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*Loving learning, Gloria and Celia compete to answer the teacher's questions*

So many wonderful things to share! Our 12 children who now have legal identities still show up at the LSMI program but are arriving 30 minutes sooner than the others. "The Dirty Dozen" are now early birds because they want to take a shower, get help with brushing their hair and a hot meal before they go to public school. They realize how blessed they are and they now have a healthy sense of pride. They feel really good about their lives.

When school is not in session, these kids are happy to be back with us getting tutored and help with their homework. Jealous of the 12, Celia and Gloria also want to someday go to public school. These girls are so pumped that they have now learned to read and write. They are the first to raise their hands in class and are so excited to answer the questions that it's hard at times to get them to remain silent. They read everything they can get their hands on and beg our teachers for homework! Pray that their great hunger to learn will be met by great opportunities.

Last but not least among our special Kids is "Jose". We've changed his name to protect the innocent. He was conceived in rape, rejected by his birth mother and raised by his grandmother. This twelve year old suffers from a bad self image and has severe learning disabilities. "Jose" was so emotionally crippled and educationally handicapped that he was placed in a school for Children with Downs Syndrome. "Jose" had no sense of direction and if for any reason he was out on the street he could not find his way back home. Today this young man takes a bus 50 minutes from his grandmother's house to attend our school. For the first time in his life he is learning to socialize



*Volunteer teacher Lucy gives heartfelt instruction to children hungry to learn.*

and make friends. He is learning how to make conversation, hold a pencil and write within the lines. Why does "Jose" travel so far to attend our literacy school? Because God heals hearts and transforms ashes into beauty, you see his birth mother lives near our school and wanted help for her son. Now for the first time in "Jose's" life he is getting to know his mother.... Without your support the special needs of these special kids would go unmet. Together with God's help, we are seeing SPECTACULAR RESULTS!

It takes prayer, education and MONEY to free children from the grip of poverty. Please help us with some SPECIAL GIFTS to get caught up. Ear mark your check "Where Needed Most!". These kids need your help! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to change tender hearts and rescue disadvantaged children. Also we must expand the school so that more children can be reached. Your special gift will help to change lives and you will be blessed in doing so.

Together we are Life Savers,

*Ju & Carol*



*The church is becoming the center of the community as neighborhood women come to wash their clothes*

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## Special Kids, Special Needs

# *Spectacular Results!*

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