

RANCHO SANTA MARTA

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Rod & Tina's Corner

Sometimes in ministry or for that case in any job you are so involved in the work that you forget the reason or the vision of that work. We were at that point at the ranch. We are focused on school, teachers, students, construction, groups, house parents that we forgot about the kids and the reason why they are here. We received a call from social services asking if we would take on a family, two brothers at seven and five years old and a three year old sister. We only had room for one of the boys, but we made room for both and the sister because we do not believe in separating families. We picked them up from the social services office and we were not welcomed by the boys at all. They were defiant and would not even give us a handshake....at first. After five minutes the oldest came up and held out his hand and then came the middle brother. The little three-year-old was outgoing and warmed up to us right away. These three precious children were on their second tour with DIF (Children social services in Mexico). Of course they are going to be angry. They want to be with their family! All three slept on the way down to the ranch and it just made us sad that these three children would have to go through this experience but it made us realize this is why Rancho Santa Marta exists. We are able to provide a home for these children even though they don't want this home. They along with all of our other 37 children would rather be in their dysfunctional homes and we fight this every inch of the way. No wonder they are angry, no wonder they don't submit, no wonder they urinate at night, no wonder they throw tantrums, no wonder they run away, no wonder they have a hard time concentrating in school. The list goes on. For each one of those negatives we, as a staff, plant the seed of hope and love. It is a tiring and at times non-rewarding job, but we praise the Lord for those who are here helping us minister to these beautiful children. Pray for our new threesome and for the house parents who are living with their hurts and pains daily.

Blessings,
Rod & Tina

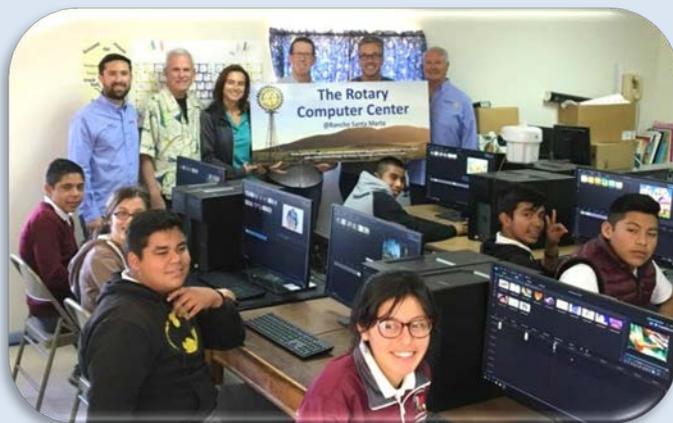
Welcome to the Family



Meet Antonio, 7, Saidth, 5, and Iliana, 3. These are our recent arrivals to join the Rancho Santa Marta family. They have had a very rocky start to their lives but they feel safe now here at the ranch in their respective homes. They will need your prayer support as they adjust to their new environment and battle with the scars of their past. Welcome to the family!

I Love Technology!

Praise the Lord for Rotary and their vision to help Colegio Santa Marta become a state of the art school in technology. The Santee-Lakeside and Ensenada Rotary Clubs partnered together to raise \$39,000 dollars for the purchase of twenty computer units, pc and monitor, for the school's computer lab, as well as ten MacBook Airs for teachers' use.



What a blessing! We made a huge jump in operating systems for our students. The new computers are up and running and both Rotary Clubs were able to visit and inaugurate the new machines with our students. Thank you to Rotary and to all that were involved in this amazing project!

Help for Maria



We have decided to demolish our Ensenada house and as a result of this we will leave Maria without a place to stay. She is halfway through her university program studying to become a lawyer. This will add more expense on the ranch since we will have to pay room and board somewhere for her. We appreciate those who have sponsored her in the past and if you would like to help out write a note: for Maria's support.

Julia's Next Adventure

Julia is busy studying for a coming entrance exam in June. She is hoping and praying that she will pass and be able to study in Mexicali at a university that offers courses in video production. Pray for her as she seeks God's will in her life at this time.



Our Visiting Friends...



A special thank you to churches and friends who come down and encourage this ministry. Thank you to WestGate church of San Jose, Pathways church of Santee, CA, Delta Christian Church of Delta, CO and to Frank and Pamela Rivera and Rick Felkins for their weekend of plumbing work.

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Mattresses Needed

During the year we have many people who ask what our needs are. That is a loaded question!!! Where do we start?? Here is a need that we have both in the visitors' dorms and in our children's homes: single mattresses. They cost a little over \$100 and we could use at least 30 right now. Thank you for asking! ☺



In Honor & Memorial

- From Van Dyk Family in honor of Rod and Tina Struiksma
- From Arthur and Shannon Rood of Idaho Falls, ID in memory of Mark Renner who served at RSM in 1987.
- From the Schultz Family of San Diego CA, Olive Tree Ministry
- From Todd Peterson, Esq. of Etna, CA in memory of Archie Frick.



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

