



**June - July 2012**

## **Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus!**

Several years ago, when I made my first trip to the African Continent, I was struck to my very core at the utter hopelessness and despair that exists outside my comfortable, protected little world. I saw things that most people can not even imagine. In Zambia, I went into a village that is overrun with orphans. I was amazed how these children exist. I visited a clinic where I saw an incredibly emaciated young boy of 15 lay dying in a bed. His eyes were open but he didn't even have the energy to turn his eyes to look at me as I tried to talk with him. The doctor with me said "well...at least he is one of the lucky ones." I was appalled. I asked him how anything about this child's life could be called "lucky". He said "at least he has a bed to die in...there are many out in the bush who die in the dirt." I can not express adequately how deeply this affected me. I was not mad at God, but I was so troubled at how these things could be, when it seems as though these children have been completely forgotten by the Church - the Christians. I came back home to the U.S. and was even more thankful that I had been born in this country, where the best of everything this world has to offer is freely available to me. But I had been so spiritually shaken by what I saw; I was more intensely determined than ever to do what I could do to rescue even one little life. But...I still had an issue with God. Where are the Christians...the people who have so much but are not rescuing those lost, forgotten little ones? The Lord dropped something in my spirit. If everyone in the U.S. who named the name of Jesus, fasted a coke or cup of coffee everyday and sent that money to help care for orphans then every orphan on the planet could be cared for. It took some time but I researched this and discovered that it is true. The problem is that most Christians do not know where or to whom they can partner with, so sadly most never give on a regular basis, if at all.



**Dr. Ron & Anna Sherman**

A short time later I met Anna and not only was I struck with her physical beauty; I was also struck with the fact that she has just as deep a passion to rescue orphans as I do as she spent a lot of time ministering in the orphanages of Johannesburg.

So together we are doing what we can do and we are trying to involve as many people as possible by asking them to join us as partners in our mission. We can not do this alone and God does not expect us to. God expects, as His Word declares, that every Christian should help care for orphans and widows. In the Old Testament, the Priests were directed to give a portion of every person's tithe to the orphans and widows...it was the Law (Deut. 14:28-29). In the New Testament Jesus even said "if you do unto the least of these...the orphans and widows... you do unto me. But He also said "if you deny one of these, then you deny me" (Mat. 25: 40 & 45). So there is no question that every believer should be helping orphans and widows.

We are so thankful for those that have joined with us in this mission and we thank God by faith for those He will add in the future. I was imagining the other day that when time is all over here on this Earth and we are all gathered around the Throne of God, how God might call a meeting of the partners of White Stone and show us the line of people that followed us into heaven because we came together to rescue those that the world had forgotten. You see, the next Latin Billy Graham may be living in our home right now. We don't know, but God has a plan and a purpose for all that come here and their lives one day will touch other lives for the sake of the Gospel. So doing what we do, together with our partners, has eternal "ripple" effects...touching lives we will never meet on this Earth.

I pray that if you have not united with us in this mission, come join with us as we help change the eternal destiny of these children.



This is one little boy we could not rescue.....but.....this one we did, with our partner's help.

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We want to welcome our new princesses. Yesinia, age 13, and Giselle age 9. Both young ladies have been taken out of fatherless homes where they have been terribly neglected. Please pray for these girls as they settle in.



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## Surprise!

We want to announce the birth of Anna Sofia Munoz. Her mother is Anakaren Munoz who has been living with us for about 8 months. Anna Sofia is the biggest surprise our Home has experienced. You see, Anakaren come to us after escaping a horrible situation that she was forced to live in. She was basically held captive as a sex slave by an aunt, who allowed men to use Anakaren's body for money. She finally managed to escape and make her way to the Child Protective Services (DIF) office for help.

They immediately brought her to us. She had started experiencing several physical ailments after she had been with us for a short time. We had taken her to the doctor on several occasions which



included full exams and blood tests, but somehow, everyone, including her doctor, never discovered that Anakaren was pregnant...not even Anakaren.

