

August 31, 2010

Hi family and friends of Gabriel House,

The children have had a wonderful fun-filled summer. Groups have taken them to the beach, and the park. Teddy got to go to Christian Camp, mentored by Hilary Holbrook.

This summer we said good bye to some truly wonderful women of the Lord who ministered brilliantly to our children. Beck Wiggins, Hilary Holbrook, and Hanna Morse played such an important part in the lives of our kids. We wish them every blessing as they pursue their careers, and their educations.

Speaking of education, the handicapped children will have the privilege of public education in our own CONAFE school again this year. CONAFE offers children of humble living circumstances an opportunity to attend school and earn their legal report cards through the 6th grade. Before Gabriel House, CONAFE had never had handicapped children in their program. They have now modified their program to include handicapped children. God used Gabriel House to accomplish this. This is important; without this they cannot attend secundaria or preparatoria, (middle school or high school), which is our goal and dream for all our kids. The white house at the end of the cul-de-sac has become part school, complete with all the desks, books and supplies needed. .

Our teacher this year is a wonderful, gifted Christian women named Claudia. What a blessing and an answer to prayer she is! She has voluntarily, on her own time come and taught the three sisters, Shelly, Ellie, and Sonia.

Can you believe that Ani is entering secundaria, (middle school), and Ale is entering, preparatoria, (high school)? They are nervous and excited. They have brand new uniforms, half of which they paid for themselves by working at Gabriel House this summer.



In Mexico school children are required to wear uniforms which cost over \$100.00 US dollars per student. Don't ask me how the poor afford this. It's a mystery to us.

We offered summer jobs to junior high and high school students from our church. Each student agrees to pay for half of their school uniforms in order to help their families. This is one way Gabriel House blesses and helps families in the area.

We have had four students working with the children and helping do laundry, mop floors, and chaperone handicapped children on off-campus activities. They have worked tirelessly all summer long; some want to continue on Saturdays and holiday times.

Our boys come alive in church service. Sergio lifts his hands before the Lord as shofars accent the praise and worship. Our boys wheel their chairs to the altar to humble themselves, pray, and to lay hands on others who need prayer. In spite of their handicaps they have found a place of ministry.

Last week Ted sat on the altar playing his sax quietly, sensing the presence of the Lord. In a spontaneous moment that only the Lord could have orchestrated, his boys wheeled their chairs around him laying hands on him. Alex laid his head in Ted's lap. Sergio kissed him on the cheek as he played. Ted said, "I was undone, and I wept tears of joy, just to see how much my boys love me, and how they love the Lord!"

Most of our boys are both mentally and physically challenged, but their spirits are more beautiful and pure before the Lord than most of us able bodied and able minded, in the body of Christ. They could give us lessons in worshiping in spirit and in truth.

As our summer draws to a close we have many reasons to thank and praise the Lord;

- For all of the visitors and groups who have contributed their time, money, and resources to bless our kids.
- We have the perfect teacher for the CONAFE school.
- The school has a new roof. "Yeah", no leaks and no buckets!
- We have children who are spiritually grounded.
- We have two beautiful spacious dorms for the boys.
- We have a team of young people who have a heart to serve the children of Gabriel House.
- We have the perfect team of workers whose hearts are to serve.
- We have the perfect, "executive team", Poncho, and Angelica de Gutierrez, Maggie Aldama, and Martin Gevarra Munez. Boy, do they execute! They are willing to pray with people at the drop of a hat, they lead by example and by Godly principles and they have devotions and prayer every morning for the ladies. Ted and I are blessed!



Prayer needs:

- Pray for my health. That the enemy will stop annoying me with these crazy urinary tract infections, or any other health problem.
- Pray for Ted's health. He is having challenges in leg strength and balance.
- Pray for continued financial support for Gabriel House.
- Pray for unity and wisdom for Ted and me.
- Some time away for Ted and I where we can sleep in, read, and spend time on each other and the Lord. (Our time at the beach was cold and foggy. We came home early)

Some practical needs:

- A good running van that will pass smog or an economical SUV that will hold Ted's cart so we can pass our suburban to Gabriel House.
- Smooth sailing and finances for Ani and Ale's adoption.
- Thieves broke into his shop while we were at church. Ted's Black and Decker cordless drill was stolen along with an impact drill, automatic nailer, all his small tools, and a variable speed Dremel.
- Pray for Ted and my personal finances. The many doctor visits are a big drain on our set income.

We leave you with this thought, Dear Ones.

(Luke 18:27) And He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

God bless,

Ted and Renie

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