

RANCHO SANTA MARTA

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Rod & Tina's Corner

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

What is God's will for the Struiksmas family this coming year? Here is a quick update of the whereabouts of our children.

Reka is in the 4th grade at Colegio Santa Marta and is doing well in her classes. She is the only one of our children who is living at the ranch right now; an only child! She loves it when her brothers and sister come down for the weekend or when we go up to San Diego to do our shopping.

Hosea is a junior at River Valley Charter High School in Lakeside. He lives with Bill and Kaye at our office in El Cajon. He does not like the school (or any school for that matter) but he likes the Wednesday and Friday class schedule that allows him to be at the ranch from Friday through Tuesday.

Isaac is enrolled in the aviation program at San Diego Christian College in Santee, CA. He is a freshman and has a busy four years ahead of him with flying and college courses but will graduate with a commercial pilot's license when he is finished.

Jonathan is also at San Diego Christian College as a sophomore but will be taking a gap year after this semester. He is not sure which career to pursue so will be looking to work in the construction field around San Diego in order to get some experience and figure out where God is leading him.

Rocío is attending Point Loma Nazarene University as a senior. She took a double major in Biology and Spanish so it will take her another semester to finish. She plans on becoming a family physician so she is only half way there.



BACK: Rod, Isaac, Rocío, Jonathan, Hosea
FRONT: Reka, Tina, Cariño, Kaye, Bill

All three of our college children also live with Bill and Kaye at the office. Bill and Kaye are not complaining since they enjoy the activity at their home. We enjoy the weekends when they come to visit us at the ranch. We appreciate your prayers for them. There are many decisions that they face that will determine the course of their lives. We just pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances asking God to make His path clear for their lives.

Blessings,
Rod & Tina

Christmas Thank You!

We want to thank all who were involved in our Christmas celebration last December and birthday gifts for this New Year. We are always amazed at the way God blesses these children through sacrificial giving. The Lord provides and blesses Santa Marta through churches, companies, special interest groups, families and individuals. We would like to recognize:



- The David Ronca family (Hannah's senior project) for gifts
- Shepard of the Hills Church of Vacaville, CA for gifts
- Scripture Is Alive Ministry in El Cajon, CA for shoes
- Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church of Fair Oaks, CA for gifts
- Calvary Assembly of God of Lomita, CA for gifts
- Christian Missionary Pilots of Newport Beach, CA for their care packages
- Van Ommering Dairy Farm & Oma's Pumpkin Patch of Lakeside, CA for Christmas trees and gifts
- Foothills Christian Middle School (Staff & Families) of El Cajon, CA for gifts
- Boardriders Sales Operations Team of Huntington Beach, CA for their gift cards
- Larry Pothoff family of Arizona for the donation of a car
- Mike and Sarah Reilly of Seal Beach, CA for gifts

Special Prayer Request

Rancho Santa Marta has a house in Ensenada that is used to provide housing for our university and trade school students. We have had several inspections of the house and the conclusion is to tear down and rebuild or put on the market to sell. We are praying about this situation and invite you to do the same. It is a blessing to have a place in Ensenada but do not want something that is a financial burden because of constant repairs or a house that is unsafe for our students to live in.



Get **The Flash**: a short email of the Ranch activities and news. Send your email address to rsmbecky@cox.net.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the Ranch financially. We do need help in meeting the needs of the kids we serve.



Julia is home!

On July 28 I had the opportunity to be part of a YWAM Mazatlan team for five months. The first three months I was with 36 students from different nations learning about God. In September, God called our group to three nations: Mexico, Cuba and Brazil. I, along with 12 others, went to Brazil for two months where we were working and helping out with: people who live on the streets; prostitutes; a skateboarding ministry; sharing at high schools, universities, churches, indigenous groups, prisons and drug rehabilitation centers; and we gave English classes. We also were in Mexico City helping and giving out food to the people who were affected by the earthquake in September. November 18 when I finished the YWAM school God called me to Oaxaca to work with a pastor and his family for one month and two weeks. During this time I was visiting many families having the opportunity to pray for them and also listening to them. I also went every Tuesday to people who lived in the mountains to sing, play and speak about Jesús. December 25 – 29 I went to the Oaxacan coast (San Mateo) giving out food, clothes, Bibles and toys for the churches there. During these six months away from my home Santa Marta, I learned, saw and lived amazing and unforgettable things that God can do. Thank you for your support and prayers! The experience has truly changed my life.

Julia



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Planned Projects for 2018

It's time to plan out the construction projects for this coming year.

Gymnasium: This building has been a huge blessing for the school. The December Christmas program was held there with ample room for a stage, all the students and many guests. The walls are enclosed, windows are installed and we are beginning to construct the second floor, frame in the bathroom, office and storage walls and finish the electric wiring. Hopefully by the end of this year we will have the interior insulated and walls covered ready for some sports activities.



High School: This coming August we will have both 10th and 11th graders in our high school and will be needing separate classrooms for them. Currently the 10th graders are sharing classrooms at the junior high building. August will be our goal to complete two of the four high school classrooms. Block walls need to be built first and then wood frame walls with roof will come next.

These two projects will be our main focus for the year but plans for a media center for the school with a library, computer and art center is in the process. This will be a major project where an architect and engineer will be involved for the structure. We also would like to construct another duplex in the visitor/group area with kitchenette and several rooms.