



February - March 2012

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus!

Anna's favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". We are truly amazed to see how the Lord does indeed have a plan and a purpose for all the children in our Home. We see it unfolding almost on a daily basis.



We look at where they came from and how their families, for whatever reason, are no longer in their lives. Some are here because of abandonment, some escaping horrible abuse and some because they are orphaned. They came here with little or no hope for any type of a future, only a desperation for food, safety and shelter. But they found so much more...they found Jesus and His love for them. They have discovered for the first time in their young lives what it means to be loved and cared for as children should be. They have discovered what it means to have a God and His servants that chose to love them...not forced to, but blessed to love them and how that love brings, peace, stability, security and joy. They have discovered that there truly is a prosperous future that awaits them as they follow Jesus and His plan. When people come here to visit, especially for the first time, they always comment

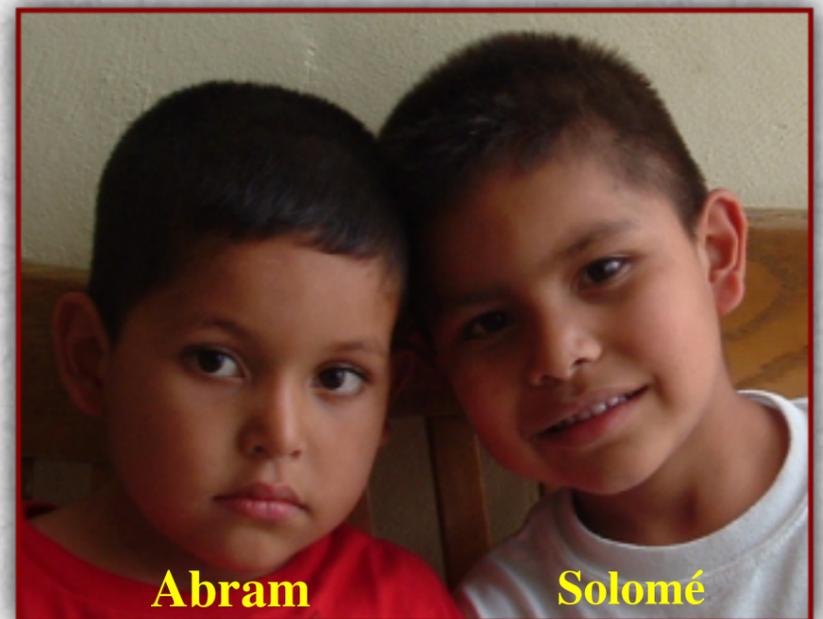


Josué

When people come here to visit, especially for the first time, they always comment on how happy the children are. That is not something that can be faked or scripted. It can only come as a result of being truly happy and filled with joy. So we give God the glory for reaching down in His mercy and grace to touch these young lives and for bringing partners to help us provide the kind of home that God desires for these children.

We want to introduce to you, our two newest princes. This is Solomé, age 5 and his brother, Abram, who is 4. The boys' mother abandoned them and left them with her estranged husband who works far out in the country. The boys were left alone for much of the time and when they came to us, Solomé had horrible bruises all over his body... including his head. We don't have the full story, only that Solomé has Hemophilia and as a result, the beatings he received from his father coupled with the neglect has caused terrible effects in the child's body...especially in his knees. Because of this, he is unable to participate in the outdoor games with the other boys and it is very hard on him. It is heart-wrenching to watch him as he looks on while the others are at play. He tries to get involved but because of his Hemophilia, we have to guard against him falling or being roughed up in the Soccer or other sports games. We ask that our partners keep these two boys, especially Solomé, in their prayers and join your faith with ours for a complete healing of this child's body. We thank God that we are able

We want to ask our partners and friends for help in obtaining a Motorized Car for Solomé.



This precious boy so badly wants to participate but we have to restrict him for much of the outdoor activities that our other kids are involved in because the Hemophilia causes him to bleed internally, especially around his joints if he is even bumped with any force at all. He had some type of injury to his knee prior to coming here and it is swollen up like a softball. We have been told that if he experiences any type of hard contact, we must immediately apply an ice pack, otherwise the internal bleeding around the joint will cause permanent damage to the joint. It appears that has already happened to his knee. If we can get a motorized car...**the type that he can ride in**... he will have something special to play with and not feel so left out.

