

Love letters

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"Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ." Ephesians 5:2. Enjoy these stories of the testament of this scripture.

KARDS 4 KIDS 2009 REPORT

Written by GraceFragoso

Greetings to you! I am very glad to let you know that once again, thanks to your help, we have had a very successful year with Kards4Kids! We decided to go paperless and we made very good progress on that. A few of our faithful Christmas helpers preferred paper, so we went on with that, but I can say that we processed 99% of our outgoing information electronically. I am sure we saved some trees in the process. ☺

We communicated with many individuals, schools, churches and clubs and you worked very hard to make sure that 376 children and 86 staff/volunteers in 6 orphanage homes could have a very wonderful Christmas! I set a goal that we would reach the 10 thousand cards again this year, just because I know how serious you all are about blessing others. As I tallied the cards, we came up to 9,047 cards. My first reaction was... well, we came so close to the 10 thousand cards, to which Audrey, 6 told me: "Don't be discouraged... 9,047 cards is A LOT of cards!"

Sometimes it takes a child to bring things into perspective to us, doesn't it? Indeed, 9,047 is a lot of cards and when I add to it the

fact that each card was made with love and each child was prayed for in the process, it fills my heart with joy!

You did your part to make Christmas special for the children... FedEx shipped them to each location and once again proved to be part of our Christmas Angels and God blessed the effort of every one of you!



This year we had the directors of Lar Tia Edna here with us, Nilma, Henri and their daughter Camilla. They had the opportunity to see all that goes into making sure that each child gets their folder with their cards. "It gave us a different appreciation to each one of the cards that come to our home. I can see that only with a lot of love someone can pull it off. Thank you for including our children in this blessing!"

Whatever your Christmas memory for 2009, I pray that it gets better when you are reminded that you were a true Angel, for 362 people who did not have much more than your cards, your little gifts and your prayers for Christmas! Thank you for being a part of Kards4Kids 2009 and I pray you will be able to help us again in 2010!

Please feel free to write us and give us your feedback on the program. We are always looking for ways to make things better!



Upcoming Events/Teams:

2010 Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for the Orphanos Golf Tournament Fundraiser! This is the third year for this event and we pray you will join us on the green April 26th. This year we will be at Spring Creek Ranch in Collierville! Not a member at Spring Creek Ranch but always wanted to play their exclusive course? Well, here is your chance to play and help us out! We are expecting to sell out so call today and reserve your spot and/or team. 901.458.9500

Open Team to La Aljaba

Orphanos is sending a team of 6 to visit our partner home in Leticia, Colombia in March. This is a very short trip but will be focused on spending time with the children. Please pray for this team as they prepare and for relationships they will form with the children.

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MEMPHIS MESSIAH 2009

For yet another year Orphanos was able to send Memphis City School and Catholic Jubilee School students to the Cannon Center to hear Handel's Messiah performed by our own Memphis Symphony Orchestra. We call this *A Gift of Hope* and each year around Christmas hope is provided to thousands of children city-wide through this event. This past December 10th and 11th over 4,300 students filled the Cannon Center. This was such a blessing! The students entered the Cannon Center filled with smiles so excited to be there. Like with years past, the week leading up to the event the students were taught about methods of music, Baroque elements within musical pieces, Symphony etiquette, and other areas that would help them appreciate *Messiah* more than if they just sat through the performance. The 4th and 5th grade students were able to hear an hour performance of the *Messiah*.

We received so many thank you notes from children, teachers, and even some principals. If you could read some of these and see just how grateful they were for this opportunity you would be amazed.

We also held a two and a half hour public concert for general attendance on the Friday night after the children's performance. This was the most attended public concert we have had since the first *Messiah*. Praise God for allowing us to make this event possible not only to the Memphis community but most importantly to the children of Memphis! We have already started planning for The Messiah 2010 to be held December 9th and 10th. Watch for more information later this year!

If you would like to see a glimpse of last year's event [click here](#) for the photo book we created. Hopefully what we cannot put into words you can see from the photos!

"The songs made me feel like I was watching God read His Bible."

Najite, 4th grade student



"The music made me feel like a whole new person outside and inside. Your music helped my mind and heart for Christmas because I heard it another way – like a God way."

Curtis, 4th grade student

Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for BJ who helps at our partner home in South Korea. She needs prayer for strength and energy. Also pray for her mom who has been fighting cancer for a while now and is receiving treatment. Also pray for Raquel from Lar Batista who had surgery on February 26th. She is doing well but needs pray for recovery.

2. Please pray for our partner home La Aljaba, in Colombia. They are finishing renovations on the kitchen but still have some needs to be met with the renovations. Please pray that the Lord will provide above and beyond for the completion of the renovations.

3. Please pray for Richard and Ximena Roseland as they are getting ready to move back into the mission field. They still need monthly support before they move to Ecuador. Pray the Lord will bless them financially so that they can make the move.

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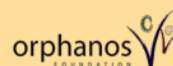
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