

RANCHO SANTA MARTA

EST. 1980

Bethesda Teaching Ministry ♦ P.O. Box 20028 ♦ El Cajon, California ♦ 92021-0900 ♦ 619.258.1358 ♦ April 2022 ♦ Volume 50 #4



Rod & Tina's Corner

But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

Are we living in the end times? This subject is being discussed in all religious circles these days. We are definitely living in some uncertain times. But we as Christians do not live in fear. We have the confidence that the God of creation is in control of everything that is happening. We are told in his Word to not be anxious about anything (Philippians 4:6-7), but to hold on to His righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10). We are called to be His ambassadors, to speak His message of salvation to a worried, wearisome world. "Be ready to give an account for the hope that is in you", as the verse above states. Our staff has been reading and discussing a book that is challenging us to be bold about our faith. If our faith in Christ is genuine and strong the result of that relationship will automatically move our hearts towards those who have not surrendered their life and changed their lifestyle for Him. We as a staff are moved out of love to speak Jesus to the children/teens, teachers, and fellow workers that God has given us here at the ranch. He is giving us the ability to understand the eternal fate of their souls: to be cast in a dark lake of fire where there are the pains of death but NO dying (for eternity) or to experience the peace and presence of the lover of our souls (for eternity). We live in a lost and dying world, but we have the key to live above the circumstances of this life. We are being challenged to speak Biblical truth to those around us. Remember that the way to life is narrow and only a few find it but the road to destruction is wide, and many enter through it. Let's develop that heart for the lost. Rancho Santa Marta has the best opportunity to save children from their dangerous home situations and bring them to a secure place where they can learn the truth of God's love. Thank you for helping us in this endeavor. Be encouraged and may the Lord richly bless you and your loved ones. Blessings to all, *Rod & Tina*

School News

Our school is open; for all students; every day!! What a blessing to have all our students being able to attend classes together, (the hybrid system of having just half of the class for one day and the other half the next day is gone) every single day of the week. Our teachers had mixed feelings about the change because they were so used to being online and then only half of the class, but now they have a full classroom again. It only took two



years to get there. The students and parents still have the choice of wearing a mask while they are at school and transportation to school, but the social distancing idea has been obliterated so our busses can be full, our students can get close in the lines and in the classrooms and our drinking fountains can operate again! Wow it is wonderful to see that we can get back to life as it was pre-pandemonium.

Cariño is our one and only speech therapist and she has her hands full at school. There are at least 30 students in



our kindergarten through high school system that require one on one or small group speech classes. This is a huge load for Cariño, and she does the best that she can with the resources that she has. The Lord has been moving in this area. because Marge Nagel, from Anaheim Christian Reformed Church of Anaheim, CA picked up interest in Valentina's case through these newsletters. She wanted to help Valentina and other children with speech or hearing impairments, so she has generously donated funds to improve our speech facilities. At the same time, we were having conversations with Marge, a married couple from WestGate church of San Jose, CA, sent this email:

My name is Orin Dsilva. We (my family & I) met your team (Sam & Rocío) at Westgate Church on Sunday. We are so grateful for the work you are doing in serving the children at RSM, we would like to contribute our skills/time in whatever capacity we can.

A Little bit about ourselves. My husband and I are speech therapists and we work with children with special needs here in the bay area. We have 2 boys (6 and 3 year old) and we would love to visit RSM as a family and be a part of what God is doing through you and your family, during one of our breaks from school.

Warmly,
Orin & Ram

How about that for God's perfect timing. We need help with our students with speech/hearing challenges, so Marge has supplied the funding towards equipment and resources for the speech therapist classroom and Ram and Orin will be able to direct and guide us towards the most effective manipulatives, books, software, instruments to enable us to better equip these students. And we look forward to Ram and Orin's visit in April. God's perfect timing. Praise the Lord!



Mexican Christian Children's Aid

During our testimony time in our church service someone thanked the Lord for the monthly food donations from Mexican Christian Children's Aid, MCCA, from Redlands, CA. This group has been essential in feeding our children every month. MCCA has been doing this for over 50 years. What a testimony to their faithfulness to God in being faithful to many homes for children in Baja California. This is just one of so many examples of how we have been blessed by God through our supporters.

We have comfortable seats to sit on in our chapel because someone made a call to see if we could use 100 padded chairs for our use. We have two Ford E350 vans for our transportation needs because a special someone heard God's call to give. We have several hundred fruit trees blooming in our field because a Rotary group took on the task of donating and delivering these trees for our benefit. We have funds to buy propane, gasoline, food, construction materials, and so much more because of your donations. We want to say thank you for your sensitivity to God's calling to support Rancho Santa Marta. Every day we see God's provision here at the ranch. We pray that you will be blessed for your contributions towards these children and teenagers. God bless each one of you!

Crosspoint Church

A special thank you to Barry and Claudia Courtney of Crosspoint Church of Modesto, CA who donated a weather station for our junior and high school science classroom. We are registered at Weather Underground and if you would like to track our weather patterns right here at Rancho Santa Marta place this code IENSEN70 in their search bar on their website www.wunderground.com.



Return Service Requested

EL CAJON CA 92021-0900
PO BOX 20028

Bethesda
Teaching Ministry

RANCHOSANTAMARTA.ORG



Prayer Need

Pray for both our teaching and ranch staff and especially for those who have not made a decision to make Jesus the focus of their lives. Please pray for:

- Martin A.,
- Demetrio,
- Gerardo,
- Maritza,
- Leslie,
- Karen,
- Andrea,
- Mauricio,
- Jocelyn,
- Patricia,
- Diana L.,
- Diana G.