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**Hands for the  
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*One year.* That's what I was given, but what I received will last me a lifetime! I'll always remember Kione's ecstatic laugh, Mizael's bear hugs, and the enthusiasm in Saul's eyes when he's leading me to his newest discovery. These moments I'll cherish forever, and these children I'll never forget.

*Saul.* He started school in August with no language. But now, he doesn't stop talking, clearly making his wants and dislikes known. Such a beautiful thing for which only God can have the glory. By the end of April, Saul had learned to spell his first word. "Tea" And quickly the words "red" and "egg" followed. We celebrated his fifth birthday in April, and he proudly displayed his birthday crown all day! (because now he actually understood what 5 years old meant.) Around this time, his grandmother, who is the rock that family leans on, was diagnosed with cancer. Saul and Kione understood that their "Abuela" was sick and couldn't be there to help as much with them. They both became very clingy at school and would break-down at random times with tears. Soon, Abuela will be starting chemotherapy, and Lord willing on to a successful recovery. Every day brought new challenges, but the biting, hitting, and kicking rarely happened anymore. Such progress! Please be praying that during the summer break, he'll remember what's he's learned and through signing with his deaf sister that his language will be enhanced even more! And keep their whole family in your prayers as they cope with the changes that Abuela's chemo will bring. Next school year, he'll be an official Kindergart-

ner, and headed on to a bright future.

*Selena.* It certainly has been a rocky road for this 14 year old the last few months, but with lots of love from her foster family, her teachers, and God, change is happening. She is much more willing to trust and be open and has made many new friends. When it comes time to wash dishes at lunch or sweep a dirty floor, she jumps at the opportunity to help (and does a great job at it too!) In March, Selena was presented with the Gospel, and she decided that she wanted to have Christ living in her heart too. Praise God for His working in her heart! Lord willing, she will be returning for the '10-'11 school year. Keep Selena and her foster family in your prayers throughout this summer.

*6 more.* I wish that I could expound upon the stories of Johanelly, Kevin, Kristian, Larimar, Kione, and Mizael! Each student has grown in so many ways, and I'm excited to hear what the next few years have in store for them. Our prayer as staff is that they will each stay close to the Lord through these couple of months away from school. These kids face so many temptations which are presented mostly by their own family members, and it's extremely hard to communicate with parents who are not interested in learning sign language. Please join us in prayer for each student as they are out of the normalcy of school.

*God.* Through reading *The Attributes of God* by A. W. Tozer, I've been reminded that God will never change. (Malachi 3:6a) He's the same

God that "existed" 2,000 years ago, and He'll be the same a million years from now. He's a God who's grace and mercy are ever flowing. (Hebrews 4:16) He is omnipresent. He's going to be with me as I leave this school, yet He'll still be staying here with the staff and students! (Hebrews Ps. 139) I can't begin to fathom who God is, yet, by faith, I can accept and trust in Him. How awesome is our God!?!

*Next year.* After ministering at Mt. Lou San for this summer, I'll be headed back home to Honesdale and staying for a while! I'm currently enrolled in some online classes through Ames International School of Ministry, so I'll be continuing those studies and working. Some job opportunities are opening up, but nothing is set in stone as of right now.

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support. God has used you to touch lives in Puerto Rico and to bless my life as well! I'm forever grateful!

In Christ,



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