

RANCHO SANTA MARTA

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Rod & Tina's Corner

It is our hope that this newsletter will remind you to pray for Rancho/Colegio Santa Marta. We have 38 children/teens/adults who all have their special needs and we appreciate your prayers for them. Pray for: Carlos Daniel, Daniela, Aritchael, Francisco, Leticia, Brayan, Eva, etc. etc. Please go to our website and find under the heading "Get Involved", "Pray" and you will see their wonderful faces. Because of security reasons we cannot put names on their pictures but that should not stop us from lifting them up and allowing the Holy Spirit to lead us into specific prayers for each one. Also beseech the Lord for workers to come and serve for the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. As always we appreciate your partnership as we see God move in these kids' hearts and see their growth.

Blessings,
Rod & Tina

Thank you cards from the Ranch kids for making Christmas so special:



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.



Angelina = Blessing

Angelina has been with us now for almost four years. She has a sad story but one with a happy ending. She was placed in an orphanage south of Tijuana, MX when she was an infant. Her parents abandoned her because of intestinal and urinary tract birth defects. She grew up at this orphanage for many years where surgeries were performed to help out with the birth anomalies.



She has learning difficulties and was placed in a special education school in Ensenada where she was driven daily 45 minutes just one way. This routine continued until the orphanage, who had raised her from practically birth, decided she was too much of a responsibility for them. She was told at age twelve that she was going to be sent to a different orphanage. Imagine the hurt and rejection she felt as she was told that she had to leave the only home that she knew. The social services contacted us because they saw a good fit with our special education program and Angelina's learning problems. It was difficult at first; new roommates, a new family, a new school system with new classmates, new house parents, etc. She was shy at first and was very stubborn. Her way of expressing her anger was shutting down and not allowing anyone to enter her realm for help. This attitude and behavior continued for a year until we made a change. We moved her into the other girls' house with a different housemother and this made a big difference in her life. She is still stubborn but not like before and she is turning into a wonderful young lady. She is sixteen now and is still in our special education program with the possibility of moving into regular education classrooms. She is also beginning to sing up front during our worship time on Sunday services. She has come a long way. She has no family that we know of so she will be with us for years to come. Currently in the afternoons after school she helps our janitor with cleaning and watering plants. Angelina is a blessing and has a great attitude. Thank you for making this home a reality for her.

School News

We are so thankful for the new gymnasium/auditorium that is being built. We have been in such a drastic need of a shaded area for our school functions that even though there were only three walls completed on the building we began using the auditorium.



We continue to use it for school functions even as the construction continues. A portable stage has been built and has been used for an all school Christmas event and for a Spring talent show held in February. The process is slow but we are gradually moving forward to having a full size basketball court with bleachers, an upstairs exercise room, an office for the Physical Education teacher and a bathroom with changing rooms for our school and ranch events.

Memorials & Honor of

Marilyn Marsh of Applegate, OR in memory of husband Willard Marsh.

Janice & Jerry Mittlestat of First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, MI in memory of L.B. Walker.

Sharyn & Tim Henshaw of Pleasanton, CA in honor of good friends, Robin and Carol Little of Pleasanton, CA

Ruth Johnson in memory of husband, Loren Johnson of Modesto, CA

Mrs. Sandra Goularte of Concord, NC in memory of her husband, George Goularte.

James Oslund of Cypress, CA in memory of sister Yvonne Ode.

Suzanne Kahn of Novato, CA in memory of husband Phil who passed away in September of 2012. He was part of Lincoln Presbyterian in Stockton, CA and made many trips in 80s & 90's to the ranch.



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Groups

It's time to recognize our faithful groups again. You are a vital part of this ministry and we want to express our gratitude to those who make the sacrifice of time, energy, money, talent, comforts etc. to bless our ranch kids and the staff who minister to them. Thank you to:

- The Hive Church from Corvallis, OR
- New Years group from churches of the Dana Point/San Juan Capistrano, CA
- Crosspoint Church from Modesto, CA
- Padre Dam Municipal Water District Six



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The Hive



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