We ask that our partners keep these two boys, especially Solomé, in their prayers and join your faith with ours for a complete healing of this child's body. We thank God that we are able to be here for these children and they can experience the peace and comfort of our home.

We want to also introduce "Esther" to you but we must protect her identity so we can't show you her photo or use her real name since this is going out onto the internet. Esther is 14. She came to us a very broken young girl with a horrific story. Esther's mother had been selling Esther to men. Her mother did not have a job so she used Esther's body as a source of income. It is hard to imagine a mother "pimping" her young daughter, but there is a lot of evil in this world and sadly Esther was forced to experience some of it as a sex slave. DIF (Child Protective Services) told us that we must keep Esther's presence as secret as possible due to the fact that the mother was extremely angry and would try to get her back if she discovered her whereabouts. She needed to go to school but we were very concerned about putting her in a public school for obvious reasons. There is a very small private Christian school next door to us, but paying her tuition could have been a bit of a burden. Anna went

onto FaceBook and told those on her FB page about Esther and within just **15 minutes**, her tuition had been paid. PRAISE THE LORD! She accepted Jesus as her Savior a few weeks ago and she is a changed young lady.

Thank you Jesus!

From A Mother's Heart...

The Lord has been laying on my heart to share my feelings since I left my country, family and friends in Africa. This is the first time I am sharing this publicly but I sense it's the right time. As a very young girl I had a vision. I was surrounded by lots of children and I knew that I would be called into the mission field. God touched my heart and made my calling very clear considering that I was not raised in a Christian home and that I had never heard of dreams and visions. I will always remember my most "humble" prayer I have ever prayed. I had just given my heart to Jesus and returned from my first day at Bible School. I was so sincere I was on my knees. "Lord I will do anything for you but PLEASE!!! I don't want to work with children". After kicking and screaming I began my ministry in Africa doing puppet shows and other kinds of fun stuff reaching out to poverty stricken children in the Townships (colonias) and at orphanages. I also volunteered at my church in the children's ministry, eventually going fulltime as the Director, and trust me...working with those 600 kids was not near as tough as working with our 20 kids. Years later, as the Lord could finally trust me, He sends me to MEXICO. This is now our 5th year in Mexico and our 3rd here at Manto Coahuila. I could spend hours sharing all the neat things God has done for us but I will just share what warms my heart the most which are the changes in the children's lives. I think of Joseline who was here for about 6 months. Her parents placed her here voluntarily. She was out of control. We sent her to a youth retreat hosted by our precious friends Pastors Dr. Elio and Darea Riveira of Iglesia Maná. Joseline came back a NEW CREATION! Her parents now serve Jesus together with her and are all a untied family as God intends. When any child leaves us it's hard. It would be easy if we just held back on our love but we fall in love deeply so the sadness is intense as well. What keeps me going is knowing that we get to see them once again in eternity.

It always blesses me to see how the "older" children welcome the "new" children. I will always remember Princess Erica's conversation with Princess America. I was a silent and unseen spectator. Erica told America that in this house we are Princes and Princesses. SO!! That means we clean our home, eat correctly and act accordingly AND that Miss Anna is queen...this of course I have never said to them. I see this continue even now. This Easter Sunday Rosalba was "reprimanding" Prince Abraham (3yrs). She began lecturing him on how to pray. "We always pray before we eat and you cannot eat without praying first". She showed him how to close his little eyes and she began singing our traditional "meal prayer". Today I was awestruck how this little boy removed his cowboy hat as we prayed over the children before they left for the circus. One that I often giggle about is "don't tell Miss Anna that you are bored, she will make you clean windows". I LOVE that they warn the "new" ones, "NO is NO and YES is YES"...so don't even try change their minds (talking about us and the staff). I was proud of Prince Gustavo: he chastised our maintenance man for kicking the dog. "In this house we take care of animals." (that maintenance man no longer works here). We have a set of rules that we read to the new children. It always breaks my heart when some wish that they had known that they had rights...mostly the sexually abused children. It usually takes about 4 (at times miserable) days for a new child to settle in but because the "older"

children have such good grounding it's so much easier for us now.

