



# WHITE STONE MINISTRIES

Providing a loving, Christ-centered home for orphaned, abandoned and abused children.

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*Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus!*

We are excited to report that we are getting very close to our goal of \$50,000 so that we can move forward with the purchase of our children's home! As of this writing we have received \$41,000 and have received commitments of \$3000 more...



*Dr. Ron & Anna Sherman*

**WE ONLY NEED \$6000 MORE TO REACH OUR TARGET!**

You may have received an email from us recently explaining why reaching our goal very quickly is so important right now. There are several reasons but the most exciting one is *the opportunity to have a group of professional builders from the U.S. build a complete 2nd floor on our home...* if we can finish raising the down payment before they are scheduled to arrive!

A minister from Del Rio that hosts groups coming across the border to do ministry projects came a few days before this writing to talk to us about a group of professional builders he is hosting in November. This group is a huge group...90+ men...that come to Acuna to build houses and churches in the space of 3 days. He said that he told them about our children's home and they want to know if there is something they can build for us. I showed him the roof leaks that have developed in the past few months. He said that the group actually prefers not to do repairs but rather build buildings. So I explained that in fact, we would rather build a second floor for houseparent's living quarters and bedroom space for boys (to separate the boys from the girls) then obviously that would fix our leak problem.

## We're almost there!

The minister said that this project was a definite possibility as they have done several such projects in the past, and since the group leader specifically stated he wanted their group to do something special for us. So the group leader is coming on **October 12th** to identify and finalize their decision on which projects they will undertake and then the entire group comes in the middle of November to do the construction.

I told the minister we were in the process of raising the down payment and that was why we had not spent money on the leaks yet. Hearing that, he expressed his concern that the group would not take on a project unless the ministries they helped owned the property they were building on, which is certainly understandable. So before the group leader arrives on October 12<sup>th</sup>, if we are able to raise the balance of the down payment and can have a closing date that is scheduled before the construction team arrives in November, it is a very strong possibility that we will have a complete second floor added to the house without any cost to us...and built by experienced American builders. What a remarkable blessing!



So we are getting the word out about this HUGE bonus if we can finish raising the down payment before the group leader returns October 12th to make a decision on the projects they will tackle.

**I believe this is a "God Thing". If you have been considering helping us finish raising the down payment, we ask that you consider how huge a blessing for us it will be if you can act quickly. Your giving could actually trigger the tremendous blessing of a completed 2<sup>nd</sup> story addition to our Children's Home!**

## *School Days!*

School is very important to us. We are teaching the children the value of receiving an good education and while that has not completely sunk in to most of them yet, they do get excited about attending school. So on the first day of school, our home is quite a lively place as the excitement is almost overwhelming, especially for the little ones. Some have never attended school before, even though they are school age, but the schools have been understanding and give the kids grace for their lack of some basics. We have 4 children who attend a private Christian school and two of our kids have learning disabilities, so they are in special schools. We have to home school two of our kids. One is not allowed in the public school system due to the fact that he has never attended



school before coming to us, and he is now 14 years old. So there is no program for him. We have him enrolled in a type of adult education system that is done strictly at home so he has just passed his Kindergarten test and can read at an elementary level.

One of our girls, Mayte, is attending a type of trade school where she is learning how to sew and also to make piñatas. She is excited as she just sold her first piñata. This is something she can do to earn an income later when she leaves



our home and she now has more hope for the future. Hopefully Mayte's progress will be an encouragement to the others.

**Now she admits...education is a good thing!**



**A HUGE "Thank You"  
to everyone who donated school supplies!**



## Quinceanera!



In Mexico, the 15th birthday is a great time of celebration commemorating the passage from child to young woman and is called the "Quinceanera". This year, two of our girls turned 15 within a few days of each other, so we organized a Quinceanera celebration for the two. These beautiful young women are Paula & Rosalba. Rosalba has been with us for over 3 years and Paula has lived with us for just over a year. We were so thankful to the people who helped us with all the different aspects of the celebration. The dresses were provided by Cathi Maris and Nadia Perez, both from Del Rio.

