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Rod & Tina's Corner

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

That verse has most likely been shared before in the past in our "Corner" section of this newsletter. It's a verse that has such a calming effect in a very difficult and unstable world. There have been many situations where we ask ourselves if this was the best decision for the ranch or for the family or for the school or for the children. One of these decisions was made to bring Aritchael back to the ranch. She was brought into our ranch family when she was nine years old. Social services told us that if she did not behave and comply to the rules of the home, she would be sent to a psychiatric hospital where she would be put on psychotropic medication and live her life there. She was a very tough girl to handle but she was making progress, going to school, and staying out of trouble in the home, until there were major changes in her life and house. These changes were too much for her to handle and she regressed into the little troublemaker girl, but at this point she was no longer a little girl but a teenager. We had to let her go and the social services could not find another home for her, so they placed her in a drug rehabilitation center for a couple of months. Aritchael requested that she come back, and we were pleased to accept her, thinking she had learned a lesson. Unfortunately, she returned more rebellious than ever. After three weeks we had to call social services and she left us again. It was heartbreaking to see her leave knowing that where she was going was not a safe place. She was gone for eight months. During that time she escaped from two orphanages and ended up at another drug rehabilitation center. Again, she asked to come back to Rancho Santa Marta. We acknowledged Him as the verse above states and asked, Is this not what Santa Marta is all about? Do we just want to bring in "easy" children? We do not know God's way, we do not understand Him, but He says Yes bring the children to Me. So, we did, and we are pulling and praying daily that she can submit to the authority both in the home and in the school. We are praying that she can control the anger, the feelings of loneliness and the depressing thoughts of low self-worth that permeates her inner self. She is still here, and we ask that you pray alongside of us for her. She is one of many children in our home that have that inner battle of fighting or submitting to their authority figures. We do not understand but God does, and He loves these children as His own. Pray that truth would overpower the negative thoughts they store inside. May the Lord bless you as you pray and support these little ones (and bigger ones). Blessings to you,

Rod & Tina



Prayers for Rocio and Tali

In the March 2022 newsletter, we wrote a short synopsis of how Tali and Rocio's lives have been weaved around the ranch in the past and how they are involved presently, and we asked for prayer specifically for Rocio and her bout with cancer. Rocio has been experiencing pain at her lower hip area and has discovered through various trips to Ensenada that she has a large tumor in that area. They operated on her and removed a very large piece of the tumor but because of its location and being intertwined around the bone, nerves and main arteries it was not possible to extract the entire tumor. After the biopsy of the tumor, Rocio was diagnosed with an aggressive form of malignant cancer, called chondrosarcoma a rare type of cancer that usually begins in the bones but can sometimes occur in the soft tissue near bones. She has a large lump (mass) on a bone which is causing pressure and pain that has become worse as time progresses. She finished with her radiation treatments and took another MRI which showed that the radiation had no impact,

in fact the tumor grew during that time. The government health officials told her they would not do anything else for her and advised her to seek out a doctor that would prescribe the best treatment for her pain as the cancer would take over her body. We heard this final diagnosis, and we were not pleased. In fact through our own research, it seems this type of cancer does NOT react to either radiation or chemotherapy. Kaye Lawrence began to investigate alternative treatments and found Oasis Hospital in Tijuana that treats this type of cancer with immunotherapy and stem cell injections. Stem cell transplant uses her own healthy cells to combat the defective or cancerous bone marrow. The new cells find their way to the marrow, where — ideally — they begin producing new, healthy blood cells. We presented this option to both the American and Mexican board members, and it was voted unanimously to help Tali and Rocio with the costs for this treatment. She is currently in the program where she will stay in the hospital for 14 days where they will control her pain, prepare the stem cell injections, and teach her (and him) how to eat properly in order to kill the tumor growing in her body. They will give her a three months' supply of natural supplements and then after this time will return to the hospital so they can assess the progress of the program and receive more stem cell therapy. She is in good spirits and the pain has reduced significantly. She has lost weight (as well as Tali) and the treatment looks promising. We will know more after the next three-month checkup. These types of programs are expensive but the thought of seeing Rocio taking pain killers until the cancer took over her body was not an option. We are praying for her and asking that God take this cancer away and not allow it to spread. We ask you to join us as we together lift her up to our Lord in prayer. If by God's leading you would like to contribute to her hospital fees, please add a note to your donation for Tali and Rocio. Thank you for your concern for them and we will keep you informed.



Big Valley = Big Blessing

One of the trademarks at Colegio Santa Marta is our trades programs for both our special education junior high class and our high school juniors and seniors. We offer a variety of trades for these students: basic electrical wiring, masonry, hair salon, baking and cake decorating, agriculture, sewing, welding, small engine mechanics and carpentry. These trades are especially helpful to our special needs students because their cognitive ability in the classroom is limited but they excel in these hands-on classes and these learned skills can open job opportunities for these students when they leave the school. Our kitchen classroom has been vacant for all of last year because of the lack of cabinets. Cabinets are expensive and difficult to bring across the border without paying a large tax fee. Big Valley Church from Modesto heard of this situation, and it just so happens they have some professional cabinet makers willing to come down and build the cabinets from scratch! What a huge blessing for our program. They spent four full days and were able to make beautiful cabinets from the limited wood resources in our town. Thank you Rich (Sass), Cameron, Mike, Rachel, Roger, Roger and Pastor Tim for initiating this trip. The students are excited knowing that for next year we will have a kitchen to bake and frost their delicious cakes.



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Groups Are Welcome!

Our main focus is the children that God has brought to us both in the home and in the schools. This is a huge task and one that we cannot reach without help from others. We need to have partners who can share the vision of providing for these children at our home and students at our school. Without these partnerships we could not accomplish what we have purposed in our hearts to do.

The children of the Ranch love to interact with the groups that visit. Groups organize arts, crafts, games and sports. The kids love it! And of course there's plenty of work projects to do. Carpentry, masonry, concrete, painting, electrical, weeding, digging, cleaning, sewing, and plenty of play time and crafts with the children.. Groups always stay busy when visiting the Ranch!

Thank you for your continued prayers of support and your interest in visiting the Ranch! For more information, visit our website: ranchosantamarta.org.



In Honor & Memory

In honor of Paige Broughton's birthday from Mindi Broughton of Scotts Valley, CA

In memory of Rich Takasugi from James Community Church of Jamul, CA

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