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Ascension & Holy Trinity,
Episcopal Church
334 Burns Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45215

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CONNECTIONS

JUNE

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
STARTS JUNE 14TH

***On Sunday Holy Eucharist is celebrated at
8am & 9:30am in the Church***

9:15am Nursery care in the lower level Nursery.

**On Wednesdays Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10am
(in the Memorial Chapel of Ascension & Holy Trinity)**

**On the 4th Tuesday in the Month
Holy Eucharist 4pm in the Chapel at Evergreen.**

Contact the church:

(513) 821-5341 or e-mail: aht@eos.net

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News from the Pews

June Birthdays

1. Jim Boude, Jenny Moore,
Tim Gurevich, Dana Thomas
2. Glenn Bryant, Skip Criddle,
Caroline Ely
3. Michael Meranda,
Jocylene Wantsala
5. Ann Hammond
7. Andrew Smith, Emily Clark
8. Elizabeth Cordes
10. Ralph Boss II
11. Barbara Nellis,
Michael Murphy
12. Mark Gillingham
13. Betty Straus
14. Paul Gast
15. Bill Palmisano
20. Laura Bence
22. Jennifer Rumke Boysse,
23. Samantha Campbell,
Noni Smith
24. John Voige,
Sarah Cotterill
25. Luke Roeseler
26. Carolyn Campbell
27. Laurie Barton, Natalie Glover,
Molly Glover
29. Sig Sieber, Margot Madison



Anniversaries

1. John & Lynn Fitzwater
3. David & Debbie Rumke
9. Nick & Carolyn Finke
Jim & Sally Gieringer
14. Jon & Jeanne Boss,
Morris & Mary Lou Evers
16. Jim & Nancy McCue;
19. Huxley & Ariel Miller
21. Terry & Kathy Kessler
23. John & Jean Zoller;
Scott & Terry Zoller;

PRAYER CONCERNS:

LC Ben Adams, Lizzie Ahmad, David Allardyce, Tom Barlage, Bill Bassitt & Family, Jane Bernard, Elizabeth Bethels, Beverly & Don, Edna Black, Paul Boenning, Kay Bond, Fran & Laura, Jeannie Boss, Jim Boude, Buffy, Dennis & Beth Carroll and family, Sal & Terri Cirigliaro, Nancy Clauter; David, Ethel Dale, Mary Catherine Dykhouse, Morris & Mary Louise Evers, Tom Fetterman, Lowell Fifer, Joseph Flannery, Ruth & Harry Flewelling, Rev. Debbie Gamble, Matthew Gillingham, Joel & Shirley Godbery, Morrie Green, The Hart Family, Katie Hall, Ken Hammell, Tim Harrigan, The Huff Family, James Jackson, Murray Jansen, Jonathan, Vicki & Dan Jahns, Larie & Family, Lorna Jordan, Terry Kessler, Liz King-Hager, Ruth Maichle, Mary Markson, Jeff Marlowe, Peck Merchant, Omie McCloud, Michael, Ora Miese, Max Miller, Dana Mohr, Judy Morand, Stan Neumann, Sandi Osner, Peggy, Peter Poggiali & Family, Joe & Jen Reisenberg, Mary Ann Searls & Family, Nancy Schroeder, Cathy Skiba, Sally Slocum, Jeannette Thiemann, Janice Timko, Clayton Warman, Jeff Zimmerman.

From the Registers:

Wedding: May 16th

Susan Lynne Dinkelaker
to Ryan Christopher Hymes

If you have placed a name on the prayer list, please contact the office with an update on how that person is progressing; Still needs to be on the list? Condition Changed?

Dearly Beloved,

Eastertide, Easter season, is six weeks long which culminates with the celebration of Pentecost... the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church. We wear RED on Pentecost and the symbols are the Dove and fire!

In the Resurrection accounts, Jesus always is talking about Peace, "my Peace I bring you". The Lessons this year have been filled with accounts of love and abiding in God's love. We have had four Senior Sermons, that have been filled with youthful accounts of their understanding and witness to the love that they have received growing up at home, school and in church. Love is hard work. I once received a Valentine's card that I have kept that said "To love is to choose". Life is journey that requires us to continue to learn to love more and more deeply, and to risk more.

