



FRANCIS

Hogares Luteranos el Buen Pastor / Dominican Republic
Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes

When Francis first came to the group home from the government orphanage, he had never had contact with the outside community, had no opportunity for an education, and had no family to love him.

Now, his big bright smile is the first thing you notice about Francis. He enjoys playing games with others and especially Hide and Seek; he is an expert at hiding things! Francis is about 10 years old and has been diagnosed with deafness. On his own, he has developed signs to communicate his needs, helping others to communicate with him.

Francis has been accepted at the Santiago School for the Deaf in the fall. He will be taught sign language and lip reading as well as academics. Like the other children in the group home, Francis enjoys going to church; he understands what it means to go to church as he puts his hands together to pray and bows his head. He especially enjoys sitting right between the pastors at the service. Since coming to live at the group home, the world has opened up to Francis; he now has friends in the neighborhood, is able to play baseball with the other children, and he knows the love of Jesus and what it means to belong to a family.

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I wish to sponsor Francis with my gift of _____\$35 per month or ____\$420 per year.
All sponsorships are **tax deductible and sent in full to the Dominican Republic** (less cost of wiring) to sponsor this child and assist the other children in the group home. Special Children Inc. is a 501©3 charity.

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