Providing these dresses was a special gesture from both Cathi & Nadia. Cathi was born in Romania. As a very young child, she lived in an orphanage until she was adopted by Pastor Terry & Dorcas of Del Rio. So Cathi, more than most, understands how special an event like this is in the life of a child in an orphanage. Nadia stated that she received so much joy out of wearing her dress that she wanted another girl to experience the same joy. We thank you girls for making our girls so

happy. It was amazing how the dresses fit these girls perfectly. Most of the accessories, the girls hair, nails, flowers and cakes were donated by some awesome folks. These girls come from terrible backgrounds of abuse and abandonment and for them to even think of having a Quinceanera celebration was just a dream. When they tried on their dresses, they knew that this was no dream...but was really happening. Their smiles didn't leave their faces for days...they were beyond ecstatic.

In the ceremony, it is customary for the girl to be escorted by their father, but these girls were blessed to be escorted by two amazing "padrinos"...Mike Kyle and Darin Dutcher. It was particularly special for Paula because Darin and his family met Paula several years ago when she was living in another casa hogar. They scheduled their trip from Missouri to coincide with the Quinceanera so that they could honor Paula...and an honor it was! Another surprise for the girls was that the Youth Group from Wade Baptist Church of Moss Point, MS came for their Summer visit just in time to celebrate with us, so the event was such a tremendous blessing for the girls...one they will remember and cherish for many years!





## Healing Love

I am amazed at how the Lord Jesus brings healing to the children in our home. This photo was not posed or setup. The baby, Gilberto, is a Downs Syndrome baby. He is 2 years old but has many serious physical problems. When he first came to us, he could not stand to be touched. He wanted to be left alone in the playroom or in his crib. He wanted no interaction with any of the staff or kids. This photo shows how loving the little boy and girl are to Gilberto. These two kids have been through terrible things in their own lives and they are now experiencing God's love and healing and they just naturally show that love to Gilberto. Now Gilberto actually loves being "babied"...a sign of the healing in his little heart.

**Thank you Jesus!**



## Projects

After over a year and a half living in our new home, we are seeing the necessity for some repairs & changes that we need to address. Possibly there are groups that have experienced craftsmen who would like to help us with some of our pressing issues.

Here are a few of the projects:



**Roof leaks.** We are experiencing roof leaks, especially after this season's heavy rainfalls. Our house has the infamous flat roof that allows water to sit until the sun dries it out. We need to stop these leaks soon so the inside ceilings don't suffer too much more.

**Painting:** Some of the rooms still have wallpaper on them that are beginning to peel. As you may imagine, as soon as a child sees a loose strip of wallpaper, it isn't long before the temptation becomes overpowering to give it a little tug. Those little peels are now big strips so we need to strip the wallpaper and paint those remaining rooms.



**Carpets:** We REALLY need to pull out the carpets in three of the bedrooms. They are quite old, stained and smelly and were never attached very well to the floor so we want to pull them out then finish the floors with some of the new style concrete paint/stain. We believe this is the cheapest and strongest way of covering the floors.

**Windows:** Even though the house is better insulated than most other houses here in Acuna, it is still extremely hot inside during the day and on into the night even though the temperature outside is cooler than inside. Fans are really only moving hot air around so they don't help a whole lot. It is way too expensive to run the central AC units because we would have to run all three at the same time. The reason being, there is no way to isolate different zones in the house for the each of central units. So we want to open up many of the picture windows to allow for a lot more air flow from the outside. We want to replace the picture windows with either normal windows or Plexiglas doors in several cases where the windows stretch from floor to ceiling.



**Intercom:** The house has an antiquated intercom system and there are speakers in all the bedrooms. It does not work but if it did it would be a tremendous blessing for several reasons. This is obviously not a pressing issue or high priority but if someone who has experience with electronics was able to look at it, it might just be a very simple fix, and it would help the staff monitor the bedrooms from the kitchen (where the master unit is installed), we could communicate better with staff and children without having to yell, and we could have music playing throughout the house.



## Bye-bye Isai!



**Good friends are like stars...you don't always see them but you know they are always there!**

This remarkable little man is a true success story. I can say, that out of the 250+ children that have lived with us, I have only seen 2 other cases of physical abuse worse than what Isai suffered. This happy little guy was black and blue literally from head to toe. He was covered in bruises and had shaka marks around his neck. This abuse didn't come from a horrific. In just a few days with us he began to smile and eventually became a very bright spark in our

We were so happy to see our good friends, The **Cox Family**, from Boerne. **Tim & Lori** have been faithful and generous supporters the entire time we have been in Acuna. They don't get to visit often but when they do, it is a special time for Anna & I. We love you guys!