As May ends and June begins we will all be attending graduations and weddings. These are all events that are all at once ending's and beginnings. The graduation day is filled with celebration of the conclusion of High School or College, but is also the recognition of leaving home and setting off into the world in a new way.

Happy tears of love and sadness. Life is constantly moving and changing, hello and good-bye, beginning and ending. Today there are the most beautiful peonies in my yard, that someone planted some time ago. Today I am enjoying them as much as I can.

This is the first and great Commandment love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and the second is like unto it, love your neighbor as yourself.

Thanks be to God. Lovepat

P.S. Thanks so much to Galen Graham, Will Gieringer, Charlie Moore, and Guy Belew for your authentic, loving and beautiful sermons. *Lovepat*

News Flash - ARIEL MILLER - WASHINGTON CELEBRITY!!

Last week Ariel Miller in her role as the Director of ECSF gathered Outreach leaders from the Cincinnati area to share ideas and talk about Outreach in Cincinnati; an opportunity for outreach leaders in our Cincinnati-area congregations to compare notes on what they are doing about poverty in the recession, to hear about exciting developments, and to brainstorm. **Greg Landsman, director of the Governor's Office of Faith-based Initiatives, volunteered to brief us - this is a wonderful bonus just for the Cincinnati roundtable.** Greg is a liaison to the Governor's Anti-Poverty Task Force, which is making some really significant improvements in the public sector response, and he had important news to share on ways churches can have a big impact through very specific and sustainable roles.

After Greg was introduced he said that he had just returned from Washington where there is a great push to get the stimulus money where it is most needed. He said he was known as the man from Ohio, because of Ariel! Everyone had heard about the Ohio Benefit Bank and how so many people had been trained to help poor people apply for aid and to do their taxes. Greg was asked who is this woman who recruited over 120 people to use the benefit bank to help others??? Ariel Miller Of course!

Of course, Ariel, blushed and we, all beamed with pride, especially Dee and Ralph Damico and I who are her fellow parishioners!

You truly are an inspiration Ariel and we are so proud of you. *lovepat*

HELP WANTED!

A Craig's List and/or E-Bay proficient volunteer willing to market special Rummage Sale items.

If this sounds like you, call:

Karin Fetterman - 761-6209 (Kfette5306@aol.com)

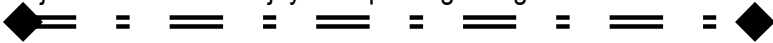
or Debbie Esposito - 891-0117 (Aesposito_6780@fuse.net)



A&HT KITCHEN IS GREEN!

No not the color green, but environmentally green. The new dishwasher has been installed with many thanks to John Fitzwater and Terry Kessler-it was no easy job.

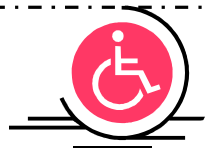
The dishes are rearranged. Now we will all use the A&HT mugs-no foam cups. Place them in the dishwasher and if nearly full go ahead and run the dishwasher; the dishwasher soap is under the sink. Again if the dishwasher is clean, help put the dishes away. No problem with where as all the cabinets are labeled. Not only will we be saving the environment but also saving the church money for supplies. There is one exception to this. When events are in the Gathering Area it is wise to use the foam cups. Remember ECW purchased the energy efficient refrigerator last year and now the dishwasher is just as efficient. Enjoy our updating and green kitchen.



Next ECW lunch meeting—June 24. Come by noon and bring your lunch. We will have dessert and drinks as usual.

Barbara Nellis

FUNDING APPEAL FOR DISABILITY ACCESS AT A&HT



A reminder that we are dependent on contributions from our church family to secure wheelchair access to our education building and parish hall. To date we have received gifts and pledges covering 61% of the \$22,990 cost of a wheelchair lift. Please help to raise the balance by contributing to the extent you are able. With your help, the wheelchair-bound can join us in the education and social activities of our church family.

Address ideas and questions to any of the ADA Task Force members:

Dick Bernard, Tom Bond, Jim Boude, John Fitzwater,

Noel Horne, Chuck Kellner, Terry Kessler, Michael Meranda.

