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## Progress at the Dome Property

Through the gift of a visiting church this spring, we were able to begin to purchase materials for the construction of a much-needed bathroom at the dome property. There are indoor bathrooms in the daycare center for the children that they serve, but there is only an outhouse for the needs of our students and guests. The mechanic school has now been donated the majority of the things on our list for it to be operational, please pray for the Lord to send the perfect teacher!

**A CALL TO UNITY:** The past couple months we've been feeling a call to consecrate more deliberate time as a group to encourage and pray for each other. We all attend church activities during the week but most of us have an active role to play during these times and we don't actually get to be on the receiving end of the services as much as we'd like. About a month ago we began to set aside Thursday evenings to dedicate to this. The fellowship is made up of the different missionaries in IDT and Heart ministries. We ask for your prayers that the Lord strengthen our unity and protect us from the enemy who loves to destroy relationships and cause offences and distance between the Lords children!



## Special Delivery!

David and Brie Manzano's little baby girl, Qasti Arianna was born on March 25, one day after her mother's birthday and what would have been her big brother Job's 1st birthday. We praise God for this precious rainbow of God's love sent to our beloved David and Brie! Among their other duties, David and Brie continue to head up the children's ministry at the dome, hosting the breakfast club and organizing and overseeing children's events with visiting groups



Introducing: Qasti Arianna Manzano! Qasti means "my rainbow" in Hebrew.



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## Sewing Graduation

On the 28th of April we had our 5th graduation of our sewing school, since Daniel and I have been leading IDT. It was a special time of celebration and fellowship attended by our 14 graduates, and their families and friends. About 150 people attended. The graduates and their teachers wore dresses that they had made in the class. Their children also wore the creations that their mothers had designed and sewn in the class.



Clothing, aprons and curtains made by the graduates were displayed around the dome so that guests could appreciate all the students had learned. Items included traditional and modern clothing, school uniforms, and more.

What a wonderful time for them, not just the graduation but also the whole course. A time just for them, a time to learn and fellowship, create and express themselves. It was humbling to see the look of achievement on their faces as they proudly wore the dresses they had made for themselves, and to hear the special stories they shared about how much the class meant to them and how surprised they were that they could create all the beautiful things that they did! This was a very special event and we feel honored and blessed to be able to be a part of this moment in their lives! Thank you to all who support our work here and your part in making this possible for them!

**"Many of these women have NEVER, EVER, been celebrated for anything, not once in their lifetime! No birthday parties, no wedding celebration, no educational or career achievement, NOTHING."**

A week before the celebration someone said something to me about how much effort we put into the graduation and if it was really worth it or that big of a deal to the students. I can't remember what I said to them but I pondered that question for the next few days. Especially as I added all the extra duties to my already busy schedule of planning, shopping, creating decorations, printing up certificates, preparing food and renting tables and chairs, all the while trying to stretch out our tiny budget to make this an extra special celebration for 150 people. And you know what the conclusion I came to was? YES! Absolutely yes! You see many of these women have never graduated from anything. Not even from kindergarten or elementary school. So Yes, it's a big deal to them! And I am so happy to be a part of this!

-Tani Manzano





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## Yard Work

The girls home received a visit from a group of families from California. They spent a week giving the yard some much needed TLC. The group refurbished the girls beloved play set. Painting and reinforcing the well loved equipment, fixing and adding swings and building a sandbox. They also planted a vegetable garden, built a fire pit area and worked on the yard's drainage system.



Life at the girl's home is peaceful, stable and happy. Hope currently has 4 girls and her 6-year-old son Brishon. Lorena, our diva with downs syndrome has began to attend a special school 5 days a week and it is such a great opportunity for her. Suguey turned 13 so we have a teenager in the house again! She is Hope's sweet right hand woman! The little girls Marianna (8) and Carla (6) are doing well and catching up in school.



## Girl's Home News

We have changed our legal status from orphanage to foster home so we will continue to have fewer children from now on. Our limit is 6 foster children but the house is always full with friends that we call family who we care for and minister to. We also frequently have Esme and Belin staying with us. After living with us for over 5 years, custody was granted to their father a few months ago. Please keep them in your prayers as their living situation is heartbreaking and they are in poor condition every time their father comes to drop them off with us as he randomly does for a few days each month. We have made reports of this to the family services but so far no action has been taken.



This month we were able to invest in building a much needed fence around half of the house. We plan to close in more of the play area in the future, as finances allow.