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There are many needs in this country -- especially the children. Thousands of orphans (gaminis) roam the streets. Before they reach 14, the government has no record of them, and most of them die before then. One boy lives with us. Sometimes I think he has the most sincere prayers in the center. We regularly bathe them and cut their hair. In the afternoons, one of our students teaches them their ABC's. We may begin a school in the park for them, maybe the Sun Myung Moon School of Gaminis.

Sunday there were 10 people at our service besides ourselves, 14 in all. Tonight we had our third international dinner-it was Japan and we again polled 14, including new ones. We do it all in Spanish, no matter how difficult or fledgling.

The Witches Convention is running for a week here and is laced with parapsychology and occult sciences exhibitions. Also, the move "The Antichrist" opens today. We're on an intensive 40-day condition with prayer and fasting. People are coming in greater numbers and our Spanish is getting lots of practice. We deeply desire to be big enough to open a center in Medellin, the second largest city, by the first of the year.

Just before my birthday I found a stray kitten shivering on my doorstep. We took her in and named her Simona Schmachkatz Bolivar Moon. The next day we all went with students to see the movie, "Simon Bolivar."