

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!!



Bill and Kaye Lawrence

A WARM THANK YOU...

...To all who have been praying for Kaye's health. It has been seven months since her surgery and she is doing well. So far the doctors have given her a positive prognosis.

The Lord has been faithful and we are so grateful. Her healing process continues so we would appreciate your continued prayers.

It is our joy to serve the Lord and you. Gracias for standing in the gap for us. You are a blessing in our lives. We are so grateful.



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2: 8-14

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## UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN...

### ...WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD!

Blessings to you, dear friends, as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and the salvation He brought into the world.

As we contemplate the miracle of His birth, our thoughts also turn to another infant who was born at this season of Christmas, exactly one month ago. Kalim is the son of our young lady Maggie. Most of you remember that last year she married a young military man. They live south of the ranch in a town called San Quintin.

Kalim didn't have a positive beginning. Three days after he was born he began vomiting. Maggie began to take him to doctors but fourteen days passed and they couldn't find out what was wrong. He lost weight, his skin turned jaundice, and he dehydrated. Finally, they took him to a pediatrician. Immediately he diagnosed the problem and sent them to the military base hospital in Ensenada where they proceeded with surgery. They repaired his intestinal track by opening the lip that allows the food to flow to his stomach. A week later he is doing well and once again gaining weight.



Maggie with her brother Miguelito

Maggie was raised in our home since she was three years old.

When the social department contacted us to take her brother Miguelito who was six years old,



Kalim, 1 month old

she was living in another orphanage. They have no other family, so we told them that we would only take the boy if they could be together. Soon both children arrived. Maggie graduated from junior high school at 21 years old and Miguelito who suffers from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is now 24 years old.

These children, now happy, well adjusted adults who love the Lord and so very many others, could well have been lost if not for your support. At this blessed time of year, we thank you for standing with us as partners to bring to abandoned and forsaken children a home, hope, and Christ's eternal love.



Maggie with her extended family—the girls that she was raised with at the ranch.



## Rancho Santa Marta

**In Loving Memory**  
 For: Ray Badin, from: His sister-in-law Berdine Nelson  
 For: Marian Carlson, from: Linda Beals

**To Honor** Bob & Toni Conway's 50th  
 Anniversary from Derk & Jackie Van Konyenburg

- Thanks to you.... When our children sit down to a meal, they enjoy nutritious food.
- Thanks to you...When our children are thirsty, they have clean water to drink!
- Thanks to you....when our children are sick, they receive quality medical treatment.
- Thanks to you....when our children go to school, they have books and school supplies!
- Thanks to you...when our children wonder what the future holds, they know in their hearts that they have a God who loves them and has an incredible plan for their life.



Our artwork was drawn by our resident artist Julia, who came to us as a baby malnourished and abandoned. Today she is a happy 16 year old who wants to be a graphic artist. "Jesus is the first Christmas present that the world ever received," she said.

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