easy task as the baby does not like being away from her mom. Christian was showing her a video for babies talking about Jesus. In the next picture, Rigo is teaching at one of the parenting classes. He and Maribel do a fabulous job of teaching the parents how to be parents. Cisa is our newest volunteer. She is doing crafts and art with the kids one afternoon a week. All the kids have engaged with her so well. And well, Jenny, she is just receiving some afternoon loving from the littles. The whole staff amazes me with their love for Jesus and the kids.



There is so much to say, but my heart is a bit sad tonight, so I will leave it at this. When I think of my husband, this is the verse that comes to mind tonight.

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.” Proverbs 3:4

Many blessings,  
Gina

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