

THE BOLICK REPORT



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Talita Cumi Girls' Clubs

Reviewing the past year with *Talita Cumi* Girls' Clubs, we see how God has blessed us beyond our imagination.

The mentors and coordinators in Costa Rica celebrated the end of the year with a special weekend away and have already begun the second year with ninety-seven girls enrolled.



The country coordinator in Costa Rica gave a report to the annual meeting of the Baptist Women's Union of Latin America (UFBAL – La Unión Femenil Bautista de América Latina) and was then

asked to contribute an article about the program to their monthly magazine.

Please continue to pray that this recognition will open doors in more countries to open *Talita Cumi* Clubs. As we write we have invitations from the border region in south Texas, and from Venezuela.

Throughout the COVID-19 lockdown, girls living in vulnerable communities throughout Latin America were left without access to adequate academic instruction and support. Many of our girls were just beginning to read when the pandemic hit. After two years without access to books too many of our girls are two years behind in reading skills. Unfortunately, many of them have regressed and need to begin learning to read again, starting from square one.

We recognize that education is the best hope our young girls living in poverty have to change their lives and their communities. Without it, they are completely vulnerable to those waiting to exploit them.

In response, we have asked Global Servant Sarah McCurdy to develop a seminar that will teach our mentors to teach our girls to read. This project will provide instructional materials for the mentors, and we have compiled a list of books that we hope to provide as a mini-library for each club.

We want to give 100 books in Spanish to each of our groups. Each library will cost approximately \$300.00. We hope to provide 50 libraries that can be used by *Talita Cumi* girls and other children in the community over the next three years.

This would be a wonderful Christmas project for your small groups or Sunday Schools this year! Please look at the IM website for more information on this project. It will be posted soon. Or feel free to contact us if you have any further questions...

We are so thankful for your generous gifts that support this ministry and allow us to meet needs as they arise.

We were recently able to finance eight bicycles that are being used in Nicaragua by *Talita Cumi* girls to go to and from school.

These girls walked more than an hour each way to school and your generous gifts support their education in every way.

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