



## Rod & Tina's Corner

Happy New Year, 2022! We look forward to a year full of blessings. Marcos Schultz a fellow missionary in our area of Baja California stated it well: "our cup is not half empty, and it's not half full, our cup runneth over!" ***Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6.*** 2022 might be another challenging year with life's uncertainties but do not let those circumstances and problems distract us from our focus on the Lord. He is good. He is faithful. He will bless. He will take care of His people. ***Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5,6.*** We hope and pray that 2022 will bring you a renewed focus on the Lord. We can only face the challenges with God on our side. We anticipate another Rancho Santa Marta year with new children and teenagers arriving, with renewed group visits, a vigor to make a difference in our school and a refreshing clarity on how to serve our Lord; what life is truly about. We look forward to serving with you as your prayers and financial support enable us to reach these children and young people with Biblical truths. Continue with us this new year as we make a difference at our home and school in Baja California. Blessings, Rod & Tina

## Reflections & Thanks

The beginning of a new year always brings out reflections of the past year. We are so grateful for those who love this ministry and gave to Rancho Santa Marta last year. Thank you to:

- Those who gave through Amazon, Walmart, Sam's Club, Home Depot. Every food donation and building materials sent to our office is a welcome package.
- Alaska Mike and Score racing friends for their loyal annual shopping spree supplying us with red meat, chicken, fish, juice and cakes! Their contribution gives us at least two months supply of "carne" for the children.
- Erik Oyen, Mike Stebles and Cameron Steele from the Baja Beach Bash ride for their current efforts to donate and transport a diesel powered generator for the ranch.
- Sarah and Mike Reilly for their annual Christmas party supplying awesome Christmas gifts for the children and staff.
- Diane Siegel and Calvary Assemblies of God church of Lomita, CA for their continued support during Christmas; providing new clothing sets for all our children. Thank you!
- The Lawrence brothers, Joe and Scott, for their home and office furniture donations.
- The yearly donation of fruit trees from Crosspoint Church of Modesto, CA.
- The pool pump and filter donated and installed by Jenner Mucher family and friends.
- Steve and Millie Shold who spend more time with us at our home than they do at their own ranch in Eastern Oregon helping in many projects and being grandparents to our ranch children. Thank you for being part of the family!
- All the faithful monthly supporters who might not get recognized by name but we are truly blessed for their vital part in this ministry
- The board members: Bill & Kaye Lawrence, Joe & Joanne Payne, Bob Moorhead, Brock & Adrienne Briones, Allen & Becky Carlisle for their passion for the children and students of Santa Marta and sacrifice of service.
- Norma Gordon for her dedicated service in the office and her husband Richard for keeping us LED current.
- West Coast Sand and Gravel for bus tires.
- The Leonard Nagel family tile business for their much needed donation of tile for our houses and classrooms.
- Rick Felkins for his plumbing expertise and help on our major bathroom projects.
- Baja Beach Bash and their unbelievable outpouring of pledged gifts for the media center and general expenses.



The list can go on and we are sure we have left many people out, but it is evident that God leads many people from different crafts and trades to make Santa Marta a safe and secure place for many children and students to learn what the love of Jesus is all about. Thank you and we look forward to seeing how and who God will lead this coming year.

## Valentina Update...

We have a surgery date for Valentina! Our cochlear implant (CI) journey started back in December 2020 with her hearing aids fitted in January 2021 and her first Rady's Children Hospital appointment in March 2021. She was accepted in the Medi-Cal insurance program because of our legal guardian status with intent of adoption. The Lord has truly blessed her life as she struggles with minimal change kidney syndrome, latent tuberculosis (this has been cleared), a minor cervical spine syrinx (not serious, monitor yearly) and her profound hearing loss. She has been cleared through the insurance for CI on both ears and has bilateral surgery scheduled on January 24. It has been a difficult journey. Border crossings have been achingly long and keeping up with the appointments can be taxing. We have had an awesome outpouring of financial support for her, and we appreciate your prayers and support. There will be much work after her surgery, and we will be using both Rady Hospital's audiology department for the fine tuning of the CI's and Spanish speaking speech therapists in Mexico City to help her master the Spanish language.



It is our goal to help Valentina articulate sound so she will be able to speak and communicate clearly. There will most likely be several trips to Mexico City so the therapists will be able to see Valentina in person. We also are currently in the adoption process so the funds donated specifically for Valentina will be used in these two areas. Thank you for your prayers for her. We will keep you updated, and Lord willing be able to share her progress with her cochlear implants.

## Ensenada House Taking Shape

The Ensenada house is moving forward and building up. Our three-story Ensenada house is currently at the second story stage. The plan is for it to be completed by August for our Ensenada students to reside. Julia is currently in Ensenada renting a small house so she can continue her studies until the construction of the house finishes. Adriana and Elsa will join Julia in the house in August along with other students from San Vicente who need a place to stay while they attend their universities and colleges in Ensenada. Pray for these three students from the ranch and for a house parent who has the vision to minister to these students and their spiritual needs.



Elsa & Adriana



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## Speech & Language Pathologist

We have seen an increase of students in our school with speech impediments which has created communication challenges between students and teachers. We have profound hearing loss students, children with autism, students with oral speech disabilities and other types of speech impairments. Cariño Lawrence is our speech therapist with a teacher credential, and many years of experience as a language therapist, but with limited studies in language communication strategies. Anahi is our head psychologist in the school who has a passion for these children but does not have the training to interact with these students for her to assess their emotional needs. Cariño and Anahi are currently enrolled in an online master program in speech and language pathologies that is certified both in Mexico and Spain. The course will take two years to complete and will award their hard work and studying with a master's degree enabling them to address the needs of these speech impaired students. We ask you come along side of them with your prayers as they balance their responsibilities here at the school and their studies.



Cariño & Anahi

## Thank you Lois



Lois Ball was no stranger to Rancho Santa Marta. Lois and her husband, Dr. Perry Ball, for years came to the ranch from Colorado to serve as medical missionaries offering medical services for our children and staff. After their retirement to Wickenburg, Arizona we had less visits in person, but we had the privilege

of visiting them in their new home. We had great moments of touching base and sharing about the children that they had grown fond of, which many had grown, been educated and some of them married with their own children. She always remembered our children with gifts of love that she sent each month and never failed to ask "who" she could remember in prayer.

Lois' step into Eternity surely received a "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into Heaven with great joy. Come and share your master's happiness!". Matt: 25:21. Although her time and ministry culminated on earth, we will miss her. However, we are sure there is great rejoicing in Heaven for her blessed arrival.

Bill and Kaye Lawrence

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