

“... see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” 2 Corinthians 8:7

# Grace of Giving



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## Activity Update

March was another busy month for Grace of Giving.

- Special thanks go to our good friend and warrior for the Kingdom, Gary Waller, who graciously (once again!) made our regular March food delivery trip.
- Two groups of volunteers traveled to Monclova, Coahuila, and built a house for the Benito Amaya family. It's impossible (for me at least) to describe things adequately with words - these photos tell the story better than I can.



*The Amaya family - not shown are two smaller sons who currently live at Casa Hogar Galilea*



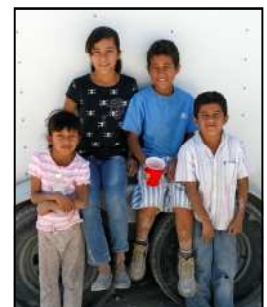
*This crew from Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Guy, Arkansas, did the exterior work on the Amaya house*



*A highlight of the week - taking the Casa Hogar Galilea kids to Burger King!*



*The interior work was done by this crew from FBC Burluson and FBC Clifton - pictured with some of the kids from Casa Hogar Galilea, where the two groups stayed*



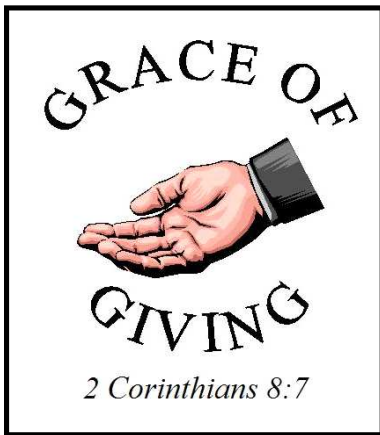
*The neighborhood kids were fascinated by our presence (and especially our cookies!)*



*Gideons with the Mt. Olive crew stayed busy distributing Spanish New Testaments*

*The Amaya's "picturesque" back yard - how blessed we are by where we live!*





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### Grace of Giving

*Grace of Giving is a non-profit, charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax as a 501(c)(3) organization.*

*Accordingly, the Internal Revenue Service has advised that all contributions to Grace of Giving may be deducted for federal income tax purposes as specified in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.*

*Our priorities for using your gifts are to purchase food and to purchase fuel to deliver the food.*

*The officers of Grace of Giving accept no compensation for their services and currently cover all of their travel expenses.*

### Officers

Greg Beard — President & Treasurer

Dara Beard — Vice President  
Pastor Keith Blanton — Secretary

## Memorials

Grace of Giving's friend and supporter Dee Anna Nichols blessed us with several memorials recently in honor of:

- Duncan Seawright, husband of Connie Seawright of Meridian, TX;
- Jay Cromeans, husband of Julie Ann Cromeans of Clifton;
- Randy Reinwalt, husband of Joann Reinwalt of Clifton;
- Edward Scaff, father of Dr. Bruce Scaff of Clifton; and
- Earle Eugene Unger, father of Dr. Leslie Bennett of Clifton.

A dear friend from FBC Clifton, Herman Barrs, passed away on Sunday, April 5th. We have received memorials in his honor from:

- the FBC Adult II Sunday school class of which he was a member;
- Paul and Ann Hollingsworth; and
- Mike and Jean Finney.

The Adult II Sunday school class at FBC Clifton also gave a memorial in honor of Jeanette Culpepper, sister of class member Teddy Culp.

Grace of Giving's April activities are dedicated to these precious loved ones. We are honored to serve our Risen Lord and Savior in their memory.

## Financial Summary

Year-to-date we have received contributions totaling \$25,728. Of this total, \$668 was designated for non-food purposes, leaving \$25,060 for food purchase/deliveries.

Through March, the food delivered to our ministry partners cost \$17,503 (please note that this cost has been adjusted downward to reflect Grace of Giving's 2008 Discover card rebate of \$891!).

Thus, we currently have sufficient funds to meet our estimated April food purchase costs (\$6,200) with a surplus on the order of \$1,500 as we look ahead to May.

Simply put - thank you for your wonderful generosity! If God continues to provide us with a bit more than we need for food purchases, we will, as noted in previous newsletters, begin to use those additional funds to help meet our food delivery fuel costs (\$500-600 per trip).

## Church Building

We reported last September that we're working on a design for a church building that could be built by volunteers for the church planted by Voice of Mexico Ministries in Jimenez, Coahuila, as well as for New Jerusalem Church in Terlingua. Our designs and material specifications for these projects are nearly complete, so we expect (God willing) to report to you in our May newsletter on the estimated costs for these projects.

In the meantime, we were delighted to hear from Margie and Lee Ball in Terlingua that an anonymous donor has pledged to match contributions to the New Jerusalem building fund up to \$20,000!! If God provides for that pledge to be met fully, the \$40,000 would go very far toward meeting the cost of a church building for the New Jerusalem congregation.

In Jimenez, Voice of Mexico ministries has identified a 150' x 150' piece of property suitable for a new church that is available for \$5,000. Please join us as we pray for God's guidance and wisdom as to how and whether this property should be purchased.

## Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for Bernie and Gracie Segura in Van Horn as they deal with their recent health issues. As mentioned last month, if you would like to assist them financially, please designate your Grace of Giving contribution accordingly, and it will be sent to them promptly. Despite their illnesses, they continue to hold church services in a small building behind their house, so they can minister to others!

We have been made aware of two teenage girls in Acuña who need eye surgery to correct badly crossed eyes. They are both so self-conscious about their appearance that they are reluctant to lift their heads and look at people. Please pray with us that we will find a surgeon willing to donate his time to help these young ladies and that God will in some fashion provide the hospital facilities/resources to enable the needed surgeries to be performed.