



Adele at Gabriel House



Dear Friends

Looking back it is hard to believe that I have now been at Gabriel House for over a month. The time has flown by and I am really enjoying sharing my life with these precious children. My initial week was spent getting settled in my little apartment on the Gabriel House campus and easing into a schedule. Now my schedule each day is pretty well defined.

I work with the kids from 7 am to 5 pm, with an hour break. In the mornings, we have floor time, where I work at getting children out of their wheelchairs so they can explore the world and engage in play therapy.



This is "tummy time" for Javier, who normally is in a wheelchair. He enjoys exploring and touching. I enjoy his smile ::



The children all have opportunities to be out of their wheelchairs on mats with soft balls. Thelma likes to throw the ball.



In the afternoons, I work with the older boys after their school session. The boys are in class from 8:30 to 1 with a teacher provided by the government. After homework, I help them find challenging ways to use their time.

Throughout the day, I look for ways to engage the children, even if it is as simple as holding and touching them. In the evenings, the older boys sometimes come over for a visit as a special treat and to use my computer to Skype a friend. In the picture on the right, the boys joined me at my apartment for a snack of chips, guacamole, and ham (Teddy's favorite).



A highpoint of this first month has been getting to know some of the kids better and discovering activities that they enjoy. In the two pictures below, the boys are making use of equipment that was donated to Gabriel House. We are grateful for those who remember our kids this way. I would love to have more instruments for the kids to explore, if any of you have something sturdy that is not being used.



This little boy is using a special walker that was donated by a couple whose son passed away. This special equipment has proved to be a blessing to several of the kids, giving them mobility they did not have before.



This little boy named Emelio is blind. He is playing a drum that someone donated and absolutely loving it. We would love to have more musical instruments that the kids can use to explore sounds and rhythm.

Probably the most challenging aspect of my life is the physical demands of working with the children, especially the older ones. Moving them is not like picking up a toddler! I am also working on my Spanish skills so that I can communicate more the other staff.

Here are some ways you can support me in prayer:

- For my physical health. Some of the kids have gotten colds and I don't want to get sick with them
- For strength and endurance, that I would be wise with my time, and disciplined
- For help in learning Spanish and being able to communicate
- For continued growth in my financial support; I haven't yet reached my monthly goal
- That I would always put the Lord first and serve with the grace of the Holy Spirit

Please feel free to contact me also with any questions or encouragement (adelepar@verizon.net).

Serving with Joy,

Adele

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." 2 Cor 1:3-4

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