



JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2013

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus!

With the Christmas Season and New Year's celebrations behind us, we are looking forward to another blessed year and labor with continued expectation of how God will continually heal and reshape the lives of the children living here at Manto Coahuila.



Dr. Ron & Anna
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In this edition of our newsletter we want to highlight some of the people and groups that helped make, not only this past Christmas Season, but the entire year, a wonderful time in the life of the children here.



We have some amazing people that have partnered with us on a monthly basis and these folks are the financial "life-blood" of our ministry to these children. We recognize and confirm that our Heavenly Father is our true and ultimate provider (*one of the Old Testament names for God is Jehovah Jireh which means The Lord God is our provider*) but he doesn't just drop money from the sky but rather He uses people...caring, faithful people, to give *through*. To protect the privacy of the folks and groups that have contributed finances this past year we cannot use their names, but we want to state that all who bless us are in our prayers and upon the authority of the Word of God, we can assure you that God says that He "...*shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto*" (Deut. 15:7-10).

Bye Josue

We had to say a tearful "goodbye" to our little man, Josue. He came to us 15 months ago after he was removed from a terrible environment. His mother was a drug addict and alcoholic. DIF removed him from that home at just 3 weeks of age. He became very dear to our hearts but DIF found a good family that wanted to adopt him so he now has the family life he deserves. We miss him dearly but we know that this was best for him. We will always remember this little guy!



School Update

As our school continues, we are seeing some great things happening. WE have several kids who had been labeled as “retarded” by the public school system and completely ignored because in their estimation, they can’t learn. Well I can assure you, they are not aware that our God still works miracles today and with a stable, strict and systematic approach to education and operating in an environment where they are told “¡tu puedes!” (you can do it!) instead of constantly being told “tu no puedes” (you can’t do it), great things can happen...like they are here. We have several kids who were illiterate teenagers but are now reading and working with simple math problems. Those of you who helped get the school off the ground and those who are continually helping support the school, we say a huge “THANK YOU!”. You are truly helping to change the destiny of some of these young people.

Sponsor a Student

Your \$10 monthly sponsorship will help provide a complete education for a child, including not only the basics, such as reading writing, math, etc., but also the child will be taught to read, write and speak English, the child will have daily Bible instruction and in the upper grades, children are introduced to computers and basic computer programs.

So you see...\$10 may not be a lot, but it will do a lot in the life of one of our children. It will truly help change the destiny of a child forever...not bad for \$10.00 per month.

\$10 is not a lot...but it can DO a lot!

**Please check out our
website for additional
info on sponsorship.**

Welcome Osiel

I want to introduce to you, one of our newest family members. This is Osiel. He is 10 years old, although he looks like he is about 8. He has come from a terrible background of abuse and neglect. DIF (Mexico’s Child Protective Services) brought him to us about 2 months ago. This boy, along with his sisters, had physically suffered at the hands of their biological father. Oseil has a scar on the underside of his arm that stretched from his wrist all the way to just before his elbow. His father was drunk and cut Osiels’ arm open with a knife.



These children were removed from that home and placed in an adoptive home. The adoptive parents finally demanded that DIF remove the children because they were extremely disobedient and destructive. They were then placed in one of the other orphanages in the area and that placement broke down as well. The DIF agent told us that they had to separate the siblings because they were uncontrollable and our home was the last resort for Osiel. If he broke down with us, then he would be placed in the Juvenile Detention Center. I will admit, the first week or so, I thought we did indeed “have a tiger by the tail” but Anna reached out to him with a true mother’s love and it, along with all the staff applying a consistent “tough love”, he has made an amazing transformation. He has become a pleasure to be around and we have very few behavioral problems. When DIF returned to see if our home was still intact after what they originally described to us as if “hurricane Osiel” had landed upon us, they were astonished at what they saw. They simply could not believe that it was the same boy. They are now looking into bringing his sister here to be with him, which he is desperate for. So we are grateful to God for his grace and mercy and how it has totally changed this little boy!

Christmas Blessings



Donna Quarles, Mandy Murray & Rhonda Dove of Del Rio delivered a new flat-screen TV donated by a generous family.



Pastor Terry & Dorcas Maris brought gifts from the great folks at Grace Community Church of Del Rio. The kids were extremely blessed.



A group of members of a private credit union here in Acuna brought presents, pizza & a huge piñata.

The Thin Blue Line, a group of motorcycle policemen from Houston sent gifts and the big hit was the personalized blankets for each of the kids.



A group of employees from the local utility company blessed the kids with presents

Frank & Josefina Serrano delivered a truck load of

presents &
household supplies
from Big Spring
Welding of Big
Spring, Texas



Blue Line Manufacturing of Acuna blessed our home again. Their employees collect household supplies and food then bring the collected items and host an early morning Christmas party. This has become an annual event for them.

Remember:
Taking care of orphans is not God's suggestion...
...It is His
command!

This past year has seen some amazing changes in some amazing kids. We are profoundly grateful to God and to our partners who have help make a home where these changes are possible. If you have not committed to become a monthly partner, I urge you to prayerfully consider joining with us to help change the lives and the destinies of some precious children that society has considered to be worthless. We believe however, that these children possess great worth and they are children that our Lord Jesus died for and has a great future in store. So please join with us as we continue to provide real "hope and change" to some deserving children.

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Blessings,

Dr. Ron & Anna Sherman

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“Needs” List

- Household Items -

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

Clorox

Hair Conditioner

Deodorant

Hand lotion
- Furniture -

Bunk beds

High Chairs

Chest of Drawers

Small Dresser

Small dining table/chairs

Bookshelves

Kitchen Counter/Sink

Kitchen Cabinets

Bean bag chairs

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