

**TALITA CUMI**

# Anniversary

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## March 19 : Anniversary

We are only 15 years old but so much has happened in such a short time .Where did the time go ?

Many children have called Talita Cumi home. Some for only a few weeks and others for many years. We pray that each child who passes through our threshold will feel and see and believe in the Love of God. He is a great Father who never disappoints. Jesus said "Talita Cumi" or "Child arise"

and claim your right as a child of God. Each precious one matters to God. We praise God for what he is teaching each child. It is a privilege and honor to be a part of their story.

The baton of responsibility has been passed down several times since we began, and we are confident that God has chosen

Zulma Hidalgo as our current Director for such a time as this. Under her direction and love Talita Cumi has made great advances in organizing, planning and developing new ways to help the children develop their God-given gifts and talents and prepare them for a future secure in Christ.

**Bernadette Todd... and translator Gina Canaveri** is an inspirational speaker who shares her story to encourage and challenge others. Although she is confined to a wheelchair due to muscular dystrophy, Bernadette is very active in her ministry; traveling and speaking and living out the truth that God's 'power is made perfect in our weakness.'

## PLAYLAND

Playland is a fun waterpark where the kids got to splash and play in the sun all day to celebrate Talita Cumi's Quince . A Quince In Latin America is a big party you have when you turn 15 years old. The kids and staff enjoyed a day of fun and making happy memories. When the kids

returned to TC to get ready for the big party that night they were a bit sleepy from all the fun in the sun. But by 7pm that night they rallied and were ready for our speaker, our wonderful guests, some great empanadas, cunapes and CAKES. Bernadette Todd and her husband Jeff gave beanie babies for all the kids.







# NEW SCHOOLS



We want to introduce Walt Henry Methodist school, pre K to 12th grade. Twelve of our children now attend this school. We initiated sending a few of our kids here three years ago because they embraced children with learning disabilities. Inclusion programs are few and far between here in Bolivia.

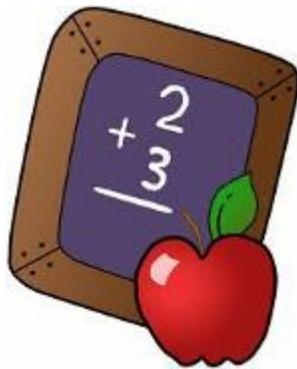
Walter and Suzie Henry were Methodist missionaries here in Santa Cruz, Bolivia since 1969. When Walt died about 17 years ago, Many who knew and loved Walt helped to start a new school in his honor. Please pray for our kids as they adjust to this new school and that they would rise to the challenging expectations of this new school.



## Las Misiones School

We have 6 adolescents attending this school. Two kids take the city bus in the morning and 4 take the bus in the afternoon. Teaching the kids how to travel by micro buses will help prepare them for life here in our city.

Two 16 year old attend English classes and we have 3 older kids taking tech classes and attending night school while they work part time.



## Prayer Requests:

- We really, really need a house mom for the girl's house. We have been blessed with a wonderful temporary Tia. Tia Dina who already knows the girls and has good connections with them. However, please pray for a more permanent and stable situation.
- Several of our girls are struggling with the challenges of a new more academic school and are teetering on the line of giving up. Pray for perseverance and wisdom and patience for the Tias.
- Tia Cecilia has been part time staff for a couple of years at TC. Cecilia has a calling to be a missionary to the Muslims in the Palestinian refugee camps. Please pray that she gets the support she needs to attend training in Ecuador and travel to Palestine. She will be going through Pioneers mission. You can find more info on her project on her blog <https://hastaloultimodelatierramo.wordpress.com/>



## Ximena

turns 18 this month!



Ximena came to Talita Cumi 6 years ago after her mom died. Ximena has grown into a beautiful young lady. She is looking forward to finishing her night school, working full time at a fast food restaurant and living independently. Please pray for her to be wise in her relationships, finding a church family, and managing her life and money.