

Newsletter June 27 2007

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ and All, who lovingly serve Gabriel House,

Since the fiscal Year has newly ended Ted and I felt that a recap of finances and a summary of the state of Gabriel House might be in order.

We want to thank all of you for your generous support, your prayers and your visits and for many, the endless hours of volunteer labor you have spent at Gabriel House.

We certainly could not have accomplished all that has been done here if you had not heeded the call of "the still small voice" or the tug on your heart strings.

We would like to thank Mexican Medical Ministries for their 501-c3 covering of Gabriel House. They make an annual audit possible, cover all the costs of our mailings, see that you get tax deductible receipts, schedule all of our group visits, and take zero-zip-nada for their time effort and professional services. That's right, 100 percent of your donations is processed through Mexican Medical Ministries, tax receipts are sent out, news letters are sent (at their expense), and 100 percent of your donation is passed on to Gabriel House.

We also want to thank Dave and Peggy Fend for their tireless effort in forming and keeping up to date information on our beautiful website. They are responsible for you getting e-news letters with current happenings and bios of the kids. They are so dedicated and so patient with Ted and me reminding us when it is time to get another child bio together or lovingly prompting us to write another informative e-news letter.

Gabriel House's budget continues to be in the \$16,000.00 to \$18,000.00 per month range.

The greatest part of that budget goes to wages and benefits for our deserving Mexican National staff, about \$12,000.00. We employ an average of 30 Mexican nationals per month at a wage that is well above the national standard.

We average a cost of \$900.00 per month in medications, another \$900.00 in doctor visits, \$1,500.00 per month in utilities and propane, \$600.00 in diapers ( on a good month when we get diapers donated), \$400.00 in gasoline and car maintenance, \$200.00 per month in car insurances, and about \$1,000.00 in food . If food items (especially proteins like meat, chicken, fish, and eggs) are not donated then we have to buy them. The lack of these items in our donations can easily double or triple our food budget to \$3,000.00 instead of the usual \$1,000.00.

Every month we see the bottom of the budget barrel. Isn't it wonderful that we do not run out of resources before we run out of month? Praise God!

We have had some significant events at Gabriel House. Last week we were able to put a \$40,000.00 down payment on the main house; so we are now officially buying Gabriel House for the kids. It has been the biggest desire of my heart. Our monthly payment is slightly more than we were paying for rent so we are blessed.

We have taken a giant leap of faith in opening a learning center in San Vicente for those children who are able to learn academically or learn some kind of trade. Eight of our kids will be transferred there for training.

While children are being transferred to San Vicente more are waiting in the wings for a place at Gabriel House. Today we excitedly await the arrival of a two month old baby who reportedly has brain damage from contracting encephalitis. Next week a one month old boy and his 1 year old sister will be coming to us. Both are HIV positive. An Oxaccan Indian family has been waiting almost a year for a place at Gabriel House for their blind and mentally retarded two year old son.

And yet another miracle is taking place at San Vicente that we did not expect. When Ted and I envisioned the learning center, little did we know what God would do with just our willingness to take the first steps.

First we met Angel Baeza, and he began to share his heart with us and his willingness to help in our ministry. At his urging we began to look in his town of San Vicente for a house to rent as a learning center for the able children at Gabriel House. The house we found was affordable but needed renovation. We found out how capable Angel is and it was at this point that he introduced us to two brothers, Sergio, (Checo) and Raul. Both were victims of a high voltage accident which took both of Checo's legs and one of Raul's legs. Raul was passed the age of minority so we hired him as a handyman to help Angel. Checo became our first official student at San Vicente. Together Angel, Checo, and Raul began renovating the house. They tore out walls; they chipped off tile; they dry walled; they painted; they put up newly painted cupboards, and laid block.

Whenever someone on a ladder was needed Raul strapped on his prosthetic leg and climbed the ladder.

Then Angel introduced us to two little 10 year old girls who both have spinal bifida. Chayito is in a wheelchair; and Rosita, uses a walker and braces and drags her legs with her. These two little girls are not welcome at public school because they do not have bowel and bladder control and the public school teachers refuse to help them change their diapers.

"But Angel", we lamented, "We do not have a woman to be at the house for these little girls." Our very next trip we were introduced to Audi.

Audi is a 28 year old young woman who has been wheelchair bound since the age of 16 when the bus she was riding in over turned and left her paralyzed from the waist down. She is a Christian; she is bilingual and wants to work with the girls.

"But Angel, we do not have a doctor. Where are we going to find a doctor in a remote village in Mexico?"

Our very next visit to San Vicente Angel took us to the home of Dr. Armondo Rios. When we arrived Dr. Rios was consulting with a patient. We noticed that the Doctor was in a wheelchair. He has slight use of his hands so he is able to use a stethoscope. His wife Maria has been trained to be his hands. Five years earlier Dr. Rios was in a bike racing accident; he fell from his bike and broke his neck. This caused his quadriplegic state. Instead of giving up he continued to maintain his medical license and continues to practice medicine. He studies constantly to keep up with new medicines on the market and supports his family with his medical practice. Dr. Rios and his wife Maria have agreed to come to San Vicente in his lift-van once a week to see our kids.

Never in a million years could I have envisioned the wonderful ministry of handicapped-helping-handicapped that God is putting together in San Vicente.

Of course all of this will take more support. We are praying for an increased monthly support of at least \$6,000.00. We also are praying for an American missionary couple who would want to partner with Angel in directing this house.

The bottom line to all of this is that we will need to increase our support base to a minimum of \$28,075 per month.

Though this seems daunting to us I know God can do it. After all didn't He bring us a whole staff of capable handicapped Mexican National Christians to strengthen and encourage our faith?

What a privilege and an honor it will be to work with these inspiring people!

Here is a projection of financial need for Gabriel House for fiscal year 2007 to 2008:

- Wages and benefits           \$14,000.00
- Propane and utilities           1,500.00
- Rents and House payment    2,075.00
- Diapers                         1,000.00
- Medication                     600.00
- Doctors visits                 900.00
- Gasoline and car maint       1,000.00
- Food                             1,000.00

- San Vicente Gabriel House      6,000.00
- Car insurances liability only      400.00
- Total                                      \$28,475.00

We continue to need regular monthly support to meet this budget.  
If God is urging your heart to help, please send donations to:

Mexican Medical  
251 Landis Ave  
Chula Vista, Ca 91910

Remember to put Gabriel House on the Memo line.  
Or, online through our website at <http://www.gabrielhouseofmexico.com/online.htm>

Hallelujah, Praise Him!  
Ted and Renie

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