Casa Hogar El Corazon de Rey A.C.

Children's Home

February - May 2014

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus!

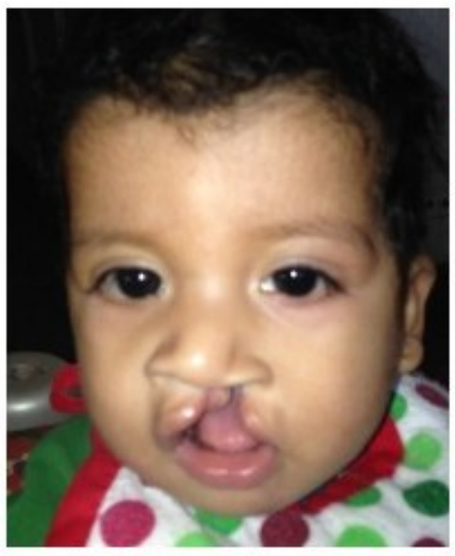
Dr. Ron & Anna Sherman

We remain in a constant state of amazement of God's abundant grace and mercy. The case workers from DIF (Mexico's version of Child Protective Services) are taking full advantage of the added space we have in our new home. We are averaging over 26 kids residing in our Home. It has been amazing how we see God working in the lives of the children that they bring because the DIF workers and even their psychologists can't explain how we have such tremendous success. We are constantly explaining to them that we are simply conduits of the love and mercy of God...He does the changing in the hearts and minds of the kids...not us.

Anna was talking with someone recently about our move from the previous location (Manto Coahuila) and the person asked..."*did you know you were living in the most violent colonia in Acuna? There are many cartel members living in that neighborhood.*" She just smiled and told him that it made no difference since Jesus always watched over and protected us. He was amazed that we never had any issues whatsoever with violent people in the 5 years we were there. The sad thing is that the owners of that property placed caretakers on the property once we left and twice, gangs broke in and attacked the folks and stole whatever they could steal. One man almost died from the stab wounds. So we know...without doubt...that God is our protector. In fact, one day in our new home, one of the DIF case workers asked to speak to Anna while I was not there. With tears in his eyes, he told her about a "vision" he saw and he wanted to make sure that he was not going crazy. He told Anna that he "saw" the previous property and that standing on top of the fence were angels. He said the angels completely surrounded the property, but when we left, they left. Then he "saw" us in our new home and those angels are now surrounding this home. Anna assured him that he was not going crazy. She explained to him that the Bible states that God "...will give His angels charge over thee" (Psalms 91:11) The really amazing thing is that this man is not a Christian (yet) so that made his vision even more astounding to him. We are so thankful for the protective care of our Father!

PRAISE THE LORD!

Miracle Baby



Several months ago, baby Angel, was brought to us with a terrible cleft pallet. His mother had some serious life challenges and was unable to care for him. He came to us very emaciated and in a very poor condition. Arrangements were made for him to receive treatment by a local surgeon. His surgery went very well and today he is an even more gorgeous little boy and as you can see, has put on weight and is doing very well. We praise God for the dramatic change in his life.

Mother's Day

This past Mother's Day was very special for Anna. The children planned a surprise celebration for her, including a special meal, a presentation of hand drawn Mother's Day cards, and a recitation and serenade. I am just sorry that we could not embed a video of the celebration...it was a lovely and touching event!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, ANNA!

"Graduation" Day

This is our El Corazon "graduate". Angel turned 18 in May and according to Mexican law he is now an adult and he had to "leave" the casa hogar. If a home does not have a connection to some type of transitional living facility, then on their 18th birthday, children living in a casa hogar must basically be put out on the street. We simply could not do that to Angel. Angel has been with us for over 4 years and he is ill-equipped to fend for himself. Angel has no family except for the El Corazon family and we could not abandon him. So...God gave us a few ideas to continue to care for Angel and not break the law in the process. Angel now lives across the street from El Corazon, living with our Assistant Director and his wife, Gamaliel & Bertha. Angel is now our new "gardener", earning a salary. Part of Angel's daily routine is to continue studying so that he can earn his Middle School certificate. If he continues on, he will then study to receive his High School diploma. So even though he is legally no longer a resident of El Corazon, he is still very much a part of our family.

My Father's Day blessing

This past Father's Day I was blessed with many loving comments posted on my FaceBook page. Several people read the post from a very special person who is very dear to my heart...Lynda Zielinski Arledge. Lynda was a student of mine when I ran the school on a residential treatment facility over 25 years ago. I don't usually "toot my own horn" but several people said I should put the post in this newsletter so that the folks who are supporting Anna and I in our work with the orphans in Mexico, but who know very little about my past work, can catch a glimpse of a bit about me in years gone by.