**Peter Harriman** & his children, **Nathan & Sierra** came for a 2nd visit to help us with some much-needed painting. They did excellent work and our kids fell in love with these 2 young people. We were touched by the heart of Peter's children. He had given them the option of

taking a vacation or helping out at the orphanage...they chose the orphanage, so that made their visit extra special for us. The Harriman Family is also from **Redeemer Community Church** of Katy, Texas. Our Friend Trey Hamilton introduced us to them so we are thankful to Trey. This is a very special family and we look forward to their next visit.



**Phil Neighbors** of **Southland Baptist Church** in San Angelo leads a group of college students every 3 months. **Donnalynn Barton** and her group from **First Baptist Church of San Marcos** always join him. Our children always look forward to these folks because most of the students are foreign exchange students. Phil & Donnalynn always bless us by taking one of our workers to local grocery stores and pharmacies to stock us up on so many things. We have a profound appreciation for these great people!



**Miss Teen Del Rio, Karla Howard** & her mom, **Sara Howard** are first-time visitors. They promised to come often so we look forward to their visits.

**Julio Gonzales** & his dad **Rev. Julio C Gonzalez**, came from Houston with supplies, & pizza We appreciate Julio's ministry to our kids.



Long-time friend, **Don Dixon** from Frisco, Texas brought the **Lovin Family** for a first time visit. It was so nice to meet **Larry, Lauren & John** and hope to see them all again soon!



**Paul & Wilma Garcia** and their group from San Angelo have become regular visitors. They have such a great compassion for the poor here in Acuna. They are always coming and blessing our Home and several other ministries here in Acuna. We always look forward to their visits!

**Janice & Bill Cattnach** are amazing folks. They often visit not only our home, but other ministries here in Acuna as well. They always bring medical and other basic supplies for us and others here that help the poor & needy. The Cattnach's are very special to us...they truly demonstrate the Love of Jesus!





This is the youth group from Wade Baptist Church of Moss Point, MS. The group was led by **Pastor Everett Childers**, **Hondo Sartain** & his wife **Peggy** and **Brannon Lott**, **Student Pastor**. This is their 3rd visit. The group stayed for an entire week, loving on our kids every day for several hours and then, this year went out into the community and helped with the reconstruction efforts of several small churches that were hit by the tornado that swept through Acuna in May. Their visit is the highlight of the Summer for our kids. It was an amazing time, but it was also a special time because this was the week that we celebrated the Quinceanera for our girls, Rosalba & Paula. So they were able to participate in the celebration. Although this was Pastor Childers 1st visit with the group, we felt as if we had known him for many years.

The love the entire group showered upon our kids is still felt and talked about. They made a profound impact on our El Corazon Family...including Anna & I. There was a special connection between Pastor Everett and our boy, Armando. Armando yielded to the Holy Spirit as Pastor Everett was ministering at the Celebration in the church we attend, and Pastor Everett prayed for Armando to receive the Lord. We miss them already and look forward to their next visit!



## *Gettina Out The Word*

> We have created **a short YouTube video** that has a general overview of our property and our ministry. Go to the following link and it takes you directly to our video. If you like the video and would like to help promote our ministry, look for the "Share" button just below the video and click on it. It lists a variety of ways to easily and quickly share the video with all your friends and associates.

[White Stone Overview](#)

> We have created **a Facebook page** for our Children's Home. That is also a quick way to share our ministry with family and friends and also to see recent updates. If you go to our Facebook page, please be sure to "Like" us.

[White Stone Facebook Page](#)

> We have put together a short **Youtube video with testimonials** from folks who have visited the Children's Home.

[White Stone Testimonials](#)

## **Rated the No. 1 Children's Home in the State of Coahuila**

The Program operated by White Stone & El Corazon de Rey has been rated the No. 1 Children's Home in the State of Coahuila each year since 2010



**W**e want to express how deeply grateful Anna and I are for our family of supporters. Many folks believe that since the Mexican authorities bring us so many kids, that we must be receiving some compensation from the Mexican government. However, in the 6 years we have been taking care of Mexico's children we have NEVER received even 1 Peso from the government. Without the financial support from caring individuals and churches, we would not be able to care for these children. Our supporters are the "destiny children." Your consistent giving allows us to do what we can, which creates the environment for God to do what He desires. 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. 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*

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