



WHITE STONE MINISTRIES



*Casa Hogar Manto Coahuila
Children's Home
Ciudad Acuña, Mexico*

OCTOBER 2010

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus!

October has been a wonderful month here at the Home. With the changing of the seasons, we have also moved into a different "season" in the lives of our children living here. We are seeing the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of these children and it is truly rewarding and exciting.



Two of our boys, Daniel and Fernando, had come to us from another children's home here in Acuna after DIF (*the Mexican Child Protective Services*) closed down the home. Both boys had been regarded as "retarded" and were so treated...both in the home and at school. We found that Fernando, at age 11 could not read, count, name colors or even give the names of basic shapes. The school he was in obviously simply "babysat" him every day and each year he was passed on to the next higher grade with good grades. What a horrible future was ahead for this young boy.



His brother, Daniel, was in much the same condition. Daniel is actually in a school for special children but he too has gained little or nothing from this school. Both boys would just "grunt" when they wanted something and had never been taught how to ask for things properly and certainly had no idea what the word "manners" meant. Now after being here for 5 months and Anna and the staff spending some quality one-on-one time with school work and extra learning activities, Fernando is now reading, counting, able to name colors and has even learned some English. Daniel had stopped "grunting" after I finally told him that I don't speak "caveman" The other kids laughed and even he thought that was funny when he finally realized how silly his grunting was. Now he is much clearer when he speaks and he too has even learned a bit of English. Both boys manners have increased dramatically and we thank God for His work spiritually in their lives.



This month we partnered with the Intl. Food Bank, sponsored by HEB Grocery Stores, to deliver hot meals to needy families in our colonia. This was a great time for our children to help others and to also see that God has truly blessed them by giving them such a wonderful home to live and to be able to have plenty of food everyday – unlike the families that they served food to.



Dana Sweet of San Antonio, Trey Hamilton from Houston and Josh Day from Boerne came out and built a couple of storage closets that we desperately needed.



Muchas Gracias!



Pastor Sung and Brad Wright from Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Colleyville, Texas did some great work on reworking the entry way and installing a cabinet in the kitchen.

Thank You...we love you guys!



Matt, Rose and Pam Siller came to spend the weekend with us. They spent time loving on the children and the kids had a wonderful time playing soccer and kickball with them. They really connected with our kids and the children are always asking "when are they coming back? Their presence here is always such a blessing to everyone!

We also want to acknowledge the Siller family's financial commitment to our ministry. It is virtually impossible for me to keep up with all my responsibilities in running the Home, and to maintain the grounds as well. The Siller's have graciously committed to provide a part-time salary for a local pastor to help with the grounds and light repairs. These wages have allowed Pastor Jaime to rebuild his little church building so both our ministry and Pastor Jaime's ministry are blessed by the Siller's offerings.

Thank you Jesus and Siller Family!



Anna and I want to thank all our monthly partners. Without continued support we would have a difficult time caring for these children properly. The Bible is so very clear that Christians have a responsibility to care for orphans and widows. It is not just His suggestion...it is His command. Every one of God's commands has promises attached to them for obedience, and His command to care for orphans is no different. There are many many scriptures that tell us when we do obey in caring for those who can't care for themselves; He will also be faithful to take care of us. In one scripture He promises that He will bless ALL the works of our hands if you provide for these innocent ones. In another, He promises that if you share your food, clothing and money as well as provide shelter for these orphans, He will be quick to answer your prayers and promises that you will never go without anything you need. However, He also says that if a man turns a deaf ear to the cries of the orphan and widow, He will ignore that man's prayers. In my life as a minister over the years, I have seen both sides of these scriptures in operation in people's lives. I have seen people who are faithful givers who are successful in their businesses and their homes and I have seen those that are not givers and struggle constantly to stay ahead while wondering why God is not moving on their behalf to rescue them. I have also seen those who lived a lifestyle that is not one of giving and were in a constant state of fear and stress over their own finances, suddenly breakout of their bondage when they committed to start giving and carry though on their commitment.

God is very serious about caring for these children. He wants the Body of Christ to be responsible for their care so He tells us if we open our hands to the orphan, providing provision, He will open His hands to us with His provision.

If we close our hand...He closes His.

If you are not presently helping orphans in some way, I ask you to become a partner with us so that we can help change the lives and destinies of these children and the many more who will be coming. When you do, just watch and see if God will not begin to work more and more in the things in your life that trouble you.