GATHERING PLACE INSCRIBED PAVERS.

There have been enquiries about installing new inscribed pavers on the Gathering Place. Space is available for a few additions. We have two ground rules: a minimum, tax deductible gift of \$100 per paver is required and the inscription should be celebratory, not in memoriam. Order forms, which are available in the church office, should be submitted to the office by end June.

Noel Horne



Music Notes

I appreciate the indulgence of the congregation in my absence for the first half of May. As reported, I went to visit my daughter in St Petersburg, Russia, for ten days, returning via England and a short visit with my former colleague at CCM who retired to Derbyshire. It was a wonderful trip and I'm very glad I went. The music I heard was confined to theaters and concert halls and these were wonderful: Tchaikovsky ballets performed to a FULL Tchaikovsky orchestra (meaning lots of strings). Church attendance is on the rise in the Russian Federation, but the Russian Orthodox tradition embraces only a cappella choral singing. The only organs are found in churches of other denominations, conservatories, and concert halls.

A&HT choir will sing through Trinity Sunday, which falls on June 7th this year, also the date for Choir Recognition Sunday. I am very grateful to them for their time and dedication in providing musical leadership for our worship. They are very deserving of your recognition and thanks.

Shortly thereafter, I will migrate again north to Michigan for my 31st year at the Bay View Music Festival as Assembly Organist and Artist-in-Residence. A few folks from A&HT have visited in recent years and have seen and experienced just what it is that draws me back there again and again. It is remarkably beautiful and we enjoy pleasant, moderate weather throughout the summer. However, it's the people that make the experience what it is and I am grateful for so many friends of such long standing! If you are traveling up I-75 this summer, do stop by and see for yourself!

Kelly Hale, Director of Music

SIMPLE SUMMER SUPPER CLUB STARTS AGAIN ~ THURSDAY JUNE 11.

Everyone is invited to join the fourth season of the Simple Summer Supper Club. And we mean **everyone**: all ages, members, friends, neighbors and pets. It's a great way to bond with the church family and requires a minimal investment of effort and money.

Here's how it works:

- ** We hang out on the Gathering Place on Thursday evenings in summer, starting about 6.30pm and come and go as we please. Absolutely no reservations required or desired.
- ** Everyone brings a hearty appetizer to share and the beverage of personal choice. Disposable plates, cups etc. are provided.
- ** There is no formal program. Discussion goes where the spirit leads us.

Come and join us on the Gathering Place.

It's a great spot to hang out on a summer evening.

Lynne & Jim Boude. Angela & Noel Horne. Kathy & Terry Kessler. Debbie & David Rumke.



Summer Afternoon Teas

Hosted by Angela Horne and Leanne Anderson

Please join us for an afternoon tea
at the Gathering Place of A&HT

on Saturday June 20; Tuesday, July 21 and in August. (date tba).

The tea and finger foods will be served from 2:30-4:00pm and
all are invited—ladies, gentlemen, and children.

This is a free event and no one needs to bring anything,

but please make a reservation to Leanne by June 17th

(417-8386 or landersonl@cinci.rr.com)

Let's spend a lovely afternoon together.



CALENDAR DAY Tuesday June 2 10am—2pm ALL STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONS

Plan ahead? What an idea! We are doing it again; on Tuesday, June 2, we will mark the calendar for the school year September - May '10. Please, if you are the leader of a group and cannot attend the meeting send your dates. If you have dates that are repetitive, such as Altar Guild, please send them to Sarah, aht@eos.net. Bring a bag lunch if you would like.

RECTOR SEARCH...WE'RE INTERVIEWING!

The calling committee has begun phone interviews with priests who have responded with interest in applying to be our next rector. It is exciting to be talking to real, live candidates! We are doing these initial conversations as teams of two so that we can compare notes and cover the bases, and will be presenting notes to the whole committee starting the week of Memorial Day. Please continue your prayers for wise mutual discernment by your committee and the candidates

Next IHN hosting date is June 3:

We welcome your help in hosting homeless families at Christ Church Glendale this Wednesday evening in June. We need volunteers to prepare a meat dish, side dish, salad, or dessert (please deliver to Christ Church ready to eat by 5:30); two dinner hosts to serve, eat and chat with guests and clean up (5:15-6:30); two activity hosts (6:30-8), and two overnight hosts. Please call or email Ariel Miller (221-0547 or huxleym@eos.net) if you can help.