The entire time she has been with us, she had not missed a menstrual cycle. Anakaren mistakenly and innocently thought that what we now know was the baby moving, was her body reacting to the medicines. The doctor did not discover the pregnancy but rather diagnosed her as being overweight, anemic and with possible kidney problems. She was also having issues with her blood pressure so he prescribed medication for all these issues and put her on a strict diet. Several weeks ago, Anakaren was in such pain that I sent her to the emergency room with one of our Tias (house mom). The Tia called an hour later to tell us the emergency room doctor discovered a “mass” in her stomach so they were taking her to a specialist. You might imagine what a state we were in, thinking that a “mass” usually meant cancer. When they returned home about an hour later, all the Tias came in to my office with Anakaren and when I asked what the problem was, preparing for the worst, all the ladies and Anakaren began crying. My heart nearly stopped, thinking that this young girl had just been given a death sentence by the doctor. I demanded that someone speak and finally one of the Tia’s said “she’s pregnant!” Wow...what a flood of emotions. I began to laugh and all were looking at me as if I were crazy. I said I was immensely relieved that it was nothing bad...quite the contrary...it was a new life! They still did not cheer up right away and I was finally told that they thought I was going to “kick her and the baby out”. When I told them that was so absurd and that Anakaren and her baby are our family, there was great rejoicing in the Home.

Anakaren honored Anna by naming her child after her. So Anna Sofia made her debut on July 9, 2012 weighing 7lbs 11oz.. Mom and baby are doing very well. We thank God for the birth of this special child...even though she was the product of rape, we know that God has a plan for her life and she is surrounded by the love of her new family.

**Welcome Princess Anna Sofia!**

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## **School Update**

**W**e praise God for the many people who have joined with us to make our school become a reality! We have been blessed by some amazingly generous people helping us to purchase our curriculum and supplemental materials, the donations of computers, the building our desks, by providing furnishings and helping us physically prepare the building. We are profoundly grateful.

Last newsletter I introduced our supporters to a sibling group of 5 children. Because of the terribly neglectful situation they were raised in, they have never been enrolled in school. The oldest child is 12 yrs old and should be in at least the 6th grade by now but neither she nor her siblings have ever attended school. The law in this country demands that a child be placed in a grade that is directly related to their chronological age no matter what their actual level of achievement is. So these children will all be forced into grades that they have no hope of learning in because they can not read or count and the system has no programs in place to help children like these to catch up to their proper grade level. They simply pass them on from one grade to the next. Then when they reach the end of Grade 6, they must take an entrance exam to be allowed to enter Middle School. If they fail this exam, then their school career is over. They can go no further. So these children do not have a chance for an education unless we do something about it.

We intend to stop that cycle with our children. God has a plan for their lives and we believe that by educating these children and giving them a strong basic foundation, hope and dignity will be instilled in them igniting a fire of desire in them to reach for success in every aspect of their lives...thus changing their destiny forever.

Our school uses a Christian-based home-school type educational system. All the children will be able to study at their existing level of achievement - not forced into grade levels based upon their chronological age - and will be able to advance at their own pace. No child will be left behind in the learning process because all the work is done on an individual basis. An integral part of their daily curriculum is instruction in the Bible. The school will be staffed with 2 teachers and an assistant, giving us a very low student/teacher ratio insuring that each child will receive all the attention that they need.

The preparations have almost been completed to open the school so now we must turn our attention to the ongoing operation of the school. To do this we are implementing our ***"Sponsor a Student"*** program. We are asking that concerned folks join with us to educate these children by sponsoring a student with **\$10.00 per month**. That is such a low cost that we believe everyone who reads this will be able to participate



We will need multiple sponsors for each student to reach our budget but we know that God will speak to the hearts of the people to make this happen.

Our ***"Sponsor a Student"*** Program will help us to provide one of the best...if not the best foundational educations available in Acuña. We simply believe our children deserve the best education that we can give them. So we are giving an opportunity for you to participate in our school by sponsoring one or more students by sending **just \$10** per month. You will be helping to change the future of a child forever.

\$10 is not a lot

**\$10 is not a lot ... but it can *DO* a lot!**

You can sign up by filling out the card that was enclosed with this newsletter or you can go online and visit our website at: [www.whitestone.ws](http://www.whitestone.ws) and click on the tab labeled ***"Sponsor a Student"*** where can sign up.

In addition, we are asking that folks help spread the word about our Sponsorship program. We have brochures that we will be happy to send to you if you would like to help promote our school. Just call or send an email to the address on the back of the newsletter and we will rush some brochures to you.

