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Potter's Field Kids (Las Manos del Alfarero)

After a rough few weeks of adjusting to losing several students due to varying circumstances and also learning of a major change in the public school schedule, we have started Potter's Field Kids 2011! In Guanacaste, the elementary school-aged children have an alternating school schedule of morning and afternoon classes. One week they have all of their classes in the morning and the next week, they rotate to the afternoon schedule. This year, the new school director added one hour to both the morning and afternoon schedule, meaning the afternoon kids will be released at 5:40 PM on Monday-Wednesday. This changed everything for our schedule and we have adjusted and are now operating on a new schedule as well. We see half of the kids one week and the other half the next week and have Bible Club on Thursdays now and are able to keep it open to all the neighborhood kids as an outreach. This has been a surprise blessing as we now have smaller classes and much more one-on-one time with the kids. Almost half of the kids this year are new, so this helps tremendously in us getting to know them. We have also seen how God has opened up the doors in a new section of Villarreal.. Last year, almost all of the children from PFK were from the barrio where the church is located and now it seems God is expanding the territory of the ministry of Potter's Field Kids. **Please pray** for these children to desire a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. **Please pray** that they would desire to grow in that relationship. **Please pray** for their understanding in studying God's word. **Please pray** as we try to help them form a biblical worldview in a very lukewarm culture. **Please pray** for God to grow a fire in their hearts for Him and their desire to serve Him and please Him would be greater than any temptation the world may offer. **Please pray** specifically for the needs that each may have, spiritually, emotionally and physically. **Please pray** for those who have broken homes. **Please pray** for those whose homes are full of violence or abuse. **Please pray** specifically for the purity of each of these precious children, that they guard their hearts and eyes and ears. **Please pray** that entire families would come to the feet of Jesus. For more information about Potter's Field Ministries see www.pottersfield.org. If you'd like to pray for a specific child in the PFK after school ministry, please contact us for more information.

Please pray this month for our children. **Please pray** for protection from the evil of this world, for their purity, for their hearts and minds to be guarded, and for their faith to grow. **Please pray** especially for Ethan this month. **Please pray** for our time as a family to be special and set apart and filled with laughter. **Pray** for our marriage to continue to grow stronger and for us to continue to grow closer to Christ. **Pray** that we take every thought captive for Christ and that our feet be planted firmly in the Word of God. **Pray** for our hearts to be humbled and broken for the Lord. **Pray** that we demonstrate grace, mercy and kindness to those around us at all times. **Pray** this month for the FEPC mission team and that God's will be done and His majesty be seen. **Pray** for a special time with members of our home church. **Pray** with us as we plan for our next visit to the States. **Pray** for specific time of rest while we are there, and also that we would be able to share God's goodness and His work here in Costa Rica with many of you. **Pray** with us for the price of airfare, as it has almost doubled since our last trip back. **Pray** for Calvary Chapel Church to continue to be a light in the darkness. **Pray** for Pastor Phil and his family. **Pray** for the work of the Holy Spirit in the men and women of the church.

We are thankful for our prayer and financial partners. Please make checks payable to: Shepherd's Staff Mission Facilitators, PO Box 53640, Albuquerque, NM, 87153-3640 Please include our missionary account #4208 on all checks or correspondence

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16