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

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*Seasons Greetings From Mexico!*

Everyone receiving this letter certainly knows whom and why we celebrate this time of year. Our King of Kings and Lord of Lords came to Earth as one of us, to live as we do and walk perfectly before His Father so that He could become the perfect sacrifice for us. We hope that as you and your family come together this Christmas Season and exchange gifts that you will take time to meditate upon what Christmas is all about and what an immeasurable gift God gave to us in the person of Jesus Christ.



Anna and I want to wish you a very joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Our family here in the Children's Home will certainly have a wonderful time because God has been so very good to us. In fact, our time here in the Home has been nothing short of miraculous. The Bible says that the steps of the righteous are already prepared (Psalms 37:23) and we are testifying of this truth. It seems as though at every unexpected turn we have had to take and every obstacle we have come up against, the Lord had already been there and had the answer waiting for us... sometimes before we could even ask.

Let me give you just one example. Anna and I had the opportunity to take a short trip into San Antonio for Thanksgiving. We had planned to search out some sales of Christmas ornaments while we were there so that we could decorate the Home for the children in a special way. We had a very limited budget and we knew we would need to be frugal. But God is so good! We spent the night with a friend we had not seen for quite some time. Unknown to us, she had already decided not to decorate her home this year. She did not know we were looking for ornaments but being a giving person, she asked if we would like to take a few of her ornaments. Well let me tell you...this lady doesn't buy junk and her Christmas ornaments were no exception. She loaded down our car with all sorts of wonderful ornaments and decorations...way more than we could have purchased on our budget.

Last night we decorated our tree with these ornaments and today Anna put up more of the decorations around the house. We have a lot left over to decorate outside and all this without spending a penny. The children are amazed at how beautiful the Home is and they just stand and stare at the lights and decorations. Some of these children have never seen a home decorated like this, so the joy in their little faces is so precious. We are so thankful to God and to our sister Grace who blessed the children with the decorations.



We want to give God the glory for His love, His care and His provision for us this year. When we came into this building 9 months ago, many of you already know the story of how unbelievably filthy and unlivable this place was. Anna stood on the front porch and just cried because the task of turning this place into a beautiful and welcoming home was almost impossible for the two of us. Miraculously church groups and ministry teams that we didn't even know began to show up at our gate offering their help to us. The first group came on the third day we were here and they haven't stopped coming yet. Well over 150 people have come through our doors helping clean, sanitize, paint, repair and build, turning this





old house into a Home that children can live and enjoy life in.

*We serve such an awesome God!*

We also want to thank God for sending us a couple to work along side us in the Ministry. They are Rene and Maggie Vivar and their 11 year-old daughter, Isa, from Mexico City. They will be assuming most of the house parenting duties and Maggie will be instrumental in helping us start our school here at the Home. She is a certified teacher in the Mexican public school system and has been involved in Christian education. So we are very thankful for their commitment to join us in the ministry.



Because of so many challenges and financial problems, the Family of God in the US has become preoccupied with the day-to-day grind. It has neglected a huge harvest field of lives and souls outside our borders. The Bible speaks plainly in numerous passages to our responsibility of taking care of those who can't take care of themselves. In Isaiah 54, He clearly promises us that if we will spend some of our resources to help the poor, then He will use His resources to take care of the things in our life that we can't take care of.



We have devoted our lives to rescuing as many of these lost, forgotten children as possible, but obviously we cannot do it alone ...and God designed it that way for a reason. He wants the Body of Christ to work just as our physical bodies do. Each member has a particular position and purpose, and when all the members work in concert together, the body functions and prospers as it is designed to, but if not, the whole body suffers. If the hand decided to do its own thing and not respond to the command of the head to pick up food and take it to the mouth, the whole body starves – the hand cuts off its own life flow. So it is with the Body of Christ. We do not live in a spiritual vacuum. Each of us has a particular calling, purpose, resources and group of gifts and strengths. God expects each of us to use what He has blessed us with to build His kingdom...not our own.

I personally believe that we are not given an option when it comes to caring for widows and orphans – He simply says "DO IT". Our choice is not "IF we give" but "to whom do we give". If you are already helping orphans and widows on a consistent basis, then I thank God for your obedience, but if you have not made a commitment to help give life to a lost child, then I ask you to consider our ministry.

To our partners who have financially supported us, we want to thank you for your financial gifts. If you could see the changes that have taken place in the lives of the children here in the Home over the last 9 months, you would understand how precious your monthly gifts and prayers really are... not only to us, but to God. So we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

This Christmas Season please remember God's gift to us. He made a way of salvation for us by giving the best gift to you and I that was possible...His Son Jesus.

Blessings!

*Dr. Ron & Anna Sherman*



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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.

**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.

### *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

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  
Kitchen Counter/Sink  
Kitchen Cabinets  
Refrigerator  
Lamp tables

**Office Supplies -**

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  
Air compressor

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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