We pray God's richest blessings for you and your family as you help us help the children.

Until next time... Blessings!

Dr. Ron + Anna Sherman



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Thinking about Christmas...

Since we are drawing near to the Christmas Season, many start thinking about doing special things for the children. We are hearing from folks regarding ideas for Christmas gifts. If you or your group are thinking about sending presents to our kids, please check out the adjacent list for some ideas. In the past we have received items that we already have plenty of, or are just not practical for our kids. For example; many people like to bring stuffed animals to the children. Although stuffed animals are

Gift Items for the Entire Home

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| Skate boards | Soccer Nets |
| Riding Toys | Tetherball set |
| Scooters | Jungle Gym set |
| Wagons | Table tennis table/set |
| Full-size bikes | Trampoline |
| Pedal & Push Toys | Rebounder |
| Legos | Punching bag/Heavy bag |
| Erector sets | Air Hockey table |
| Football table | Dart board |
| AA Batteries | |

Children's Wish List

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| Play cars & trucks | Paint by the numbers |
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nice, we have large trash bags full of stuffed animals and the girls have a shelf about 15 feet long stacked high with animals as well as several animals on each bed...so please...we are stuffed with stuffed animals! (lol) So the adjacent list of items provides some suggestions that will bless the children and are practical as well.

Play Cars & Trucks
Baby doll
Barbie doll
Remote control car
Star Wars Light Saber
Water pistols
Toy pistols
Tops
Purse
Paint-by-the-numbers
Colored felt tip pens
Perfume
Cologne
Purse
Craft beads
Video game console
Water goggles & flippers

We have a room that we are converting into an exercise/activity room. We want to put the children on an exercise program. If you have any exercise equipment that is unused and still in working condition, we would put it to good use and we would greatly appreciate it.

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To our South African Family & Friends;

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Our "Wish List"

We are constantly being asked about our specific needs. We have found many times that folks have the desire to help us but they don't know if what they have can be of use to us, so I am listing some of the things that we need and if you have any of these items that you can help us with, please let us know. If you have some of the furniture or other bulky items and you don't live in the Del Rio area, let us know and we may be able to have these items picked up.

Furniture

Dressers
Small dining table & chairs
2 Arm chairs
Bookshelves
Desk
Kitchen Counter/Sink
Kitchen Cabinets
2 Cribs
Sleigh bed for toddlers

Household Items -

Couch covers (denim) - we have 3 used couches that are stained and we would like to cover them with denim covers

Toilet paper
Paper towels
Large trash bags
Tall kitchen trash bags
Clorox
Liquid clothes detergent
Pinesol
Hair Conditioner
Deodorant
Hand lotion
Tampax
Bean bag chairs
Smoke detectors
Fire extinguishers

Tools/Maintenance -

Cordless hammer drill
Air compressor

Our "Projects List"

We have discovered that from time to time, church groups look for work projects to do with orphanages or other missions efforts. If you or your church group would like to invest some time, energy and expertise in helping us on our seemingly never-ending mission to make a functional as well as beautiful home for the children, then please let us know and we can talk about scheduling a time that is convenient for your group to come. Also, we can even assist in securing very inexpensive overnight housing in a ministry compound close by. Below you will see some of the issues we need assistance with. Some are large projects and some are small. Some require the expertise of certain building/construction trades and others can be handled by anyone. There is something for everyone!

- > **Painting** - we have many places around the Home that need painting, both inside and outside
- > **Secure outside stairs**
- > **Re-hang several doors**
- > **Tape & float & paint several unfinished walls**
- > **Build shelves in closets**
- > **Install burglar bars on new windows upstairs**
- > **Install kitchen plumbing & cabinets in cottage**
- > **Build closets/lockers in girl's room**
- > **Build large bathroom in girl's bedroom**
- > **Install sink in laundry room**
- > **Build cover over sidewalk between house & laundry**
- > **Build cabinets in Kitchen**
- > **Install Light & Bell at front gate**
- > **Install facet outside laundry room**
- > **Move small buildings in rear of Home to the back fence line & install plumbing & elec.**
there are 5 small buildings that can be used to house groups or unwed mothers but they need to be moved and then hooked to utilities.
- > **Build a playhouse**
- > **Landscaping** - planting grass, flowers and hedges at the fences for privacy
- > **Build a carport**
- > **Build shelves in workshop**
- > **Build several closets**
- > **Build shelves in computer room**
- > **Build island in kitchen**