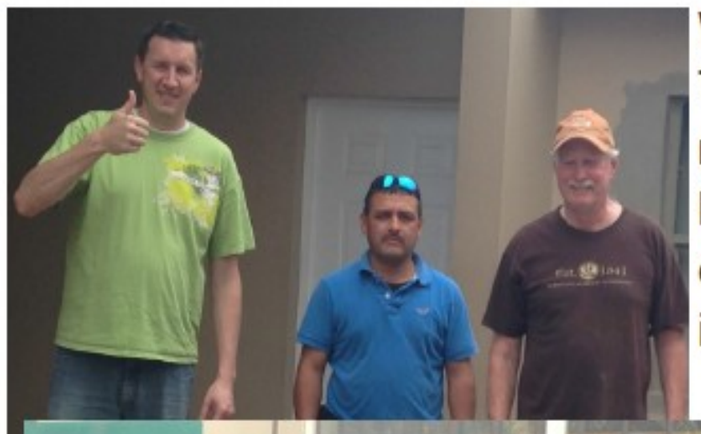
Lynda was kind enough to allow me to post it. I hope it blesses you...it completely overwhelmed me and I give all glory to the Lord for allowing me to encounter and hopefully touch the lives of such amazing children and young people like Lynda.

"God brought Ron across my path at a very pivotal point in my life. I'd been told many MANY times that I would never amount to anything in my life, would probably end up dead or in jail, & most DEFINITELY would NEVER graduate from high school! At 15 years old, the principal of my very large public high school, over 2000 students, told me numerous times he "couldn't make me quit due to my age, but once you turn 16, I'd highly recommend you quitting" due to my self imposed incorrigible behavior & rebelliousness. I projected, or so I thought, a facade of self confidence that I didn't possess, & could-care-less attitude, while completely broken on the inside. While i had an earthly father, I'd never had a loving father, nor even a loving father figure in my life. Until Ronnie Sherman came along. He showed me kindness without expecting anything in return, acceptance, as I was, potential, that I didn't think I possessed, & unconditional love, that I'd never experienced. He presented a living example of the genuine love of the Father to me, that pointed me to the cross, & ultimately to the never ending, ever-present, abundant love of my Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Though its been decades since I've seen him, every one of my children know exactly who I'm taking about when I mention his name. I've shared about him to many people, & tried to pay forward to others, Christ's love & acceptance, as Ron showed it to me. Through his EXTREME patience & guidance, I was able to graduate from high school ON TIME, & go on to further my education. While I give all glory to God for any accomplishments I've made in my life, I praise & Thank God for sending an obedient vessel, named Ron Sherman into my life to help me out of the dessert & lead me to Living Water. There are a very limited number of people who have inspired me like Ron did/does. I love him bunches, my mentor, my friend, my Kimosabi. Hope your fathers Day is a blessed one."

Lynda Zielinski Arledge

Special Friends

The Bible says in Romans 13:7 "...give honor to whom honor is due". That's what we want to do. We want to publicly acknowledge 2 of our special friends .



We want to acknowledge a very special man. **Trey Hamilton**. Trey is our unofficial "Ambassador-at-large" and he is a member of Redeemer Community Church of Katy, Texas. He has blessed us with not only his time, construction talent, energy and financial support but he has been consistently introducing our ministry to others. He has visited us three times in the last three months and each time has brought folks from his church that have expressed their desire to get involved with him as he comes on regular visits.

Accompanying Trey was, Pastor Matt Farlow, Jane Burns & Phyllis McLennan, and Will Hussey, Chase Hussey & Gabby Carcamo . We thank God for "Abuelito" Trey as the kids call him.

We also want to acknowledge another great friend. **Phil Neighbors** of San Angelo, Texas, Phil has been making regular trips bringing members of his College and Careers Class of Southland Baptist Church. It is always a great time when Phil and his college group arrive and the children always anticipate their visit with great excitement when they know they are scheduled to visit. Phil is another one of our friends who promotes our ministry to others. He approached his Church with our desperate need for a van. Based upon Phil's recommendation, the church leaders generously donated one of their vans. It is a HUGE blessing! So we thank Southland Baptist Church, Dr. Taylor Sandlin, Pastor and especially our cheerleader…Phil Neighbors!

From My Heart

Usually I have a lot to say, especially when talking about our children's home, but I have struggled a bit writing this newsletter...and I wasn't sure why. After praying about my writers block, I realized that what I thought I would write was not exactly what God wanted me to write.

Please understand that what I write, I write in love. I am not judging, criticizing or complaining. I intend to only write to you what I believe is the truth that the Bible teaches regarding orphans and widows and my hope and prayer is that it will help someone as they read on.