I no longer struggle with those that sell their own children but I now have such a heavy burden for them. Trust me... this is a HUGE breakthrough for me. Oh how easy it is to judge. God dealt with me in this area, as only our Loving DADDY can. He told me to forgive one mother that I was struggling with AND then He asked me to pray for her salvation...what a humbling experience. WHAT A LOVING GOD WE SERVE (“...*knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance*” .., Rom. 2:4)

I am very grateful for everyone in our lives: the faithful supporters, the intercessors and the new friends who barely know us yet helping us. My new American friend, “Mama B”, has been a breath of fresh air for me. She has opened her heart, given of her time and her home so I can recuperate. Because of her generosity, I can now attend Bible studies once a week in Del Rio. I am also deeply grateful for our dear friend Mike Kyle. Spending a couple of quiet hours at his lake property, listening to nature is such a stress release for me.

I am oh so over those that tell us that they are “going to help” but never have and especially those that have told us that “God told them” to help us but somehow forgot. I don't believe that they are mean callous people but their focus may be on their personal finances or the debt of their church and fear also stops some from giving...forgetting that their blessing is in their giving. Of course several are just moved by emotions so I continue to keep my eyes on our PROVIDER and not man.

Saying all of the above, life has been hard but rewarding, and even though I am surrounded by children and am busy, I miss my biological children so much. We are trusting the Lord for finances to attend our beautiful daughter's wedding in South Africa this coming September.

I want all of you to know that I do not take for granted, one single cent that you donate to our home and I covert your prayers. THANK YOU!

Anna

Life at Manto Coahuila





Recent Birthdays



Blessed by Groups

Several groups came for visits during these last two months. We thank God that folks are getting

involved again on this side of the border in taking care of orphans as well as helping other ministries based here in Acuña that are carrying out The Great Commission.

We welcomed Dr. Lewis Wilson and Robert Wilson of the Hessed Foundation last month. The Wilson Family and The Hessed Foundation have learned of our desire to start out own school here at Manto Coahuila and demonstrated a desire to help us achieve our goals. We had a great visit and look forward to seeing them again soon.



A ministry team from Grace Bible Church of La Vernia, Texas led by Mission's Director Sandra Shaw & her husband, Clifford, came for a visit. We have some small houses in the rear of the property that needed roofing repair and Sandra's team got that repair knocked out. Soon we will be able to use these buildings for visiting teams. Sandra's group also brought crafts and our kids had a blast with the crafts projects. Thank you Sandra & Team ...you guys are a great blessing!



We met some new friends from the Celina, Texas area led by Raymond Wiech. Raymond and his team come to Acuña every year to assist pastors and ministries with all sorts of building & ministry projects. Part of Raymond's group assisted with some issues that we needed help with to comply with newly enforced building codes. They have promised to be regular visitors and we are thankful for their help.



Our dear friends from Houston, Trey Hamilton & Bill Stephens came for a visit. Trey is building the specialized desks for our new school room and he and Bill came with the prototype to test it out,... he did an excellent job. So we will be seeing them again soon as he finishes the desk. These two men are so precious to us. They have been not just faithful financial supporters, but faithful friends, helping us with so many issues during our three years here. We are always so blessed to have them for a visit.

We love you guys!





Anna and I want to express how much we appreciate our financial partners. We can not do what we do without people who are sensitive to the Holy Spirit concerning their financial gifts to us. I truly wish that folks could see the miraculous changes that we are privileged to witness in these children on a continual basis. People often debate whether or not God still performs miracles today. Well, I assure you that he does. If you could see the attitudes and the physical conditions that these children come here with, then look at them now, you would be totally convinced of the miracle working power of the Lord. Providing a safe, loving home centered upon Jesus makes all the difference in the world... and that is what our partners help us do.

I truly love seeing the faces of our partners that are able to make the trip to see us here in Acuña. Reading about the kids and seeing their random photos in the newsletter simply don't convey the whole story of the changes in the lives of these children. However, seeing them "in real life" is a powerful testimony of the life-changing effects of the love of Jesus. These folks have seen some of the changes in these kids over time and it is a wonderful thing to see these partners tear up as they talk to us about the changes they see in the kids that have been here for any length of time. When God is given the chance to touch these lives, miracles do happen...and without our partners, we would be so limited in the lives we are able to reach.

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



**God didn't say that taking care of
command!**

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"Projects" List

"Needs" List

If you or you 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 2nd 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

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

Tools/Maintenance -
Cordless hammer drill

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