



# WHITE STONE MINISTRIES

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Greetings from 

Anna and I began our administration of the Casa Hogar Manto Coahuila Children's Home eight months ago and what an amazing and miraculous eight months it has been. We have been busier than we have ever been in our lives but God has sustained us and given us an unmatched joy as we see the change in the lives of the children in our care. We currently have eight beautiful children in the Home and are looking forward to many more.



Our vision is and continues to be, that we will provide a home to the orphaned and abandoned children God sends to us and to develop a children's home that can serve as a training model to other pastors, administrators and staff of other children's homes here in Mexico.



We want to express our deep gratitude to you and our other partners who have joined with us in this work. We firmly acknowledge that God is our Jehovah Jireh – our provider, but He uses people...people like you to deliver that provision to us. You are truly His blessing to us and the children. A work like this simply can not exist without partners...partners who not only give of their finances but also their prayers, their words of encouragement and their energy in our work projects. The Bible says in Romans 10:15, *"And how can men [be expected to] preach unless they are sent?..."*. We could not bring Jesus to these abandoned and forgotten children unless we are sent. That is what you have been a part of as one of our partners...you have "sent us". As our partner you will receive the same reward we receive from the Lord for every young life changed just as if you had been here physically working with us.

As I said, Anna and I have never been so busy before. In fact we have only had 7 days off in 8 months (and even these 7 days were "work days" outside the Home). We prayed for relief staff as the load was becoming overwhelming and the Lord has sent us a beautiful couple and their daughter to work with us. They are René and Maggie Vivar and their 11 year old daughter, Isa, from Mexico City. They bring many skills to our ministry. Maggie is a licensed teacher in Mexico and was the principal of a Christian School in Mexico City. We have a desire to open our own school here at Manto Coahuila and now with Maggie's license and her expertise we will be able to do so as the funds become available to setup the classroom.



We still have many things to do in turning this building into the kind of Home that we believe the Lord would have us prepare for the children. However, the Lord has sent many groups during these eight months to help us with many of the construction and remodeling efforts, and the property is looking better and better all the time. Many of these groups were completely unknown to us before coming here...it was almost miraculous that people have found us and have come here to help us. I would estimate that over 150 people have been here during these previous eight months and only a very small percentage were people we knew.

### GOD IS SO GOOD!

I want to encourage you to continue your support because the Word is very clear that your giving is not only a blessing to us, but it is also a blessing to you. We see that in Paul's letter to his partners in the church at Philippi; *"But it was right and commendable and noble of you to contribute for my needs and to share my difficulties with me. And you Philippians yourselves well know that in the early days of the Gospel ministry, when I left Macedonia, no church (assembly) entered into partnership with me and opened up [a debit and credit] account in giving and receiving except you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent [me contributions] for my needs, not only once but a second time*

*not that I seek or am eager for [your] gift, but I do seek and am eager for the fruit which increases to your credit [the harvest of blessing that is accumulating to your account]. But I have [your full payment] and more; I have everything I need and am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent me. [They are the] fragrant odor of an offering and sacrifice which God welcomes and in which He delights. And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.* (Phil. 4:14-19 Amp Ver., emp mine) Here Paul speaks to his financial partners, encouraging them in the fact that God considers their contributions to his ministry as a "fragrant odor of an offering and sacrifice" which God "delights" in. He goes on to say that because GOD delights in their giving, He will supply their every need according to His riches. What an amazing promise. When you help supply our need out of your "riches"...God supplies your need out of His riches!







In Deuteronomy 14, the Lord says that if you provide for the orphans and the widows He will bless ALL the works of your hands. I could go on and on with the promises written in God's Word to those who help take care the fatherless and the orphan but I believe the verses above prove that when you help us take care of a homeless and helpless child, God delights in you and will bless you abundantly.

In closing, we just want to say again... **THANK YOU!** You have been a tremendous blessing and encouragement to us and we pray a hundred-fold return on your giving. We hope that we you will be able to come visit us in the near future. We would love to see you!

Blessings!

In His service,

*Dr. Ron & Anna Sherman*

**Our children are making Christmas gifts for our Partners so we need to make sure we have your current mailing address. Please send us your current address as soon as possible so that we can get these gifts to you in time for Christmas. Thank You!**

### 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.

#### **Computer** – we desperately need a new computer.

The computer I am typing this email on is 8 years old and is needing to be "put out to pasture". We need a new computer so that we can utilize the programs necessary for us for do all our graphics work for newsletters, email updates, and video presentations. We also live in an area where there are no phone lines and the cellular service is extremely poor so we need to access a satellite internet service in order to use an internet phone for our communications. I have been advised that this computer simply will not be able to do what we need done.

#### **Furniture** – Rene & Maggie came here with only their clothes and personal belongings. We are renovating a cottage here on the property for their new home. They have no furniture so we are seeking various items to furnish their cottage.

Chest of Drawers  
Small Dresser  
Small dining table & chairs  
Couch/loveseat  
2 Arm chairs  
Bookshelves  
Desk  
Microwave  
Kitchen Counter/Sink  
Kitchen Cabinets  
Refrigerator  
Lamp tables

#### **Office Supplies -**

Full-size paper cutter  
Printer  
Locking file cabinet

#### **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  
Bean bag chairs  
Smoke detectors  
Fire extinguishers

#### **Tools/Maintenance –**

Wet/dry shop vacuum  
Cordless hammer drill  
Various hand tools – hammers, screwdrivers, etc

### 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 you 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
- > **Fix leaks in outside walls**
- > **Install light kit in classroom**
- > **Fix electric wiring problems**
- > **Install drywall in upstairs stairwell**
- > **Secure outside stairs**
- > **Re-hang several doors**
- > **Tape & float & paint several unfinished walls**
- > **Build shelves in closets**
- > **Build closet in laundry for donated clothes**
- > **Install burglar bars on new windows upstairs**
- > **Tile office/playroom/girl's bedroom/cottage –**  
all these rooms have bare concrete floors and they have no water barriers underneath so at certain times the floors "sweat" damaging anything on the floor
- > **Install kitchen plumbing & cabinets upstairs & in cottage**
- > **Build closets/lockers in girl's room**
- > **Build large bathroom at the end of girl's bedroom**
- > **Install sink in laundry room**
- > **Build cover over sidewalk between house & laundry**
- > **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.
- > **Move swings closer to the house**
- > **Build a playhouse**
- > **Landscaping** – planting grass, flowers and hedges at the fences for privacy
- > **Build a carport** – one vehicle has had the windows broken out by rocks thrown from people in the neighborhood so we need to protect our vehicles
- > **Re-install sewer lines**
- > **Build shelves in workshop**





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