

# Happy new year!!!

We at Gabriel House are looking forward to 2010 with great anticipation.

The reason we can say that is because God has seen us through 2009. He provided for the \$240,000.00 needed annually to run Gabriel House and at the 11th hour we went out of 2009 in the black.

Did we struggle? Yes, we did! Our ladies went without pay for weeks and more than once. Did we worry. Yes, we did! We are human; we repented of our worry and went on.

Did we pray? We have the callouses on our knees to prove it and God showed up. He does His best work during our times of trial and adversity.

The US is facing economic hard times, but the body of Christ is still strong and alive and caring for each other as evidenced through the strong support of all of you who have allowed God to touch your hearts to help us. God has His own economy and it is not based on the world's economy.

We want to say thank you to all who made our Christmas a joyous and holy celebration of Christ's birth. Because of your generosity, we were able to share with our workers and our neighbors, food, toys, blankets, and the love of Jesus.

This is another example of God's grace. In April there was only a plot of bare earth where the new dorms now stand. Then a team showed up and bought and built the footings and poured the cement for the foundation.

A month went by and another team came all the way from Virginia and paid for the materials and poured the floors.

Then another team showed up and paid for the materials and built the walls and roof.

Then a man came and brought us the electrical box and donated drywall and lumber.

Then another team came and bought insulation, drywall, ready-mix and taping. On and on through the spring, summer, fall and winter, God has faithfully sent His servants to build the walls. We felt like Nehemiah and not one penny of money designated for the care of the children went into the building project.

We are now just days away from opening the boys wing. It is through the effort of our faithful workers and teams God sent from the US that this is even possible. We had neither the wherewithal, nor the money to do this. God sent teams with money to buy the materials and do the work and extra money to pay the wages of our men here.

The boys are so happy to, at last, have their own space. They can't wait to move in and claim their bunks.

Angel and his son, Bryan, have had some delays in returning but they will be joining the team after the first couple weeks in January.

Ted got great news from the doctor last week. The nerves in his left arm are regenerating! They tested his nerve response and the nerves are responding 50% better than the last test. He had not been able to play his horn for several months and was resigning himself to the possibility of not being able to play again at all.

Yesterday, while I was in the garden, I heard the beautiful sound of his sax. I went into our bedroom and he was sitting in the chair next to the bed playing his horn with tears streaming down his face. His greatest pleasure is worshiping the Lord with his horn. Others worship God by raising hands, dancing, singing, or kneeling before the Lord; Ted worships the Lord by playing his sax. It was so wonderful to hear that. I cried too.

We are blessed beyond measure with wonderful staff and missionary volunteers. Hanna Morse is visiting this week. She spent the summer with us and was a huge blessing to Gabriel House.

Becky Wiggins is back. After a two week visit, Becky will be going off to immersion Spanish language school for four months in Costa Rica. She will return to Gabriel House in April speaking Spanish like a pro.

Hilary Holbrook took a holiday break and will be returning shortly to again serve the children of Gabriel House until June.

We said good bye to Kim Cysewski and the love of her life, our little Chloe. We miss them a lot. Kim's dedicated service was deeply appreciated.

We cannot begin to tell you what these women have meant to improving the quality of Gabriel House. Each of them has laid down her life for our little ones. Each of them has contributed her individual gifts and talents to bless our children.

We have never had a family vacation so this summer we would like to take our girls to Cabo. We would like to take them on vacation in the US but haven't been able to get Alejandra's passport. Annie's passport was easy to obtain, but there is a great stigma against people who don't obtain their birth certificates at birth. Alejandra did not have a birth certificate until last year, so Mexican immigration is reluctant to grant her a passport, but we can go to Cabo so please pray with us that God will provide for this.

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, friends and family we wish you all a Happy and prosperous New Year, filled with God's love, protection and strength.

Love in the mighty name of Jesus,  
Ted, Renie, Gabriel House Staff, and the 35 munchkins  
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