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Rod & Tina's Corner

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14

Our focus for the ministry at Rancho Santa Marta has always been neglected children. Every staff person, every teacher, every new project, every donated dollar, every faithful prayer, every visiting person is centered on our Santa Marta children. Our vision is that these children become vessels or ambassadors of the truth found in Christ. This monthly newsletter is a means of communicating our praises, shortcomings, triumphs and defeats. It is one of the ways where we can be heard. We stand in the gap for these children and it is our hope that we convey their needs. The best way is to actually be here and share your lives with them but that is not always feasible so through our newsletter and social media sites we do our best to give you a glimpse of what life is like here at Santa Marta. Keeping a balance of what is shared can be difficult at times. We do not want to overwhelm you with asking for financial help for different projects or fund raisers and we do not want to burden you with the ever-present prayer requests for our needs...but these areas need to be communicated. We love our children, and this ministry revolves around them so any project or plea for funds is all taken with our children in mind. We thank you for understanding and we so much appreciate your support. We want to be transparent, genuine and most of all faithful to our Lord who has called each one of us to care for the neglected ones.

Blessings to all,
Rod & Tina

The Baja Beach Bash... "Bashes" COVID!

Cameron Steele, Johnny Campbell and Baja Beach Bash (BBB) friends had to cancel their ride last summer 2020 because of the pandemic in Baja California. During July, the month of their ride, the authorities were not allowing nonresidents into Ensenada, so the cancellation was the right call even though it was very disappointing to the ranch staff and children.



We not only had to deal with no church groups during the summer weeks but now, no lunch with our favorite motorcycle "rowdies"! (They actually have very good table manners with our kids!) But the BBB family did not forget about the ranch because the leaders still held a Facebook fundraising for the non-event which brought in an amazing amount of much needed funds; in fact, the giving continued right up to the end of the year. The total was **\$189,102!** Wow, what a huge blessing especially during the 2020 pandemic lockdowns. We want to thank BBB for their continued support for the ranch and it is our hope that summer 2021 we will be able to share lunch with them in person again. Blessings to those who were involved in the fundraising.

The Ensenada House – Thankful for God's provision!



Julia is one of our university students currently studying in Ensenada. Her classes began before the Covid school shutdown, so she was in Ensenada staying with another one of our young ladies, Maria Ortiz, who was also studying in Ensenada to become a lawyer. They were renting a duplex together along with a fellow classmate. That situation worked well for a year, but the girls were having problems with water supply and with neighbors, so they decided to move to an apartment complex where the rent was cheaper and water more available. During that time, Maria found a job and postponed her studies while her sister, Guadalupe, decided to leave the ranch and continue her studies while living with her sister and Julia. This situation lasted for a little under a year and Julia decided she wanted to branch out and live on her own. She is currently on her third move, living in a two-bedroom house by herself near some pastor friends. We have two young ladies graduating

from high school this coming June and they both would like to study in Ensenada. It would be such a blessing to have a house in Ensenada again where our high school graduates can stay, feel safe and concentrate on their university studies. We have the property, we have the plans and praise God the funds are coming in. Thank you **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Walnut Creek, CA** for their kickoff amount of \$75,000 dollars for this project and to a **precious couple from Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church** with their added donation that takes us to the \$100,000 mark! The total amount to build the house will be \$150,000. We praise the Lord for His provision and we continue to pray for His will for the Ensenada house project. Hopefully soon Julia's fourth move will be in our new Ensenada house!

In Memory of Angelina

We had a great response to purchase a playground set(s) for Santa Marta in memory of Angelina. Our existing structure has held up miraculously these last 35 years, but it is definitely time to modernize. Our contact with an organization called "kids around the world" has access to refurbished equipment that is shipped around the world to different organizations and ministries. Our ranch children and school students are going to be thrilled to see these new sets functioning. Thank you for everyone who has given towards this fundraiser. It was heartwarming for us to be able to see the outpouring of love in this way in memory of Angelina's life. Blessings to all.



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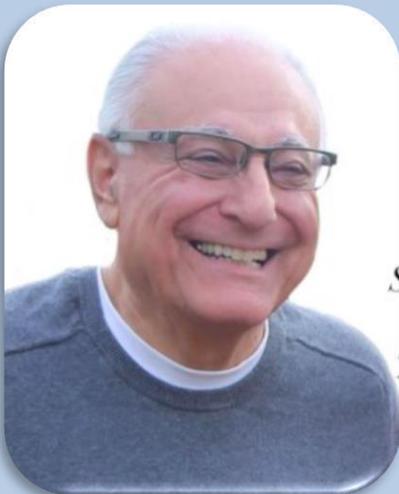
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Indescribable Gift

Reverend Jim Bogosian went home to Jesus on December 26, 2020. Forty years ago, he was a leader and a spiritual advisor for the ministry of Bill and Kaye Lawrence, founders of Rancho Santa Marta and instrumental in the birth of the ministry. He served for several years as a member of our original board of directors. He left a testimony of integrity, service and great faith. Not only was he our pastor but Jim spent his entire adult life serving the Lord as a pastor in a number of churches and organizations. He had a genuine care for people and a passion for helping people grow in a real relationship with God. He served as a grief counselor at Fairhaven Memorial Park and Mortuary. Most recently, he was a chaplain for the Salvation Army, Orange County Social Services. It has been our privilege to have known him and served beside him. He will be missed as he has been an integral part of our personal family and the life of our Rancho Santa Marta Ministry.



"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

2 Corinthians 9:15



Anniversary

What were the events that led Bill and Kaye Lawrence to start a new ministry called Rancho Santa Marta? How did God guide this couple from their work in Colonia Vicente Guerrero, a town 60 miles south, to a 450-acre hog ranch in San Vicente? Tune in to our website, facebook page and Instagram to find those answers to a two-part adventure narrated by Bill & Kaye. Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/PJthBswMB1w>

In Honor & Memory:

- In memory of Angelina from Greg Prow of Discovery Bay, CA., from WVPC in honor of my friends at Rancho for playground
- In memory of Owen Heinrich of Modesto, CA by Heinrich Family
- In memory of Donald Kuyper from his sister, Marilyn Struiksma of Cerritos, CA
- In memory of Ray Myers of Fair Oaks, CA from Gil & Ardis Torr of Carmichael, CA
- In memory of Carroll McKibban and Lueta Auslam of El Dorado Hills, CA from Gil & Ardis Torr of Carmichael, CA
- In memory of Angelina:
 - From Dick Van Eck of Orange, CA
 - from Andrea Cope of Alameda, CA
 - from Claudia Lytle of Folsom, CA
 - from Mr/Mrs Ralph Van Dyk of Cypress, CA