



# WHITE STONE MINISTRIES

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

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*Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus!*

**M**arch has been an exciting month! Several groups came for a visit this month. We met some new friends, had an evangelistic outreach right here in our yard with over 50 children and most of all, we are experiencing the tangible love and grace of God at work in all our lives here at Manto Coahuila.



**N**ow that Spring is in "full bloom" (pardon the pun), we are finally seeing this desert of a yard begin to slowly begin to turn into a yard full of greenery and life. It has been very sad in the past for the children during the summer months, as they had no real yard full of grass to play on...only grilling hot cement and hard baked caliche. We have done a tremendous amount of preparation to the grounds in order to plant a thick cover of grass. The areas that were not covered in concrete for the driveway, were covered with a layer of caliche and filled with rocks of all sizes. In fact we found over a dozen places where the previous owners of the property, who owned a concrete company, emptied out their concrete trucks all over the grounds. So in various places, we discovered small slabs of concrete that had to be removed.

It has been surprising how the children have become so involved with this huge project. Almost daily, one or more of the kids would go out into the yard, without



our prompting, and would either pickup buckets of rocks or would even help in breaking up the hardpan topsoil. They have developed such a pride for making their home beautiful as well as keeping it clean and neat, that Anna and I marvel sometimes in the changes that God has worked in their lives. They have realized that no matter where they live, they can have a clean and beautiful home with a little work.

We thank God for sending us some new friends from The French Camp Academy of French Camp, Mississippi. French Camp Academy is a Christian boarding school and each year they bring a team of young people and school staff into Mexico to put on evangelistic events for children, implementing puppets, skits, music and even clowns. We met them for the first time this month and we planned an outreach right here at Manto Coahuila. There were over 50 children that came from around the neighborhood. The team did an excellent job ministering to the children



and we know that they had an eternal impact on many of the children. We look forward to seeing them again next year.



Dr. Jeff Johnson and his wife Molly, pastors of First Baptist Church of Del Rio, accompanied by Pastor Moises Reyes family and their friends from Louisiana came for a visit. Dr. Johnson and his church are some of our faithful supporters and we thank God for their heart of love for our children.

Moises Reyes, Missions Pastor of Del Rio First Baptist Church brought the Springer Family and their friend Mark Jessup from Trinity Pines Conference Center in Trinity, Texas to minister to our children. They are great musicians and our kids thoroughly enjoyed their ministry. We look forward to their next visit.



UPDATE: In our newsletter last month I wrote about our challenge in obtaining an education for Angel after the public school let him down through no fault of his. We needed to put him in a private Christian school, which has a monthly tuition of about \$90. Well, almost immediately after the newsletter went out, some amazing and generous folks contacted us and we so happy to report that Angel's entire school year, including registration, books, and uniforms are completely paid for.



*God is so good!*

I want to talk to you briefly about the situation here in Mexico that has stopped so many folks from coming over into Acuna to help us and some of the other ministries that are based here. First, I want to make sure that folks don't think that we take the issues that are written about in the news and online lightly. We do know that there are many problems with the drug cartels battling with each other for supremacy and sometimes innocent people become victims of those battles. We know that living here we must act with wisdom in all we do, but we do not live in fear for we know God sent us here and if He sent us here and we stay rooted in faith, His protection covers us. We have been told repeatedly to stay away from the areas of town that attract the attention of cartel members, such as around bars, dancehalls, etc. Also, don't drive around at night and don't drive big new SUV's or 4x4 trucks, as these can be targets for theft. We have spoken to many people who do want to come across to help and spend time with the children but the fear of violence keeps them from coming. In my conversations with these folks, there seems to be 2 main issues that if they could be rectified, would offer a sense of security which would make the groups feel much more at ease about returning to Acuna.

One of these issues is sleeping quarters. There are very few accommodations available for groups here in Acuna. The main one that we know of is about 15 minutes out of town and people feel very unsafe driving to and from this location because the open road can be a vulnerable place. Also, when people spend 2-3 days working here or at other places in town, they have a fear that their routine will be observed and they will be followed, as the wrong people will realize they have tools and other possessions that could be stolen. So traveling from the project site (our home or other location that the group is working at) back and forth to the location of nightly accommodations, gives folks a very insecure feeling.

The second issue is that of crossing over from the Del Rio side. Some folks simply have a fear of bringing their vehicles over at all.

Well, we believe that the Lord is helping us to overcome these 2 main issues for the people who truly want to come work with us. Behind our main house are 4 cottages and 1 building with 2 bathrooms and a small kitchen. These cottages are about 90% finished out. When finished, if we can secure enough bunk beds, can provide sleeping quarters for 16 people comfortably. We have not had the resources to finish them as we have had so many other priorities, but a group from the San Antonio area has committed to bring a team in May to finish out these cottages and make them useable for other groups. This is a HUGE blessing! Once completed, groups who have a desire to minister here can come straight across the border and travel directly to our home and they do not have to leave the grounds until they are ready to return home. Their vehicles will be safe here in our compound and they do not have to travel back and forth daily to another location for sleeping. In addition, to overcome the second issue, if a group simply does not wish to bring their vehicle over, I am available with our 15 passenger van to meet them in Del Rio and shuttle them across.

So we want to encourage you and your group, if you truly believe that the Lord would have you come to Acuna to visit us or to minister here this summer, please let us know and we can keep you updated on the availability of our cottages. Please just know that if the Lord is truly

Keep you updated on the availability of our cottages. Please just know that if the Lord is truly sending you, you will have His perfect peace, and the Word tells us in Colossians 3:15 that we are to be led by that peace.

We love you and appreciate you!

Blessings,

*Dr. Ron & Anna Sherman*



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*"Projects" List*

If you or you church group would like to invest some time, energy & expertise in helping us with our goal to make a functional and 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.

- Painting – many places inside and outside
- Secure outside stairs
- Re-hang several doors
- Build shelves in closets
- Install burglar bars on new windows upstairs
- Tile playroom & girl's bedroom
- Install kitchen plumbing & cabinets 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.
- Build jungle gym
- Build a playhouse and sand box
- Landscaping
- Build a carport
- Build shelves in workshop
- Build several closets
- Build shelves in computer room
- Build island in kitchen

*"Needs" List*

**Household Items –**

- Couch covers (denim)
- Toaster Oven
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Large trash bags
- Tall kitchen trash bags
- Liquid clothes detergent
- Pinesol
- Clorox
- Hair Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Hand lotion
- Tampax

**Furniture –**

- 8 Sets of Bunk Beds**
- 14 Dining Room Chairs**
- Chest of Drawers
- Small Dresser
- Small dining table & chairs
- 2 Arm chairs
- Bookshelves
- Kitchen Counter/Sink
- Kitchen Cabinets
- Refrigerator
- Bean bag chairs

**Tools/Maintenance –**

- Cordless hammer drill

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