



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

**April - May 2012**

## Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus!

God is doing some amazing things here at Manto Coahuila. Almost daily we see God's hand working in and through the lives of the children here. We have a wonderful group of workers and they all see their work here as not just a "job" but they recognize it as "ministry".



When children are nurtured and cared for in an environment that is centered on the Word of God, consistent and constructive discipline is applied and everything is administered with love, children naturally flourish. A group from Del Rio came for a visit a few weeks ago and one of the men commented at how obedient and respectful the children are and how they all seem to be so happy. You can't fake or stage "happy". Our children have been taught that God loves them even more than we do and He has a plan and a future designed for them (Jer. 29:11), so they are filled with a hope that brings an inner joy and a "peace that passes understanding". We praise the Lord for His infinite love and grace.

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**Sherman Family News**



This year is a big year for our biological family. Our son, Carlo, and his wife, Roxanne, who live in South Africa just had their first child, Shaina, two weeks ago, which is our first grandchild. Our daughter Lisa, also in South Africa, is preparing for her wedding this September. So it is time for us to visit our kids in Johannesburg. It does present a challenge for us however. Every year Anna & I must send our passports and work permits to Mexico City so that the work permits can be renewed. Our documents must be in Mexico City by the end of June. Last year the documents were not released and sent back to us until the last week of September. If this happens again this year, obviously since we can not travel outside the country without our passports, we would not be able to attend our daughter's wedding. This would be absolutely devastating for us...especially for Anna and Lisa. So the only option that we have in order to be certain that at least Anna is in Johannesburg for the wedding is for her to travel immediately to South Africa. As soon as she lands she will FedEx her passport back to me, then I in turn will send both our passports to Mexico City in time to be renewed. So this will be a bit of a bittersweet time for Anna & I. Anna will be able to spend quality time with our new granddaughter and she will be there to help Lisa prepare for her wedding but Anna will be in South Africa for the entire summer. Obviously I can not go with her as I can not be away from the Home that long, especially since we are starting our new school this coming Fall, so I will not get to see her until late in September IF my passport arrives back from Mexico City in time for me to get to South Africa for the wedding. We have already told the children here about what has to be done and they say they understand (although we know that many of them do not have a concept of how long 4 months really is). So we ask for your prayers for all of us for this situation. Anna will be separated from the children and me for 4 months and we need the Holy Spirit to minister peace to the children especially, as many of them have experienced abandonment in their past and they need to be assured that Anna has not left them but will indeed return. We will also need to hire extra staff to help on the weekends to cover the time that Anna usually is on duty. I will be taking Anna to the airport in San Antonio on June 8, so this is happening very quickly.

**Thank you for your prayers...they mean a lot to us and the children.**

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This little cutie is Blanca. She is 5 years old. Child Protective Services (DIF) brought her to us directly from the funeral of her grandmother with whom she has lived most of her life. Blanca's father is non-existent and her mother had received a 30 year prison sentence for murder. She was living with her grandmother and shared the bed with her but one morning her grandmother would not wake up. She went next door to the neighbor's house for help in waking up her grandmother but the neighbors discovered the woman had died in her sleep. It is amazing to see this little child who has endured so much, be so happy and confident. The day she arrived, Anna was not here as she was house-sitting for a friend on the lake (suffering for Jesus...lol). When Anna arrived here at the Home, Blanca went immediately to Anna and said: "Miss Anna I missed you so much and I know you are going to love me!" She had never met Anna but we know that the children had been talking about missing Anna so she was obviously repeating that but she was so confident that Anna was going to love her...and she was right....you can not be around this child and not immediately fall in love with her.

**Thank you Jesus!**



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This is Lupita, Yazmin, Iris, Carlos and Angel. This sibling group came to us from a terribly neglectful situation. They were very emaciated due to the long-term inability of their mother to feed them. They were very introverted and sad...rarely smiling or laughing. In addition, they had never been enrolled in school. The oldest child, Luptia, is 12 yrs old and should be in at least the 6<sup>th</sup> grade by now but neither she nor her siblings have any schooling.

So these children are underdeveloped in every ...mentally, socially, physically and spiritually. Praise God, after being with us now for about a month, they are gaining weight, laughing and smiling and are looking forward to our new school. We thank God that He is instilling hope in these children...and it shows!