God is very concerned about the orphans in this world. God says He is the Father of the Fatherless. He regards the orphans as His special children. The Bible speaks to the care of the poor, the orphans and the widow approximately 118 times...44 times specifically about orphans and the fatherless. I know growing up, if my dad had to tell me to do something more than twice, there was a painful consequence connected to ignoring his instructions. So if God tells us something 44 times, I think it would behoove us to pay close attention.

Anna and I are told all the time by folks visiting, how they appreciate what we do for the children. The fact is, we are fulfilling a calling. This is what our "vocation" is according to what we believe God's plan for us is. It is a fact that not everyone is called to physically care and house orphans...HOWEVER...everyone IS told that they must do something to provide for orphans. We and all the other people who are doing the hands-on work caring for orphans can only do what we do if the Body of Christ is involved with us. God doesn't drop bags of money from heaven...He uses people to deliver the finances. He tells us over and over, 44 times, provide for those who can't care for themselves. These are the innocent ones...they didn't ask to be in the situation they are in...it is not their fault. Therefore the Lord expects us to provide for them.

My concern is that some reading this will think that I am trying to use "holy manipulation" to increase the donations to our ministry. I promise you I am not. I am trying to express the deep concern that I have for the plight of orphans worldwide who need us...ALL of us... to help in some way. The Bible says in 1 John 3:17..."*If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"* That's a strong statement.

I know that many people have donated to ministries that claim they are doing what we do, only to find out that it was nothing but a con job. So the result is a great suspicion about giving to ministries that minister outside the US which makes it hard to verify their honesty. So I am asking that if you are not giving to a ministry that helps orphans and widows, please pray and ask God to show you where and how to give so that God's will for you to be involved in helping orphans can be fulfilled in your life. He promises in many many places in the Bible that if we are faithful to give to orphans and the poor, He will bless us back. He actually says in Isaiah 58 that your blessings, spiritually, physically and financially will overtake you and He will even be your rearguard if you care for those unable to care for themselves. Deuteronomy 15:10 says to give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do.

He is very serious about this. We should be too.

Please get involved somehow caring for orphans. The more that the Christians help, the more children can be saved.

Remember...caring for orphans is not God's suggestion...it is His command!

Our Wonderful Friends

Kevin & Emily Lee, Assoc. Pastor of New Covenant Church in Woodward, OK and their group did an absolutely amazing amount of work in our home. They blessed us not only with their time, their talents, their energy and their finances, but also there their love. It was an awesome visit.

Bill & Janice Cattanach, hosted by Bondred Derr, spent some wonderful time with our kids. Bill & Janice help many ministries in the Acuna area so we are very thankful for the time they were able to spend with us.

Lori & Janet...THANK YOU for the amazing work you did in our storage room. You have no idea how much you helped us!

Karen & Darey Jolley of Ambassadors to the Nations come for a visit twice a year. They literally shower us with blessings every time they come. We love you guys!

Blessings,

Dr. Ron & Anna Sherman

We want to express how deeply grateful Anna and I are for our partners These past few months have been extremely challenging for us. Our partners stepped up and helped us walk through the battle. We cannot imagine how we would have succeeded in overcoming the things we were faced with without our partners coming along side of us. You partners are true "destiny changers". Your consistent giving allows us to do what we do, which creates the environment for God to do what He does, and it is truly miraculous how He has changed so many of these children. If you are not a regular monthly supporter, I ask you to prayerfully consider joining with us to keep this ministry growing. DIF (Child Protective Services) is glad to see us in a place where we can receive more children, but with more children comes more financial responsibilities so please take some quality time and talk with the Lord about connecting with us and becoming a monthly partner.

The rewards are eternal...

Blessings,

Dr. Ron & Anna Sherman

Remember:

Taking care of orphans is not God's suggestion...

...It is His command!

Alma Carmona and her daughter Vanessa and her group come from Del Rio First Baptist Church and do crafts day with our kids. Thanks you

needed shelves and other necessities on their visit. The ladies ministered to the children. It was a great time. (*please forgive me Dr. Nussey...the group shot is AWOL from my camera)*

Brent Richardson from the Houston area and his group visited and were a huge blessing, helping us with odd jobs around the house and then ministering to the children. It is always such a great time when they visit.

<u>Household Items</u> -
Kleenex
Gerber Baby Food
Diapers - SZ 16-38 lbs
Baby Beds
Toaster
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Large trash bags
Tall kitchen trash bags
Liquid clothes detergent
Pinesol

<u>Furniture</u> -
Bookshelves
Bean bag chairs

Friends,

If you would like to become a financial partner with us, you can do so by making your donations to our South African bank account. Here are our banking details:

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