

RANCHO SANTA MARTA

EST. 1980

Bethesda Teaching Ministry ♦ P.O. Box 20028 ♦ El Cajon, California ♦ 92021-0900 ♦ 619.258.1358 ♦ February 2022 ♦ Volume 50 #2



Rod & Tina's Corner

For we walk by faith, not by sight. II Corinthians 5:7.

Simple verse with a profound impact on our lives. Even though we live in a semi-secluded ranch in Baja California, MX, with 35 children and 20 + staff, we can find time and keep up with the world events. Maybe it would be better that we just stay secluded and let the world do it's thing. But God has called us to be ambassadors for Him and messengers of His truth. His way is to develop relationships with teachers, with children, with parents and with staff and be involved in their lives. He wants us to make a difference right where we are, here at Rancho Santa Marta. The Bible tells us that this world will not get better but will become worse and if we focus too much on the world events, we will lose focus of where God has placed us and become discouraged. He wants us to provide a secure place for these children AND to make sure they have a peace about where they are headed eternally. We need to walk by faith and not by sight. Place our faith in an almighty God who IS in control and will lead His sheep to pasture. We must not lose our faith in Him. Continue to do His work and He will work things out for good to those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). Thank you for your continued support of God's work here at the ranch. We continue to plant seeds with the children/teens/young adults that He has placed in our care. Your prayers and support enable us to walk alongside these children's lives. Thank you! Your faith partners,

Rod & Tina

Eagle Scout Honors

Eagle Scout is the highest honor or accomplishment in the Boy Scout's organization. It shows a dedication and accomplishment that few scouts achieve. Rancho Santa Marta allows these scouts to choose a project, organize a work team, order the materials, and accomplish the plan in a couple of days. The project benefits the ranch, and the accomplished task allows the scout to receive the honored Eagle Scout title. Lucas Spangler with his parents and friends of the San Diego area came down for two days to build a shelter over our new pool pump. This was a very much needed project because it was discovered that only two nails were holding the old structure to the wall! God's timing is always perfect, and we are very thankful for Lucas's efforts and the whole team for coming down and blessing the ranch in this way. We are ready for the summertime pool activities.



BEFORE



AFTER

Special Dinner Treat

We were blessed by several churches, Calvary Assembly of God of Lomita, CA, and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran church of Vacaville, CA and Mike and Sarah Reilly and friends during the Christmas/New Year season. The children had an amazing Christmas because of their generosity. West Valley Presbyterian Church of Cupertino, CA was also involved in their Christmas but in a slightly different way. They sent money beforehand so that each house would be able to purchase items to have a hearty dinner for all. The house parents decided to have this dinner during the celebration of "El día de los Reyes Magos" which is celebrated January 6 here in Mexico. They had ham, mashed potatoes, biscuits, salad and the famous "Rosca" bread. Tradition tells that the "Rosca" bread has a hidden figurine baked in the bread and whoever receives that figurine in their piece of cake has to make tamales for the coming February festivities. You do not want to bite into that figurine! Thank you, West Valley Presbyterian Church, for providing that special meal and putting a smile on their faces. Food is one of their most favorite things!



Teachers Day in the Snow

We are celebrating the rain that has fallen here. The barley crop has been planted and as always, we rely on God to send the rainfall for its growth. We have had at least one inch of rain so far and our fields are turning green. That is always a great sight to see down here especially when our area relies so much on water supply and the water tables in our wells. When it rains it also snows in our nearby mountain range. The altitude of the San Pedro Martir mountain range averages 8,000 feet, with the highest peak in Baja California, Picacho del Diablo, at 3095 m/10,154 ft. When there is snow our teachers must go! Tina gave her staff a day off so they could enjoy the snow and start off the new year with a relaxed social event. Most of our school staff participated, around 30 people, and they had a great time. They found snow and were able to build their snowmen and have their snowball fights. What a blessing to be so close to the beach and to a snowy mountain range! A great way to appreciate God's beautiful creation.



Needs:

Slippers (all kids sizes) Boy's pajamas (all sizes)

CONNECT WITH US:



Instagram



E-NEWS



facebook.



Return Service Requested

EL CAJON CA 92021-0900
PO BOX 20028

Belhesda
Teaching Ministry

RANCHOSANTAMARTA.ORG

Jesús Manuel

Jesús Manuel has been attending our school for three years now. He has severe cerebral palsy and is only able to maneuver with a four wheeled walker. Three years ago, he was in our elementary school area where there are sidewalks to access the classrooms and the cafeteria. Last year because of the pandemic the classes were given online and so Jesús Manuel was not on campus. This year our school is open for in person teaching and Jesús Manuel is now in the eighth grade where he must walk across the dirt road to get to his classrooms. It was a struggle for him to get around on the walker that he had from his home. It was painful to watch him push the small, wheeled walker across the loose gravel and sand to get to his classrooms. We asked Frank Rivera, a long-time board member, who is a physical therapist, how we could help Jesús Manuel. He suggested a four wheeled walker with bigger circumference tires. We ordered one and wow did it make a difference. Instead of bull dozing his way through the sand he now glides over those areas with ease and much less effort. We do need to think about pouring more sidewalks, but this was a huge improvement for his ability to move around. His family was very grateful, and they are thankful that Jesús Manuel has found a school that is concerned for their son. Thank you for helping us make that happen.



In Memory of

- In memory of Dennis Newell from wife, Linda Whitley of San Mateo, CA
- In memory of Don Kuyper from his friend Alice Van Meeteren of Central Point, OR
- In memory of Chris Ow & Family - Ride Happy! from David Martin of Las Vegas, NV
- In memory of Nancy Anderson from: The Holmstedt Family of Moraga, CA; Carol Upshaw of Walnut Creek, CA; Nancy Holtzapple of Walnut Creek, CA; Capt. John & Ruth Sechler of Lafayette, CA; Ken & Emilie Corcoran of Lincoln, CA; Bill & Linda Mason of Carmichael, CA
- In memory of Don Risen from Stan Risen of Modesto, CA
- In memory of Dave Hudson from Friends at Calvary A/G
- In memory of Donald V. Torr from brother Gilbert Torr and family of Carmichael, CA
- In memory of Bobby Ellsworth from Mr/Mrs Ellsworth of Gleneden Beach, OR
- In memory of Loren Johnson from wife, Ruth Johnson of Hanford, CA
- In memory of Rev. Mike Garner from Karen Clark of Saratoga, CA & Karen Heart of Suisun City, CA
- In memory of Lois Ball from Martha & Richard Bush III of Fairfax, VA
- In memory of Rev. Bill & Rita Lawrence from Dennis & Catherine Nagy of Trenton, MI
- In memory of Phil Hunter from wife, Judy Hunter of Medford, OR
- In honor of Tim & Sharyn Henshaw from Robin & Carol Little of Pleasanton, CA
- In honor of Carol & Robin Little from Timothy & Sharyn Henshaw of Pleasanton, CA
- In honor of Bill Lawrence from sister, Miriam Jerome of Centennial, CO
- In honor of Liz Foreman from Sybil Becker of Kittery, ME