Hats off to this year's confirmation class and parents who did an absolutely spectacular job of hosting April 22, the week before their confirmation! This was the week of state proficiency tests and the class had also given a talk to the vestry two days before, but 8 of 10 turned out to host! They cooked a fabulous dinner and gave the guest children a wonderful evening of outdoor games, concluding with an ice cream sundae party. If you didn't know this group personally, it was impossible to tell who was a homeless child and who was one of ours: the fellowship was so genuine and heartfelt!

SUMMER LEMONADE HOUR

Summer Lemonade Hour will start on June 7 and continue until September 6 on the Gathering Place after the 9.30am service. This year there will be more shade with new umbrellas so do plan to join us to enjoy some fellowship time with our parish family.

A sign up sheet, together with simple instructions is posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway so please choose a Sunday convenient for you to host.

Thank you, Angela Horne.



CONGRATULATIONS, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

GUY BECKETT BELEW, JR.

Guy will attend Belmont University in Nashville, TN this fall to pursue a major in Audio Engineering Technology with a minor in Music Business. This summer Guy will enjoy spending time with his friends, travel with the WHS band to Disney World, continue working at the Baroque Violin Shop, actively trade on eBay, and help people with computer problems. And anything else that is a money-making opportunity!



Guy Belew

JOE GIERINGER

Joe will be working at his parent's company - Miami industrial tool supply (if still in business!) and will be heading to Oxford, Ohio to Miami University to major in business administration



Joe Gieringer

ANDY GÓMEZ

Andy will attend Ohio State this fall. He is planning to major in Mechanical Engineering. This summer Andy is working at the Wyoming Recreation Center.



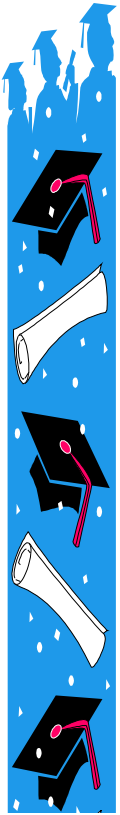
Andy Gómez

GALEN GRAHAM

Galen plans to continue her work at Skyline Chili until the start of her new life as part of the Wolfpack at North Carolina State University! She is still working on what she will study. At this point, she has been accepted into the Biomedical Engineering program and has been awarded a full academic scholarship as a Park Scholar!



Galen Graham



JUSTIN MORRISON

Graduating on June 6 from Lockland High School, He plans to attend Raymond Walters College and study Computer Technology. He is a members of the National Honor Society.



Justin Morrison

AND COLLEGE GRADUATE:

DAVID WISSEMAN

David will be graduating May 11 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from the College of Wooster, Wooster, OH. His interests are in the area of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation with hopes to get into graduate school or find a job as a wildlife biologist.



David Wissemann

CONFIRMATION 2009

Bishop Kenneth Price confirmed ten young members of our Parish family on Sunday, April 26th. Families, Sponsors, and friends of our Confirmands: Harrison Belew, Kit Ely, Caroline Felner, Harrison Glover, Bo Graham, Amelia Irvine, Lauren Kent, Robert Kuyath, Henry Moore, and Dana Thomas nearly filled the Church for this sacrament. The Confirmands, Rev. Pat and their families met with the Bishop an hour before the 10am Service to introduce themselves, ask questions, and speak casually with the leader of the Service.



During the Confirmation, Parents, Sponsors, and Rev. Pat laid hands on their Confirmand's shoulder to give a symbolic gesture of support to these reaffirming member of the Church. Rev. Top Borden assisted the Bishop and handed each child a personalized Book of Common Prayer, as a gift from A&HT. A delicious Reception was hosted afterwards, for all, by the ECW.

Thanks to Rev. Pat for her guidance in making this the most meaningful, introspective, and relevant Confirmation class in many years!!

Thanks to all our A&HT family! *Christina Brandewie*

MUSIC WORKSHOP 3^{PM}-5^{PM} JUNE 13TH - COME SING, PLAY AND MEET LYDIA RUFFIN.

