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Rod & Tina's Corner

Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on Earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4

We are living in some trying times. As we see and read the news, we see how humanity is, for the most part, self-serving, cruel, deceitful in many ways. Our society is not improving, and we continue to see a disregard for the sanctity of life. It is depressing and frustrating to observe. "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on Earth." It is refreshing to know that God has everything under control and that we can truly count on His faithfulness and His promises. This is the message that we teach our children here at the Ranch. They also listen and observe what is happening around them. They see our concern and read the stress on our faces, but the message is that God is our Rock, He is our deliverer and we are His children whom He loves and cares for. This does not mean we will not face problems, suffering, sickness and death but we have the assurance that He is with us through it all. This has always been the message to the ranch kids that even though they have been rejected, abandoned or abused in some way, Jesus has and will always be there by their side. He does not reject or abandon us. He is a rewarder to those who seek Him. Praise the Lord for His word and the knowledge that what is written is Truth and that Truth does not waver, it's solid! Continue to pray for the Ranch, our kids and staff. We have had no incidences of the virus and we praise God for that blessing. Blessings to you,

Rod & Tina

Special Deliveries

Due to the pandemic, it has been difficult to buy bulk items for the ranch houses both in San Diego and in Ensenada, MX. Stores are limiting certain items in order to discourage hoarding and to allow these items to be available for more people. The problem we have and what stores do not understand (or other shoppers for that matter) is that we are buying groceries for over fifty people. We need certain items in bulk and some of those items are limited. Flour, rice, beans, and fish are some examples. Jim and Rhonda Bauer from Redding, CA asked how they could help in that situation and they were able to order items from both Costco and Walmart and have them delivered to our El Cajon office. From there we are able to transport the food to the Ranch. If you would like to join them in these special deliveries, send the items to our office with this name and address:

**Bethesda Teaching Ministry
8000 Shir Mar Pl.
El Cajon, CA. 92021.**

If you have any questions call our office at 619-258-1358. If possible, have the deliveries set up to arrive on weekdays. Our website has a complete list of food and other needs. Thank you for participating and thank you to Jim and Rhonda for initiating these care packages.

Transportation Needed

The following transcript was taken from a "Flash" post in April:

It is time to think about the 2020-21 school year starting this coming August. It is our hope and prayer that we will be able to have students in the classrooms by the August starting date! Three of our teachers drive every day from the Ensenada area to our school and back to their homes. These are very qualified teachers who have been with us for various years: Carmen has been our junior high literacy teacher for 6 years; Viviana has been our history/geography junior high teacher for 4 years; and, Jonathan, our very talented art teacher for all grades, for 4 years. They have transportation concerns for this coming year; it looks like they will not be able to make the trip to and from our school every day because of the lack of a vehicle even though they love their jobs and want to come. For the past three years they have been carpooling with another teacher in Colonet, a town south of us, but that situation will change leaving them without transportation. We thought we would ask our supporters for an economical four door sedan or compact car for their use. The car will be the Ranch's, but they will be responsible for insurance, gasoline, and repairs for their use during the school year. We do not want to lose these three teachers and so we are hoping we can help them out in this way. Please let us know if this is of interest to you. It would be awesome to share the good news that they would still be able to stay on as teachers at our school and continue to minister to their students.



Since that post we have raised \$2000 dollars towards a purchase of a car. These three teachers are planning on returning in August but still do not have an answer to their transportation problem. If you would like to join us in this fund-raising venture, please mark your donation "Ensenada car". Thank you for your support for our dedicated teachers!



COVID-19 Update

As of this writing, all states in Mexico are still at code red for the coronavirus. The cases continue to rise and have not peaked yet. Our town of San Vicente has had possibly two cases where both persons have passed away. Interestingly though, there have been no reports of an outbreak in the town. Our Ranch children and staff are fine, and we continue to take the precautionary steps to keep the virus out. Our school secretaries and psychologists have been coming in to attend to the office needs and counseling with our Ranch children. Masks are worn and hand disinfectants abound.

Our school year has finished, and our house parents are rejoicing more than the children! It was a humungous task for them to take on the role as teachers for all of their children and different grade levels. The beginning date for the coming school year will be August 10. The current plan is to have the students physically present in the classrooms and have actual face to face teaching. We pray that this will be the case (at least for the sanity of our house parents!!). We will continue to keep you posted.



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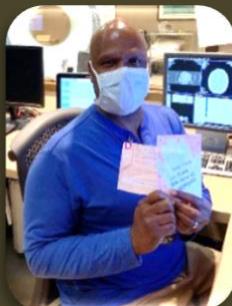
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Our Children Reaching Out

Bill and Kaye Lawrence have asked the question several times; What can we do to help those that are ill with the COVID-19 virus, those that are bereaved due to the loss of a loved one or those that are presently ill with this sickness? When they presented to the children of the home the children responded happily by making cards and writing their greetings, letting people know that they are praying for them in the midst of their crisis. Their cards were translated into English and given to nurses at hospitals in San Diego to give to patients that were sick with the virus. It is pleasing and rewarding that the children reach out to others and bless them by showing they care.



In Honor & Memory

In honor of G & AJ Treat - from Karen and Brian Bowen of Wilmette, IL

In honor of Victor who always remembers my name - from Steven Hoyte of Salinas, CA

In honor of just helping the kids - from Robert Morgan of Torrance, CA

In memory of:
 In loving memory of my mother, Nell Sleeper and our son Eric Wyatt from Marty and Dick Wyatt of Madera, CA

Sheryl Pasquinelli and Mack Johansen from Karen Clark of Saratoga, CA

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