

RANCHO SANTA MARTA

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Rod & Tina's Corner

And my God will supply all your needs
according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Phillipians 4:19

God continues to bless Rancho Santa Marta and for this we are always grateful for His goodness and kindness in all areas of the ranch. As of this writing, it is raining outside, and our fields are green. We had no rain at all during the month of February and it looked like our crop was going to dry up before the grain had a chance to mature but March was a wet one and the fields are green again. Praise the Lord for the blessing of rain. The children here are a blessing. Their smiles and their greetings are encouraging and contagious. They are not angels and almost daily we have outbursts and screaming and kicking and hitting but God does not give up on them and so we do not throw in the towel either. They are loved even though they are determined to make wrong choices. The animals are a blessing. We are in the lambing season and have had some orphaned lambs that need bottle feeding. We have some very willing girls who have taken the responsibility to make sure these lambs grow to become meat! (Don't tell them that!!). The vehicles we have here are a blessing. We have five busses, two vans, several pickups and work trucks. They are a blessing, and each have their purpose but can also be very frustrating because of the constant maintenance on them. These vehicles are on a scale from used to very used and maintenance issues are constant. But as was mentioned above, the Lord supplies our needs through donated vehicles or funds to repair and maintain our fleet of used vehicles. You are a blessing and we continue to be amazed how our Lord uses you to lift up this ministry in prayer and meet the financial needs. Our world is unstable, and the economy fluctuates but our God is faithful, and His promises are steadfast. Trust in Him for He will surely supply all of our needs!

Blessings,
Rod & Tina

West Valley Presbyterian

We thank the West Valley Presbyterian Church of Cupertino, CA for their labors of love in February. The tasks assigned to them were definitely a challenge: roofing and rough electrical in the new trades school classrooms, painting the gymnasium bathroom walls, digging holes!! crafts with the elementary classrooms and one day seminars with our ranch and school staff. All this was accomplished with only fifteen adults! Job well done! Gracias!



Welcome Sam!

Back in May, 2019 we introduced in the newsletter the engagement of our daughter, Rocio, to Sam Martenson of Oregon City, OR. Their wedding date is in July and the plans are slowly coming together. Rocio has just been accepted at Bastyr University of Naturopathic Medicine in San Diego and has accepted the task of the med school grind of studying for the next four years. We have been looking for a Public Relations/Marketing type person to focus on Santa Marta's exposure on social media venues, presentations to churches, management of the website and fund-raising possibilities. We presented this position to Sam and he was excited to take on the challenge. His advantage is that he had worked at the ranch as an English teacher at the high school level, assisted Denise with her Occupational Therapy students and was involved in both of the boy's houses helping the house parents with homework, play time and chores. He has an excellent grasp of what Rancho and Colegio Santa Marta is about and will be able to convey the ministry well to those who are interested. We welcome Sam to our staff, and we hope you have an opportunity to become acquainted with him.

Dump Truck Donation



Thank you to West Coast Sand & Gravel for their recent donation of a small dump truck for the ranch use. Our normal method of moving dirt, sand or demolition materials is equipping a bunch of (like many) young people (sometimes older people) from a group with shovels and unloading a flatbed truck by sweat and muscle. Thanks to West Coast we can now eliminate the part of unloading a flatbed truck, our dump truck can do that work, but.....we still need the groups to spread the material out!! No rest for the groups!! Special blessing from West Coast Sand & Gravel! *Thank You!*

Thank you Trevor!

Our elementary English teacher, Trevor, is doing a great job. He is handling the classes well and is investing in the lives of the young men of Santa Marta. He takes them out to work in the afternoons for an hour with the intent of not only cleaning up different areas of the ranch but also to give these guys a positive influence in their lives. Thank you for your services Trevor.



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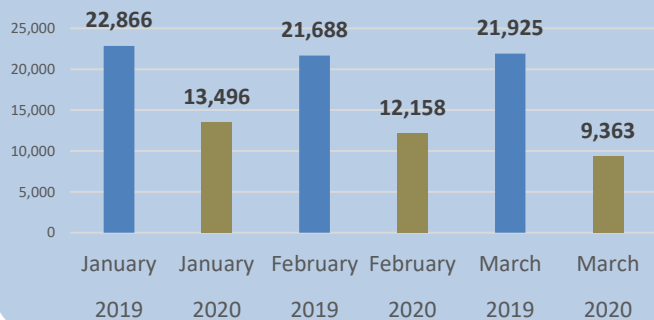
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Big Savings!

Wow look at our electrical comparisons from last year to this year! And this is during the winter months! Our solar investment is working!

Energy Savings Compared to 2019
(in Pesos)



New Mascots

Elsa and Guadalupe enjoying feeding time with our new ranch mascots.

In Honor & Memory:

- From Martha Sementilli of San Pedro, CA In memory of all people who have given to Rancho over the last 40 years
- From Kirsten Rademacher of Philomath, OR in honor of more funds from the Hive Church for our trip in November!
- From Marilyn Marsh of Applegate, OR in memory of her husband, Willard Marsh
- From Melva Sacino of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA in memory of Jo Hudson
- From Siegel Family of Torrance, CA in memory of Joanne Hudson
- From Mr/Mrs Billy Tharpe of Riverbank, CA in memory of Nancy Inderbitzen



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