Lydia is a recording artist and musician who has developed and created "Art & Soul Ministries" at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Lewis. This ministry uses music, art and improvisation for the church community and neighborhood.

After the workshop come for wine and cheese at the Rectory.

Lydia will be musician in residence Sunday morning, June 14th.

REC Room CLEANUP



The new REC Room is slowly becoming the new "place to be" for the Teens of the Church! The Teens have been slowly cleaning the space, but Summer will be the time to really make this "giant" room a wonderful space for all the kids of the Church!

Saturday, June 20th, I invite all willing, of any age, to come at 10am for cleanup and prep of the walls, AND a July 18th painting party. Come for fun, a sharing of work labor and lunch on both days!

Thanks to donations of newer, clean furniture by the Belew and Kent families, the teens have a great casual place to sit. Thanks to the donations of full sized Ping Pong tables by the Gomez and Horne families, we will soon have a tournament! A TV and Game system equipment are also in the works, so this huge space will be a fabulous place for our kids to spend time together!

Come and visit the REC Room below the Church in the basement, next to the Choir rooms, and see the fun!

Prayers of People -

We have people who have been on our list for over a year and some without additional information to find out how they are doing. This has caused us to re-view our way of listing people on the prayer list. This is the result:

First month ~ The person whose name is put on the prayer list will be read out loud during the prayers of the people (It would be lovely if you would allow us to know what we are praying for i.e. healing from cancer, for a new job, for relief from grief, etc.)

Second and third month ~ the named person will remain on the written prayer list. If there is some pastoral reason for this to be amended of course we will.

At the end of THIRD month ~ the person's name will be dropped **UNLESS** you call or e-mail Sarah and request to have the name place on again for another three month cycle.

Thank you for your loving understanding. *Pat*

OUTREACH OUTLOOK.

Vacation Bible School in the Dominican Republic:

On Saturday June 20, Julie Stegman and Maria Lang will leave for a week-long vacation bible school mission trip to La Redencion Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic. (Emily Stegman was unable to be with the group). Julie and Maria will be part of the bible school team led by members of our partner church, All Saints, Hilton Head Island. Please pray for safe travel and an inspiring experience for Julie and Maria.

Ichthus Festival, near Lexington, Kentucky:

This annual Christian music, worship and education event is very family friendly and runs from Wednesday June 10th to Saturday June 13th. Accommodation is either camping or in Lexington motels. Some lodging is available at Asbury College. For information, check the website: <http://www.ichthusfestival.org> Or for the real insights, talk with Jim and Cindy Stegman who will again be taking their extended family to the festival.

The Ohio Episcopal Celebration at Kenyon College, Ohio:

Formerly known as The Kenyon Conference, the theme of this year's event is "Faith and Politics: There Is No Secular World". The event runs from June 25 to June 28. The conference can accommodate the whole family, with infant and preschooler care available and programming for children and youth. Ariel and Huxley Miller will be attending and will be happy to share their Kenyon experiences and enthusiasm, gained over years of rewarding participation in this event. Registration deadline is June 10. You may register on line at www.tinyurl.com/2009oecac Scholarships are available.

Green Thumbs and Golden Throats.

If you love to do good deeds, garden, and go to the theater, this is the mission trip for you! We've been invited to spend a weekend working in Paul Clever's vegetable gardens along the Hocking River in Athens, Ohio the weekend of July 16-19. Paul, a young organic farmer, has launched a fabulous project called Good Earth Ministry which invites short term mission teams to help raise over 25,000 lbs of fresh vegetables for food pantries and soup kitchens in the Hocking Valley. We'll stay for free in the 19th century farmhouse of Paul and his wife Sarah near the Hocking River and bike trail, explore the colorful town of Athens and enjoy free tickets to the Ohio Valley Summer Theater's production of Oliver. Participants of any age are welcome on this mission trip, if you are able to bend and weed. Young people are encouraged to attend and to bring friends--Huxley and Ariel Miller are chaperoning. Paul Clever has just gained national recognition, being named a

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Transformational Fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation. His farm is an Episcopal Appalachian Ministry pilgrimage and worksite. You will meet pigs who enjoy table scraps, a nice old beagle, two cats who have agreed to disagree, milk cow Kitty with her calf and her own flock of chickens who like to stay close so the coyotes don't catch them for dinner. Contact Huxley and Ariel at 221-0547 for questions or to sign up for this short, fun trip.

