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Rod & Tina's Corner

For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey him, and then helping you do what he wants.

Philippians 2:13. LB

What an awesome God that we have. First of all, He is at work within us, He chooses to use us in spite of who we are. Second, He helps us have a desire to obey Him. His Holy Spirit is constantly nudging us to listen to spiritual things and battle out the desire to do the fleshly things. Third, after He helps us to obey Him, He gives us the tools to carry out the task that He has asked us to be obedient to! What a wonderful God we have. OHH that we would just listen to that still, small voice inside. OHH that we would be obedient to His calling. OHH that we would allow Him to use us for His glory. Easter has passed but His message continues to be proclaimed. Making the decision to accept the Lord as our Savior and spend eternal life with Him is just the first step to the Christian life. For the rest of your life after this decision, our job is to make Him Lord of every area of our life and to stop and listen so that He can work within us, give us the desire to obey Him and then carry out His plan with His help. Thank you Jesus for Rancho Santa Marta and all of the different people that You have called to make this ministry happen. Blessings to all of you and may God work within you!!

Rod & Tina

Welcome the Jesús Padilla Family

Jesús, Perla and their three children, Cristian, Alejandro and Zury come to us all the way from Mexico City. They were active members of their church in Mexico City but were feeling the call to serve the Lord in a different way. Jesús and Perla had their own plumbing and electrical business where they worked together in those fields but have left it all to come to the ranch and serve. They have been here several weeks and are beginning to understand their responsibilities at Santa Marta. Perla will be helping out in the houses and in the different trade classes in the school as well as Jesús who will take on the electrical classes and maintenance responsibilities of the home and classrooms. Pray for their transition from the most populated city in Mexico to our small-town rural Rancho Santa Marta.



Oregon Passion!

Blessings to our groups from Oregon. This last month we had visits from Albany City Church of South Albany, OR and from Living Waters Spanish group with Brad and Marcy Rieggs' Spanish students. What a joy for us to share our home with groups again!! Both groups had awesome interactions with our ranch children and students at the school. Brad, Marcy and students had a spectacular time with their first ever dance classes for our school students and the science classes as always were successful too. A special thank you to Dave from City Church for organizing, collecting, fixing bicycles for the enjoyment and pleasure of our ranch teens and children. What a blessing. Thank you for your support in our building projects. With your help we were able to lift up trusses on our art/computer classrooms and build the metal walls for our music classroom. And we can't forget the laborious task of collecting rocks for the footings of the teacher's conference building. We are moving forward with these projects and you guys have been the catalyst and encouragement as we see things progress. Blessings to you all and we look forward to seeing everyone in the coming year.



Teacher Tina

Tina's passion is teaching and her face lights up when she is in front of students. She helps Cariño with the kindergarten English class and their current theme is Ocean Life. Tina led the group in a special edible activity and the students were so excited. The kindergarteners are super motivated to speak their new English words. English classes are an important part in our Colegio Santa Marta curriculum, and we have Cariño for our kindergarten students, Matt Lawer has the responsibility of 1st through 6th graders and his wife Victoria Lawer is the junior high and high school English teacher. We are very grateful for the Lawers help this current school year and they are a blessing to both the school and the home. We are coming to the end of this school year and are beginning to think of these English positions that will be opening when the Lawers go back to their home in Oregon City. Please pray that God will fill these positions as we approach the upcoming school year.



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Adriana

Adriana is one of five children that came to the ranch over 13 years ago: Monica, Leticia, Adriana, Daniela and Ernesto. Monica and Leticia have left the ranch to go back to family, Adriana will be graduating from high school this year and Daniela and Ernesto will be moving from junior high to high school. Adriana is a responsible and competent student, and we have high expectations for her. She has been indecisive about what career path to take but she finally shared that she would like to be a physical therapist. There are not many schools that offer this degree but there is one in Ensenada, and she is in the process of turning in her paperwork to begin her studies there in August. It's a three-year program and will be competitive but Adriana has the drive and desire to complete her studies. She has a heart for the Lord, and we ask that you pray the school will accept her and that she has that confidence in the Lord that He will be leading her through this next step in her life.



Memorials:

In honor of Baja Beach Bash
from Custom Ink of
Charlottesville, VA

In honor of Chad & Paige
from Julie Navarro of San
Ramon, CA

In honor of Cora & Victor
Brownmiller from Lin
Brownmiller of Chico, CA

In memory of Anna June &
George Treat from Karen
Bowen of Wilmette, IL

In memory of brother-in-law
Roger Braasch from Donna
Wenrick, Seal Beach, CA