

RANCHO SANTA MARTA

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Rod & Tina's Corner

**Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage;
Yes, wait for the LORD.** Psalm 27:14

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him. Psalm 37:7a

Testing of faith is in the waiting. Our timing is not necessarily in God's time. His timing is always perfect because He sees what is coming and will always make the right and perfect choices. We need to rest in that knowledge that He knows exactly our needs and will bring out His perfect will in His perfect timing. We continue to wait for laborers to join our ranch staff so we can occupy our new Victor house. There has been no response, which has caused some frustration as we wait for God to move His people. Wait for the Lord! Be strong and let your heart take courage; YES WAIT for the Lord. Psalm 27:14. Heavenly Father we ask that you show us your perfect will and way. Help us to be patient and trust in your timing. Amen. Continue to pray with us as we serve the Lord by providing these 40 children in the home a safe place to mature and develop their skills and spiritual lives and for the 230 students in our school with teachers and buildings to facilitate proper instruction in the classrooms.

Blessings,
Rod & Tina

Jeremy



Jeremy (pictured here on the left) is a special needs student in our junior high program. He has been with us now for over 18 months and is doing well in his trades classes and in the classroom. He has a very low IQ with reading and writing challenges, but he is determined to move forward and learn. One subject that he definitely is learning and applying to his life is his interest in the things of Christ. He is attentive every morning during the devotion and prayer time with his junior high special education group. What he learns from these morning devotions he takes home and speaks to his parents about Jesus' love and the importance of fellowship with others who want to know about God. His parents have noticed changes in Jeremy both academically and in his behavior and because of Jeremy's testimony the family has been attending the local Nazarene church for the past year. Amazing how the Lord can use a short ten-minute daily devotion to influence a family to seek spiritual things. Praise the Lord for his teachers and for Jeremy and his family.

Ensenada House

The purchase of a house in Ensenada in 1991 by Bill and Kaye Lawrence was a great asset to Santa Marta's vision of supporting our children in their educational pursuits.

Ensenada has many different universities both public and private with a wide selection of career paths. Many of the ranch youth have studied in Ensenada and were able to stay at the "Ensenada house". The following is a description of our house and it's current condition taken from a report of a construction engineer in Ensenada:

"Houses in Ensenada have an average life span of 60 years depending on the materials it is made of and the proximity of the ocean. This house has a 10% life left. The walls and columns are damaged, cracks in many of the interior and exterior walls and rebar exposed. The copper plumbing lines are worn, the ceiling is cracked allowing mold growth and the electrical wiring has no main panel with wires even exposed."



With that report we have decided to close the house after this semester. We currently only have one university student from the ranch living in the house. The others are renters from San Vicente and towns south of the ranch who do not have relatives in Ensenada and need a place for their students to reside while studying. We do not want to sell the house because it is located in a central place in Ensenada and it is advantageous for the ministry to have a home where our ranch children can go to stay at during vacation time and to have an actual address in Ensenada for legal purposes. Our plan is to tear it down and construct a new house that would be more adequate for our needs. Our engineer friend gave us a rounded figure of \$120,000 dollars including materials and labor. We will not attempt to begin this project until we have those funds available.



West Valley Presbyterian of Cupertino, CA

Thank you West Valley Pres for your labors of love in February. As always you accomplished much during your short stay with us. We appreciate the focus on our staff and the teachers enjoyed their one-day retreat with you.



Blessings to your church and we welcome another visit next year!

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Needs

- We are beginning to think of the sound system in the new gymnasium. A wireless system would be wonderful. Please contact us if you have access to any equipment
- Stackable chairs for gymnasium
- Wheelbarrows
- Hygiene:
 - Shampoos
 - body lotion
 - toothpaste
 - disposable razors
 - deodorant
 - bar soap

In Memory

- from Jerome Cowan in memory of his wife Kathy of Santa Rosa, CA
- from Nan Martini of Redding CA, in memory of Kathy Cowan.



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