

RANCHO Santa Marta

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Rod & Tina's Corner

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Hebrews 13:17

The verse above has some spiritual overtones to it... "because they (your leaders) keep watch over you as those who must give an account." We as leaders must give an account to how we have guided the 35 children/teens/young adults and 20 staff at the ranch along with the 280 students and 41 school staff members at the school! The awesome part of this responsibility is that we do not carry it alone. We have a team of board members that graciously come along side of us to encourage, pray, guide and direct us through the challenges of this task at Rancho/Colegio Santa Marta. Plus, we have a personal God who by his Holy Spirit nudges and whispers His promises and commands to us. We are so thankful for your part too, as you lift us up in prayer, donate funds, and even visit us on site to serve and visit with the children, students, and staff that God has placed in this ministry. We ask that you pray specifically for us as we "keep watch" over those that He has brought under our care. May blessings abound as you serve the Lord in your homes and communities also.

Rod & Tina



Meet the Board

Rancho Santa Marta/Bethesda Teaching Ministry is a nonprofit organization both in the United States and Mexico. On both sides of the border, we have advisory board members that are actively involved in the operation of the ministry. We have our annual Mexican/American board meeting in the spring at the ranch where the variety of ministry issues are discussed and prayed over together. It is very encouraging to observe the love that our board members have for the children and students at Santa Marta. They are excited to be involved and they continue to make the sacrifice of taking the time and travels to be on site to focus on children! A huge thank you to our board members for the continued support that we feel from each one. May the Lord richly bless you for your involvement and part in God's ministry in Baja California, Mexico.



Back: Dr. Cano, Joe Payne, JoAnn Payne, Rod Struiksma, Dr. Granados, Bill Lawrence, Allen Carlisle, Brock Briones
Front: Bob Moorhead, Frania Granados, Kaye Lawrence, Becky Carlisle, Tina Struiksma, Alma Cervantes

Oregon Groups in March

The month of March has become Oregon month for us at the ranch. Two groups from Oregon have made their mark here at the ranch: Living Waters Spanish group with Brad and Marcy Riegg and City Church of South Albany, OR with Pastor Duane Troyer and Ricki Taylor. Both groups had excellent weeks with much interaction with the community and the ranch as well as moving along some of the many projects at the ranch. We are always blessed by your presence here in March and we pray your year moves along quickly so we can be with you again in March 2025. Blessings, Santa Marta family



Living Water Spanish



City Church



Friends and Family

Its amazing how God calls His family to come together and support His work. It's astounding to think of all the evangelical ministries in this world that are supported by those who are sensitive to God's leading to help in whatever way to be a blessing. Rancho Santa Marta is on the receiving end of those blessings. There are too many to list so here are three call outs to those who have helped the ministry.



Joe and Kristen Lawrence, Bill and Kaye's oldest son, have fruit trees on their property that produce an abundant crop every year. We have gratefully been on the receiving end of their excess fruit. It is difficult to cross into Mexico with all of this fruit, but we manage to get it down in time to be received with open arms (and mouths) to our children in the five houses at the ranch/

Tom Castle and friends from the Modesto, CA area has been bringing in school and construction materials, groceries, clothes, and art supplies in abundance these last months. Tom has taken the time to organize the pick-ups and then drive the supplies down to our El Cajon office where we eventually find the room to take to the ranch and school. We appreciate these added supplies and the effort to drop them off. Thank you



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Honors & Memorials:

In loving Memory of:

- Uncle Bill Struiksma from Kenneth and Donna Kline of Artesia, CA
- John Kyte Goodyear from, his niece, Jennifer Liossis of Columbus, OH; Anna Alfera of New Castle, PA; Chuck Ivan of Hartville, OH; Steven Garlock of Westerville, OH; Charles Ivan of Columbus, OH

In Honor of:

- Martin Bañaga & Emilia Guevara from Brad Riegg of Canby, OR
- Ponraj Family from Amanda Schilling of Tucson, AZ
- Elaina and Simeon Ponraj from James Register of Rowlett, TX
- Baja Beach Bash from Mark Lohrbach of Eagle, ID

WE'RE MOVING!



Over the next few weeks, we will be moving to a new email platform. The newsletter will still come from the same email address for now.

Because it originates from a new server, your email provider may not recognize it. If you notice you are not receiving our newsletter, please check your junk email and make sure to move it to your inbox and mark it as safe. Our new email will be:

ranchosantamarta1@outlook.com

Thank you for helping us as we navigate this change.

Friends and Family continued...

As was mentioned above, we had our annual Mexican-American board meeting last month. Brock Briones flies out from Portland, Oregon with another Ranch friend Doug Hall who comes down to do all the hard work while Brock goes to his meetings!! They both are hard workers, and we appreciate them and their love for this ministry.



We are honored to know that God called, and they have answered to be that special blessing to the children at Rancho Santa Marta. Thank you