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## School Update

Things are coming together in miraculous ways. We had some amazing people respond to our letter in which I spoke about the need to purchase the curriculum we want to use. Not only did we receive enough for the full curriculum, we have enough to purchase some of the supplementary materials I didn't even talk about. I only asked for help with the "bare bones" curriculum and did not include the other materials that supplement some of the courses with cd's/videos, etc. I can not say "thank you" enough for those who have helped us with the curriculum.

We have a couple of groups that have expressed an interest in helping prepare the building, such as painting, A/C, lighting, etc. Our good friends Trey Hamilton & Bill Stephens have been building our special desks and Trey will be coming from Houston in a few weeks to install them. We now lack just a few things to completely finish furnishing the school once the painting, wiring, etc. is finished. We want to have 4 computer stations for the Junior High & High school students. We have 2 older computers already that will serve us but they do not have screens. So we need to come up with 2 more computers for the students and 4 flat screens as our desk space is very limited and the old style screens won't fit on their desks. We also need 2 computers for the Teacher and her assistant.

We will need:

- 2 computers w/flat screens for our teacher & teacher's assistant.

- 2 computers for students

- 4 flat screens



Bookshelves  
Teacher's desk  
4-drawer filing cabinet  
2 6' tables

Next month we will be starting a Sponsorship Program to find folks that would like to help underwrite the ongoing costs of the school. The major monthly costs will be the salaries for the teacher and her assistant. Also, there will be costs for consumable items such as pencils, paper, etc., but these are minimal. I will be sending out a letter with the details about the sponsorship at the end of June.

We know our school will help change the destiny of our children. We have already seen how a private education has helped some of our kids. As you may know, we were able to put 5 of our kids in a private Christian school this year, thanks to some generous sponsors. Two of the children in particular were placed in Special Education classes in the public schools they attended before coming to us. In the private school in just one year, these children have caught up to their peers and one is even excelling in some of her work. So we believe that we will see more of this type success with all the children once our school is up and running.

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God,  
a workman that needeth not to be  
ashamed...*

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## Life at Manto Coahuila



Anna & her Mother's Day present.  
A T-shirt signed by all the kids.



Pastor Tom Sutherland, Missions Pastor. from Grace Community Church in Del Rio brought a donation of some much needed pillows





The Three Amigos



Donna & Glenn Quarles brought some friends over from Del Rio to help celebrate Angel's birthday.



America & Karen



Tio Pancho (far left) is a husband of one of our house moms. He is a fireman and brought a truck by to show the kids...then he showed them how the fire hose works!





Pastor Oscar Olguin of Iglesia Pan brought some of his members minister to the kids on the "Día de Niño's" (Children's Day)



A local civic group came to visit the kids and you may think they are holding balls in their hands but they are actually water balloons. Right after this photos was snapped, all chaos broke out! Kids had lots of fun.







her daughter Sylvia and her grandson for a visit to help us celebrate Mayte's and our friend, Mike Figart's birthdays.



Game Time



Sugey thought I needed some rest.

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Anna and I want to thank our financial partners. I truly wish that our partners could see what we see happening in the lives of the children in our Home. The changes for the better are truly wonderful. Our partners are responsible for helping change the lives of children that the world had thrown away. Although Anna and I have invested our whole life in this work, we simply can not do what we do without the financial help of our partners. It would be impossible. In Romans 10, verses 14 & 15 say: *"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? ...."* This scripture is saying that there are those that go and do the actual work of the ministry and there are those that send them. Our partners are "sending" us to take the love and grace of Jesus to these little ones who have no one to care for them. It takes all of us to get this job done...and we do not take your part in our ministry lightly. But even more important...Jesus does not take your involvement lightly. In fact, He promises that if we take care of those who cannot take of themselves (orphans & widows) He will bless ALL the works of our hands (Deut. 14:29).

If you have not made a commitment to join with us in helping change the destiny of these children, please pray and see if the Lord is not speaking to you concerning partnership. To our



existing partners: Thank you for your love, your prayers and your financial support. We thank God for you and pray that God's richest blessings are yours.

Blessings,

**Dr Ron & Anna Sherman**



**God didn't say that taking care of orphans was a**  
**command!**

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# “Projects” List

# “Needs” List

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- Build jungle gym
- Landscaping
- Build a carport
- Build several closets
- Secure outside stairs
- Re-hang several closets
- Build shelves in closets
- Complete 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Install video camera
- Install flood light at
- Install intercom inside
- Install intercom on gate
- Build closets in new school room

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- DrawersSmall
- Small dining
- airs
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