

School is starting & please see our special prayer request

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We would like to thank all of you who have prayed for the ranch but mostly for Kaye's health these past three months. She was unexpectedly diagnosed with a small tumor on her right lung so surgery was imminent. The doctors have given a very positive prognosis in that the cancer had not spread to the lymph nodes nor to the pleura, the lining of the lung. It was necessary to remove the third lobe on the right lung. She is back at the ranch and although still recuperating, she is doing very well.

We praise the Lord that it was detected in time and had not spread. Your prayers sustained us and our ministry during this very trying time.

There aren't enough words to express our gratefulness. We so appreciate you each one for your faithfulness to uphold our ministry. We pray the Lord to bless you for your sensitivity and for your concerns.

### A WORD FROM BILL AND KAYE

The families we serve are often dealing with weighty issues and need a lot of support. So we began the Family Bible Conference to help these struggling families learn how to care for their children and teens. We bring in guest speakers and offer activities so parents can really enjoy their children and learn, through experience, how to spend quality time together.

A couple of years ago, we changed the format for Family Day conference. Due to rising costs, our committee decided to instead have a campout Family Bible camp.

This year we were unable to do as much publicity for our family camp but the Lord intervened in spite of it. We were blessed to have such a wonderful enrollment. We had more teens come with their parents than in past years.

The speaker, a youth pastor and lead singer for a band, was not only entertaining & funny, but delivered a challenging message for the youth. There were break-out sessions for the parents and special programs for the children.

This summer Victor is our star camper. Most of you have met him or read about him. We met Victor when he was 7 years old. He was adopted but shortly afterward, the mother abandoned him and his sister, and the father was dying of tuberculosis. The father begged us to take Victor who at the time was in an institution, being held for breaking windows. When we went to see him, he was very defensive but we took him to the ranch anyway. We had to start all over with him because he couldn't eat, dress, nor bathe



Victor

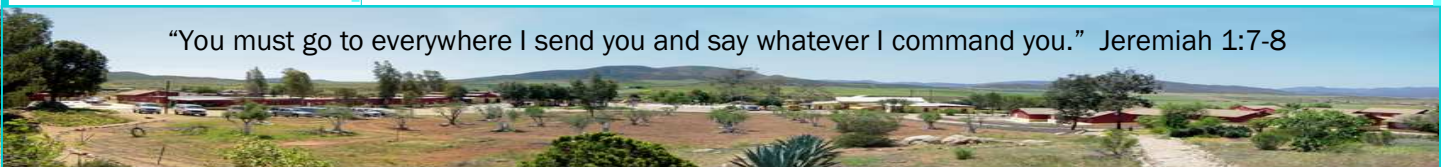
himself. He fell in love with Bill and called him "el barbon," the bearded one.

Within weeks of coming to the ranch, Victor accepted Christ, a decision that changed his life. The angry little boy who used to break windows became a happy person who always has a smile on his face, rarely gets upset, and he likes to sing songs for the Lord.

Every summer at Bible camp, Victor is assigned to a team to play games. He doesn't have good balance but he has great desire to be a part so he tries very hard. The other teens just love him. He is different than them but they see his heart not his outside. Somehow his team always comes in first.

Victor is 34 but he still has the mentality of a 5 year old. Since he is 34, the government has asked us to send him to the streets to live but we have not been able to do this. We know he is vulnerable and would be taken advantage of on the streets. We care about Victor's future and what happens to him. So we created a place for him to live and gave him a job. Victor finished our special education school and now puts his talents to use by working in our school as a gardener. He earns his keep and is safe. For all the Victors in Mexico that you have provided a home, **Muchas Gracias!!!**

"You must go to everywhere I send you and say whatever I command you." Jeremiah 1:7-8



## Pictures of the Family Bible Camp



### Prayer Requests: School begins in Mexico August 22

During the summer months the children tend to stretch. One of our largest needs is to purchase required uniforms for our children. **The cost for one uniform is \$50.00, but it will last the whole year.**

If you would like to purchase a uniform for a child please send your donation marked "uniform". We will purchase them to ready them up for school.

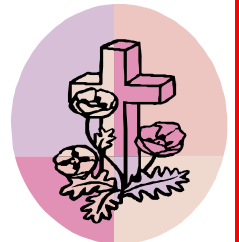
**Dear Friends,**

**We are so thankful for your faithful support.** We know that the work we partner to accomplish together is very important to you. As our partners we want you to know that as we begin this new school year, we are struggling with **bleak finances**. The expense of caring for these precious children has increased while giving has gone down. **For some time now, costs have exceeded giving and we have exhausted our reserves, and pared our operating costs severely. The decline in support has now stabilized and beginning to slowly recover. However, our support in the first six months of 2011 is still about 20% below the pre-recession level.** We are greatly concerned about the future. Current support is not sufficient to maintain the home and school programs at the current capacities. Dear friends, would you please pray for the finances of Rancho Santa Marta and ask for God's guidance in this matter? We would appreciate whatever additional support you could provide. It would mean so much to so many. May God continue to bless you. **Bill and Kaye**

**In loving memory of daughter-in law:** Jan Loewen from her father-in law, Mr. Don V. Loewen, Atherton, CA

**In loving memory of parents:** Mr./Mrs. Wicks from Mr./Mrs. Frank and Lydia Wicks, Cape Coral, FL

**In celebration of Mr./Mrs. Dick Anderson's 50th wedding anniversary from Mr./Mrs. Carl Anderson, Piedmont, CA**



**Rancho Santa Marta**

Will you help keep vulnerable children safe, fed, educated and most important of all—make sure they have a place to learn about God? See Page 2



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