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Rod & Tina's Corner

Do not work for the food which perishes, but work for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, even God, has set His seal. John 6:27.

The work that God has set before us here at Santa Marta is an eternal one. We are in a battle for the souls of these children and the work we have is to believe that Jesus is making a difference in their lives through us. These children are difficult, defiant and desperate. Our work is our faith in God that He will make the necessary changes in their lives despite their conduct, attitude and outright defiance. We continue to ask for your prayer support as we minister to these children and young people. Thank you for your financial gifts too. We pray you too are working for the food which endures to eternal life.

Blessings,
Rod & Tina

Help Our New High School

Wow we have made headway on our high school building.



Thank you early summer groups for your assistance: St. John's Episcopal and Faith Lutheran churches of Chico, CA; Fair Oaks Presbyterian and Bayside churches of Sacramento area; West Gate Church of Cupertino, Ca and Covenant Presbyterian of Sharon, PA.



We will make the August deadline!.....but we have been concentrating so much on the building that we forgot about the desks and chairs that go inside. We are in need of at least fifty chairs and 25 computer type desks for the two classrooms. Please call our office if you can meet this need. Thank you!

Graduation

What another great turnout for our graduation festivities. The auditorium held over 600 people as they watched the graduates from Kindergarten, Special Education, Elementary and Junior High.



We had five junior high graduates from our ranch children this year: Edwin, Leticia, Danna, Elsa and Agustin. The first four will continue their education at our high school and Agustin will learn the different trades at the ranch: agriculture, block laying, carpentry and his special interest in electricity. We celebrate their lives as they continue to mature and make decisions for their future.



Edwin, Leticia, Danna, Elsa, Agustin



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.



Meet Lupita

We have a new member to our family! Meet Guadalupe (Lupita) a sweet 9-year-old girl with Down Syndrome. Lupita lives with her mother and older sister in Tijuana but they are not able to attend to her needs. She does not go to school and is being placed in day care situations that are risky for her well being. The mother loves her daughter but realizes she is not able to properly care for her as a single mother of two. They have asked if we would take on Lupita on a trial basis to see how she adapts to the ranch and to the school schedule. She is very sweet but definitely needs to understand her boundaries as a little girl. Pray for Lupita and for Juanita and her girls as they accept her into their home and family.



Memorials & Honor of

In honor of Kristopher Duarte's birthday from Wayne Hopp, Jr. of San Jose, CA

Carol Gabriel of Vancouver, WA in memory of cousin, Theresa Davis

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Denise

Denise is taking a sabbatical leave. Denise has been a vital part of the ministry of Santa Marta for over 20 years. She has been an occupational therapist, counselor to both the children and staff, teacher, missions organizer, Uber driver! and much more. She is at the halfway point of her masters program, which she is taking through Southern California Seminary in El Cajon, CA. She feels she could finish the program faster if she only focused on her classes instead of balancing all of her ranch and school responsibilities. She will be making this move this August. She will continue to be under Rancho Santa Marta and will need her support funds to continue; in fact she will need a little bit more to make ends meet as she makes the lifestyle change of living at the ranch to urban California. It is her idea to graduate with a masters degree in family counseling to return to the ranch better prepared to meet the needs of our ranch children. The Lord has opened up a place for her to stay, an internship opportunity for her program and now she asks that you pray with her for the financial piece. Thank you for your support for Denise and again we praise the Lord for directing the plans for Denise.

Julia

NO QUEDASTE SELECCIONADO was the email that Julia received after she took her entrance exams. YOU WERE NOT SELECTED. What a terrible message to receive after all the prayers and preparations. Julia's reaction was, "At least my score was higher than I thought it would be." Wow Julia is so resilient. So.....as Tina was talking options they went back to the internet and found a private university in Ensenada that has her field of study: theatre and film. The university is a satellite campus of Tijuana where the program will be rigorous, but the classes are topics that Julia is interested in. We are excited for her as she prepares for her first classes in August. We appreciate all the support she receives from you so continue to lift her up in prayer as she takes on the pressures of university life. Praise the Lord for answering our prayers for a rental house for both Julia and Maria, our university students. The rental house is only a mile away from Julia's university.