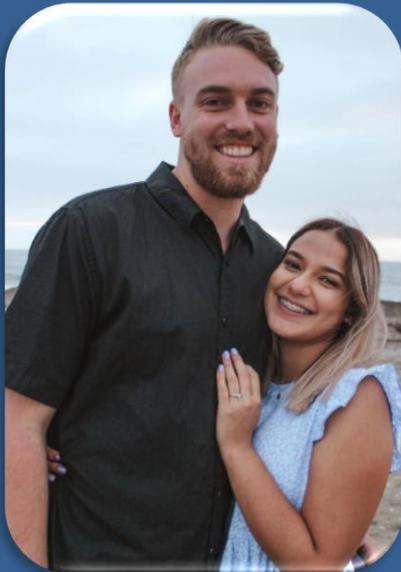




Rod & Tina's Corner

Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD. Psalm 27:14

Wait! That is one hard word to obey. We want results now! All in our timing, not God's! That is the struggle we are going through right now with Valentina's situation. We are patiently waiting for a response from California Children Services (CCS) regarding Valentina's cochlear implant (CI) surgery. We understand that each passing day the ability for Valentina to articulate speech becomes a little more difficult. The brain connections of sound and speech begin to diminish as she matures. It is more of a challenge for severe deaf children at her age and older to develop proper pronunciation of words even with the CI. We can only give it to the Lord in prayer and ask for His guidance during this waiting period.



Our second child, Jonathan, (24) proposed to his girlfriend, Ired, this past month. We are in full agreement with their decision to be wed and we look forward to having her in our family. Jonathan is currently working in San Diego in the electrical field and Ired is studying online to become a teacher. It is our prayer that God will guide their plans for their lives together.

Thank you for your prayers for our immediate family and for our extended Rancho Santa Marta family. Read below as we see our RSM family grow.

Blessings, *Rod & Tina*

Welcome

Sergio, Wendy, Matias & Betel



A constant prayer petition we have for the ranch is asking God to bring in house staff who are called by His Holy Spirit to come under this ministry and love on these children. We have said in the past that taking care of these children 24/7 is one of the hardest and most challenging jobs. These children will test

the limits daily and they need someone who is strict, firm, fair and loving. Sergio and Wendy with their two children have been with us for a couple of months now and we have high expectations that they will "survive" the first year and become a part of our Santa Marta family. Sergio has knowledge with farm life and will be an asset in this area. Wendy will be assisting in the houses with the never-ending cleaning chores and the ongoing care of the children/teens. Keep them in your prayers as they serve God at Rancho Santa Marta.

Progress Continues!

Group visits have been slow but that has not put a damper on the construction projects. Thanks to the Baja Beach Bash and John Langley Memorial funds we can continue with the new classrooms and media center buildings. We have poured the foundation and laid the blocks for the art/computer classroom and have started on the foundation for the music/bathrooms building. Due to some roof structural problems, we demolished our Snoezelen room last summer and now we are in the process of rebuilding and improving on that auditory sensory laboratory. Jeronimo and Martin would love a helping hand or two! Come on down!



It's Jenner's Turn

Jacob and Jenner Mucher have been involved in the boy scouts' group for many years. One of the most prestigious accomplishments in boy scouts is the Eagle Scout ranking. One of the requirements to become an Eagle Scout is to plan and accomplish a service project. Jacob chose to purchase and install white boards for our high school and now Jenner has taken on the pool pump project. Our pool has a high volume of use in the summer months. We have our forty ranch children plus the groups that come in and the summer trade school students and staff. Our sand filter works constantly during those months to keep the water clean and purified. Jenner proposed to install a new pump and a diatomaceous earth filter which will help tremendously with the pool cleaning. He put a plan together, raised the funds and brought a group of scouts and scout leaders to help with the installation. Thank you, Jenner and group, for your help. We definitely will see the difference next summer.



Going Live!

The education department of Baja California has allowed our school to teach our students IN PERSON! Praise the Lord! We are one of the few schools in Baja California that will be allowed to bus in our students for in class instruction. There will be some restrictions, but we are so glad to be able to see students in our classrooms again. We are limited to the numbers of students in the classrooms and the busses so only half of the class will be able to be present at a time. That means it will take two days for a teacher to see the whole class. Mondays and Wednesdays will be the schedule for one half and Tuesdays and Thursdays will be for the other half. Hand sanitizers, masks and social distancing will have to be in place, but we can live with those restrictions because we know that the online learning is not the best optimal learning environment. We pray that we stay within the government guidelines and can continue with in person learning throughout this school year.



In Honor & Memory



Martha Sementilli has been a long time supporter of the ranch and was at one time a board member. She is now with the Lord, and we will miss her smiling face and uplifting spirit.

In memory of Martha Sementilli from:
 Diane Siegel & Karla Clair of Big Bear Lake, CA
 C. Dethlefsen of Rolling Hills Estates, CA
 Diane Camello of San Pedro, CA
 Antoinette Tracey of San Pedro, CA

- In memory of:**
- Guadalupe from Steven Hoyte of Salinas, CA
 - Chris Billy from Raymond Delworth of Lake Havasu City, AZ
 - Diana Johnson from Todd Johnson of San Diego, CA
 - Angelina for the playground from:
 - Gil & Ardis Torr of Carmichael, CA
 - Mr/Mrs Brian Clark of Iron Mountain, MI
 - Flemming & Diane Nielsen of Los Altos, CA
 - Krista Martenson of Beavercreek, OR
 - Donald Kuyper from:
 - Mark Noble of White City, OR
 - Mr/Mrs Robert Rietkerk of La Palma, CA
 - Mr/Mrs P. Douglas Schakel of Olathe, KS
 - Bernadette McGinn of West Linn, OR
 - Melva of Central Point, OR

In Honor of :
 Desert Assassins from Trevor Scherrer of Las Vegas, NV

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New to the Ranch

We also have brought in some new children into the family. Dominic is a thirteen-year-old teenager with autism. He was severely neglected by his parents and was living with his grandmother, but she was not able to properly care for him. There are no records of any type of formal education. He does not speak but does listen and understand. He must be under careful watch because any time he is alone he will run to the refrigerator or pantry looking for food. These cases are tough because we have so limited information on their history and no family member to contact. We take in these neglected children, pray over them, and begin the tedious task of retraining their unhealthy habits. Pray for Dominic and his house parents Gabriel and Rosa.

We also want to introduce Abril (14) and Diego (10). These two also have a history of neglect and pain. Their mother died three years ago; they have moved around their relatives' homes and DIF (Mexico's social services) for four to five years. Diego has Down Syndrome and due to the unstable living situations after the death of their mother he is difficult to keep under control. These two children have been in and out of the Tijuana social service system for many years now and after a fallout in the Tijuana halfway house they were staying at, social services asked if we would bring Abril and Diego into our family. Diego is living with Dominic in our house with Gabriel and Rosa and Abril is with the older girls and Veronica. Again, we ask for your prayers as Diego and Abril adjust to their new surroundings.



Abril



Rosa, Dominic, Diego, Gabriel