Noel Horne, Outreach Mission Group Chair

BECAUSE WE CARE ~ COMMUNITY DINNERS

Based on the success of our past meals, "Because We Care" community dinners will continue through the summer in Lincoln Heights at St. Simon of Cyrene. We will be trying a new approach of asking for specific food donations to be placed in the A&HT kitchen. Our cheerful A&HT kitchen fairies will use the items to cook delicious and healthy meals. Please continue to check the church bulletin and bulletin board for dates and items and cooking fairy opportunities. Please also come enjoy serving or eating the meal at St. Simons (6:00-7:30 always).

Dates at St. Simons:

Tuesday - June 9

Tuesday - July 14

Tuesday - August 11

Item request for June 9th Meal - uncooked hamburger (label "community dinner" and put in church freezer on or before Sunday 6/7).

Questions? Sheryl Felner 9481578, felnerjs@fuse.net.

Sheryl Felner

VALLEY INTERFAITH FOOD AND CLOTHING CENTER

This month, we are in need of the following items:

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.)

Canned fruit

Cereal

Pork n Beans

Bar soap

Crackers

Shampoo

Toothpaste & toothbrushes

Deodorant

We are gearing up for our **Back-to-School Program**, which will be held this year at the Reading/Lockland Presbyterian Church from August 3-8.

A&HT's challenge - 350 spiral notebooks.

Please keep the Crock pots, electric skillet, hot plates, etc. coming in.

Thank you so much for your effort in helping us fulfill our mission of "Helping our Neighbors in Need". You are truly amazing.

Many Blessings, Barbara Campbell Director of Development, Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center
420 W. Wyoming Ave | 513-821-3233 | Fax: 513-821-3236 | Cell: 513-238-5091

Anita and Michael Dohn, Missionaries in Health Ministries

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Web-site: <http://dohnfamily.org> E-mail: DohnFamily@sams-usa.org

Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as South American Missionary Society missionaries with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana at the diocesan Clínica Esperanza y Caridad. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic. For more information, visit their website.

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GETTING A FEEL FOR VIOLENCE RESOURCES

Visiting local agencies was our first concrete step in developing a new health promotion program on domestic violence.

1. “Oficina Fiscalía de Violencia Intrafamiliar” (District Attorney’s Family Violence Office). They are on the legal frontlines for battered women. They have some ideas, but no official prevention program. They agreed to review the legal issues with us and look at the possibilities.
2. Secretaria del Estado de la Mujer (Secretary of State for Women). The staff greeted us warmly and told us that they give community presentations about abuse. When we asked to whom they had talked and inquired about the content of the presentations, they really could not tell us either one. Hmmm ... an example of government patronage, say our Dominican colleagues. As we thanked them and left, they told us that the regional public hospital had a very active physical, psychological and sexual abuse program in its adolescent department.
3. Regional Public Health Hospital. We talked with Dra. Fulgencia, a friend and member of our church. She smiled as she listened to us and then said, “Well, if there were such a program it would be in my department. There’s no program.” She added, “Talk to the hospital director. Ask if we are supposed to have a program. See what he says and let me know.”
After listening to us politely, the hospital director smiled and said, “We do have a domestic violence program – forensic pathology.” Oh great! After a man murders his partner, they’ll do the autopsy for the trial. Moving on ...
4. Secretaria del Estado de Salud Pública y Asistencia Social (public health and social services). Public health has “norms” for reporting abuse and offers workshops on how to fill out the forms correctly. OK, next ...
5. Tribunal de Niños y Adolescentes (Juvenile Court) considers the children’s welfare in the wake of domestic violence. They are overwhelmed with active cases and enthusiastic about prevention. “We’ll do anything we can to help you,” they promised. “Prevention is the key. By the time we find out, it’s too late.”

We have some hard work ahead of us, but at least we found a few allies today.

Keep praying, *Anita*