

A community that mourns together

I'm starting with a quick announcement! I will be at New Vision Sunday, March 8 and would love to see you! During all three services, I will be in the atrium to talk to you about your current sponsorship or answer questions from anyone interested in sponsoring. Please come say hello and invite a friend over who wants to get involved. Times between services are usually busy, so consider visiting me during a service to make time for everyone! I can't wait to see you.



La Represa is a tightknit community. Celebrating life's victories with them is exciting, but sadness is especially difficult as everyone grieves together. This weekend, the mother of one of our students passed away following health issues during her recent pregnancy, and the community mourned. (Praise the Lord her one-month-old son is healthy!) Wandel, this sweet fourth grade boy who just lost his mother, has a caring sponsor who already committed to praying for his family and encouraging him from afar.

THIS IS WHY I LOVE CHILD SPONSORSHIPS! Sponsorship is more than a monthly donation. I love seeing you, thousands of miles away, love on a child you may never meet on this side of heaven. I love knowing you pray for your sponsor child and his or her family, even if you don't know what to pray for. I love delivering gifts and letters to your child and seeing their face light up to know that you thought of them. I see the daily impact of your investment in this ministry, and I am so thankful.

As we spent time with Wandel and listened to his understanding that God is still good even though he is sad, I remembered what matters most in this ministry. The gospel is the answer to every question, every worry, and every tragedy in life. The gospel reminds us that God overcame the world, and that Jesus came to save us. We want every child, parent, teacher, and neighbor who comes in contact with this ministry to experience God's redeeming, comforting, and sacrificial love even in the most difficult moments.





As an important member of this ministry, please join us in praying for gospel transformation in La Represa and for Wandel, his two little brothers (Welinton and David), his stepdad, and the rest of their family as they mourn this unexpected death. While I give thanks for your generous giving and the connection that so many sponsors have with specific children, I am reminded of approximately

110 children who are not yet paired with a sponsor. I have a few favors to ask of you to help even more kids get connected!

1. If you are sponsoring the general program and have not chosen a specific child, consider choosing one today to communicate with and show God's love! Please email me with any questions, comments, or concerns.
2. Tell your friends, family, and small group members about the influence they can make in La Represa by sponsoring a child. We appreciate your testimonies, as they get new people involved and new kids paired with people who love them!

Finally, here's another family who will be impacted by the 2020 La Represa Marriage Retreat!

Damian and Damiana have been married for almost 15 years. She is the second-grade teacher at the school, and he is a taxi driver and nursing student. They are building a new home and praying for the opportunity to move soon. They have three daughters. Daily is in eighth grade, Dalia is in sixth grade, and Dayalis is in third grade and is sponsored by Daily's former sponsor. (We love keeping sponsors in the family by "passing them on" from one kid to the next!) Damian and Damiana are leaders at the New Vision church plant, where their oldest daughters help lead worship.



You can invest in marriages like theirs by sponsoring a couple for the retreat. For information, go to newvisionlife.com, click on "missions," and scroll to "upcoming opportunities to serve."