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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!

Summer has finally come to a close and school is back in session. Going to school is not just for the children but all the staff as well.



The public schools here are terribly lacking in so many areas. For example: one of our boys is in the 4th grade and had never been held back. Shortly after arriving at our home, we discovered that not only could he not read, he doesn't know how to count, he doesn't know the alphabet and he doesn't even know his colors! Anna has spent much quality time with him helping him with his basics and he is progressing very well so it tells us that the schools don't spend the necessary time and attention to the basics. We make sure that we do all we can to see that these children are educated. Without it, they have a very poor future in front of them and very little hope. We know that Jeremiah 29:11 says that God has a plan for each one of us and we want to instill that hope in our children.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jer 29:11



Two of our little princesses, America (age 7) and Suguey (age 9), had birthdays in August. We had a party for them and they got to dress up like princesses. These two girls really light this home up and we are thankful to God for being able to share our lives with them.

Several weeks ago, a very professional looking group of people arrived at our gate at about 9:30 in the morning. We were not expecting anyone so this visit was a surprise. It turned into a very big surprise as we soon discovered that the highest ranking officers in DIF (the Mexican version of our Child Protective Services) of the State of Coahuila had arrived for a surprise inspection.

Many of you reading this will remember about three months ago we received a visit from the Fire and Safety Department. At that time we were told that we had many issues that needed to be corrected in the Home in order to comply with the newly implemented fire and safety codes. With the financial help of many folks we were able to get all those issues brought up to code in a timely manner.

However, this inspection was a much more serious inspection because these people from the state capital, Saltillo, had the ultimate authority over all children's homes in this state. The group consisted of the state head of DIF, the highest ranking DIF psychologist and the highest ranking DIF attorney. Anna and I managed to steal a brief moment in which to pray and invoke the favor of God upon us and our home.

They spent the entire day going through every detail of our home. They asked a multitude of questions. They interviewed each of our children in depth. They interviewed our staff ladies and administered a psychological exam to each of them. They went through all our files, our documentation and every little nook and cranny of the house itself. They did not finish their inspection until almost 4:30 so it was a very long day. We knew by the way in which the head lady spoke with us, that God had indeed caused us to have favor with these ladies. They commented on several things that we had in place that they had never seen before in any other homes. The head lady liked the way that we described our vision for the home...that of creating a family environment. At the end of their visit we had a meeting where they discussed their findings with us and they gave a few recommendations concerning additional documents they wanted to see in place. Finally, as we were walking the lady in charge through our office seeing her to the door, she stopped and said....

"congratulations...you have the best home in the State!"

WOW....Praise the Lord! We give all the glory to God for his grace and His mercy and we thank all the people who have helped make our home a model home. We still have so much that needs to be done in the home, but we are so thankful and humbled by the grace and the favor of God and the generosity of those who have shared their time, talents and finances to turn this old house into a home...a home that the top state officials said is the best.

THANK YOU JESUS!

We want to thank our great friends Bill Stephens, Trey Hamilton and the rest of the Houston First Baptist gang for the way they have blessed us. Bill organized the finances to help us put in a new sewer. They came down to check on the new system and to help with a couple of projects in the house. I spent many hours "fishing" in the open sewer in the back yard because the old system was in such bad shape and would get clogged on a regular basis. Now we have a marvelous new system and those "fishing" days are over...



PRAISE THE LORD!



A few weeks later, Trey and another of the HFB gang, Dennis Luce, came out bringing a very special gift. Trey brought a piano as a gift from he and his mom, who recently went Home to be with Jesus. This is a very special gift and we will treasure it always...

Thank you Trey & Mom!

Anna & I want to sincerely thank our wonderful financial partners. The work that we do is impossible without the people who have come along side us supporting us with their prayers and their finances. Together, in a year and a half we have taken this home from one that the enemy tried to destroy to one that the officials say is the best in the state. We didn't do this by ourselves...our partners were right along side us and we also thank our Lord for His grace and provision and for connecting us with some of the most generous people anywhere.

However...we have a lot more to do and we need more monthly partners to grow with us, so if you are not a partner, we ask you to become part of this ministry with us. I can assure you...you will be blessed! God's Word is very clear...if you will help take care of the orphan and the widow, He will take care of you!

Until next time...

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.

Furniture

Dressers
 Small dining table & chairs
 2 Arm chairs
 Bookshelves
 Desk
 Kitchen Counter/Sink
 Kitchen Cabinets
 2 Cribs
 Sleigh bed for toddlers

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
 Tampax
 Bean bag chairs
 Smoke detectors
 Fire extinguishers

Tools/Maintenance –

Cordless hammer drill
 Air compressor

Our "Projects List"

If you or your church group would like to invest some time, energy and expertise in helping us on our 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 assist in securing 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 & 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
- > Secure outside stairs
- > Re-hang several doors
- > Tape & float & paint several unfinished walls
- > Build shelves in closets
- > Install burglar bars on new windows upstairs
- > Install kitchen plumbing & cabinets in cottage
- > Build closets/lockers in girl's room
- > Build large bathroom in girl's bedroom
- > Install sink in laundry room
- > Build cover over sidewalk between house & laundry
- > Build cabinets in Kitchen
- > Install Light & Bell at front gate
- > Install facet outside laundry room
- > 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.
- > Build a playhouse
- > Landscaping – planting grass, flowers and hedges at the fences for privacy
- > Build a carport
- > Build shelves in workshop
- > Build several closets
- > Build shelves in computer room
- > Build island in kitchen