**Please check out our website for additional info on sponsorship.**

#### **Sponsorship Highlights**

- Sponsorship is only \$10.00 per month
- Contributions can be made by check/money order or by credit/debit card through our website.
- We ask for a 1 year commitment
- Sponsors receive a welcome packet with a recent picture and information sheet
- Sponsors will receive student's progress report at the end of the year
- Students will write letters to sponsors periodically
- Sponsors are encouraged to write letters to their students periodically & to pray for their students often.



## Sherman Family News

As most of our supporters know, Anna is a native of Johannesburg, South Africa. Currently, there are two major events happening with our South African family that are of the greatest importance to us...the birth of our first grandbaby to our son Carlo and the wedding of our daughter Lisa. Our first Grandbaby, Shaina, was born two months ago to parents, Carlo and Roxanne and our daughter Lisa and her fiancé, Chris, will be getting married on September 29. It has been difficult for Anna especially, only seeing her children 2 times in the 5 years we have been living in Mexico, so it was time that she go and spend some quality time with the new addition to the family and to assist Lisa in preparing for her big day in September. Anna had to travel earlier than we wanted because of the way in which we have to renew our work permits. In the past, we have had to send our passports and work permits to Mexico City to be renewed but the organization that legally covers us to work in Mexico. Every year, the government has taken as much as 9 weeks to process the permits. If that were the case again this year, it would have been impossible for us to receive our passports back in time for Anna to help Lisa with her wedding preparations. So for Anna to be there by the middle of August (which was our original plan) the only option we had was for her to travel early, then once she landed she had to mail her passport back to me so I could, in turn, get them to Mexico City. So everyone here misses Anna terribly but when we talked to the children here in the Home, we explained that Anna's children in South Africa have shared Anna with our Manto Coahuila Family for the last several years, now it is their turn to share Anna with our South African Family. I will join Anna shortly before Lisa's wedding and both of us will return to Manto Coahuila the middle of October.





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I want to once again express our deepest appreciation for those who have helped make our school a reality. If you have not made a commitment to join with us in helping change the destiny of these children, please pray and see if the Lord is not speaking to you concerning partnership. To our existing partners: Thank you for your love, your prayers and your financial support. We thank God for you and pray that God's richest blessings are yours.

Blessings,

**Dr Ron & Anna Sherman**

*We thank God for our two newest,  
most beautiful blessings!*



**Anna Sofia  
Munoz**



**Shaina  
Peneda**

**God didn't say that taking care of orphans is a suggestion...  
...it is His  
command!**

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## To our South African Family & Friends;

*If you would like to become a financial partner with us, you can do so by making your donations to our South African bank account. Here are our banking details:*

ACCOUNT NAME: A M SHERMAN  
ACCOUNT TYPE: CHEQUE  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1737804670  
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BRANCH: EASTGATE

**You can also give online with a credit or cheque card at our secure website:**

<http://www.whitestone.ws/donations.html>

### “Projects” List

If you or your church group would like to invest some time, energy & expertise in helping us with our goal to make a functional and beautiful home for the children, then please let us know and we can talk about scheduling a time that is convenient for your group to come.

- Build jungle gym
- Landscaping
- Build a carport
- Build several closets
- Secure outside stairs
- Re-hang several doors
- Build shelves in closets
- Complete 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Install video cameras
- Install flood light at gate
- Install intercom inside
- Install intercom on gate
- Painting - *many places inside and outside*
- Install burglar bars on new windows upstairs
- Tile playroom & girl's bedroom
- Build shelves in computer room
- Build a playhouse and sand box
- Install kitchen plumbing & cabinets in cottage
- Build closets/lockers in girl's room
- Build shelves in workshop
- Solve electricity “puzzles”
- Finish cottages for groups to stay
- Build closets in new school room

### “Needs” List

#### Household Items -

Gerber Baby Food  
Diapers - SZ 16-38 lbs  
Baby Beds  
Toaster  
Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Large trash bags  
Tall kitchen trash bags  
Liquid clothes detergent  
Pinesol  
Clorox  
Hair Conditioner  
Deodorant  
Hand lotion

#### Furniture -

Bunk beds  
High Chairs  
Chest of Drawers  
Small dining table/chairs  
Dresser  
Small dining table/chairs  
Bookshelves  
Kitchen Counter/Sink  
Kitchen Cabinets  
Bean bag chairs

**WASHER!!!**





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