

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

# Grace of Giving



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## Thanks and Prayer Requests!

### Thanks

Special thanks to our dear brother Gary Waller for making the August food delivery trip. This allowed me to continue to be overseas working as a consultant, which has been a huge blessing. I praise God also that He is arranging my schedule to allow me the privilege of being home in September during the week currently scheduled for food deliveries - I get to be with my bride and also see my dear friends along the border - what could be better?!

### Prayer Requests

Here are photos of three of the four families we will, God willing, build for in October in Jimenez. Please pray with us for these families, the building trip participants, safety on the trip, and especially, that the houses we build would be a beacon for Christ in this community! Amen!



*Pati Bagona and children*

We are still working to finalize the recipient of the fourth house planned for this year's trip. Current candidates include a widow in Jimenez, who now stays in the rented church building you see in the background of these photos, and a pastor of a Baptist church

in Acuña itself. We hope to finish this process soon, and we will include a picture for you in the next newsletter.

Also, I had the privilege of attending worship services at the International Baptist Church in Singapore a few weeks ago and seeing a former colleague from our time in Indonesia. His Sunday School class is working on a project to provide a solar power system for an orphanage in Cambodia - to offset the \$26,000 they spend annually to purchase diesel fuel for their generator (there is no electrical grid nearby for the orphanage to connect to).

This church group and the orphanage (Shelter of Love) need your prayers for this project and for the other needs of the orphanage as well. No doubt the solar system will be expensive, but at today's fuel costs, it should pay out quickly.



*Claudia Esparza and son*



*Evelia Martinez and girls*

## Financial Update

Here's a summary of where we stand financially through the end of July, 2008:

- Year-to-date contributions that were either designated for food or undesignated:      \$40,877
- Year-to-date net food costs:      \$42,713
- Percent coverage:      95.7%

As a point of comparison, the percentage coverage we reported in our July newsletter was 93.7%.

Thanks for your continued support for the heart of our ministry - feeding God's children!! Please continue to pray with us for sufficient resources to meet these costs.

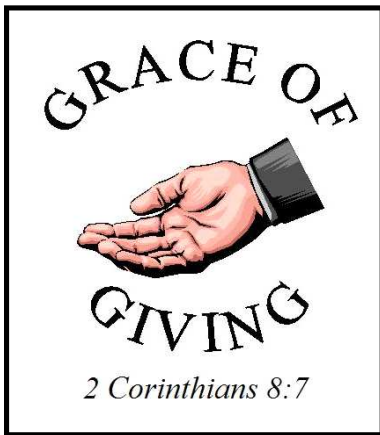
## E-mail Update

Please join me in thanking our dear friends at Greater Good Global Support Services (G3S2) for getting the Grace of Giving e-mail services restored. It has been a difficult task handled by a number of incredibly busy people.

Our special thanks to *very* special friends!

*We always thank God for all of you,  
mentioning you in our prayers.*

*1 Thessalonians 1:2 (NIV)*



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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

## In Honor of Others

Grace of Giving has been blessed recently with a number of gifts honoring others:

- in memory of Annette King (a dear, sweet friend from FBC Clifton) from:
  - Paul and Ann Hollingsworth,
  - Dee Anna Nichols, and
  - Von and Nancy Kleibrink.
- in memory of Tom Ramsey (my late father-in-law) from:
  - Paul and Ann Hollingsworth,
  - Mildred Ward,
  - Steven and Lisa Payne,
  - Janice Woodburn, and
  - Von and Nancy Kleibrink.
- in memory of Alan Hulme (who had a desire to participate with Grace of Giving on a building trip) from:
  - Paul and Ann Hollingsworth, and
  - Dee Anna Nichols.
- also from Von and Nancy Kleibrink, in memory of J.W. Tindall (Nancy's

uncle, a former Fort Worth, Texas, policeman);

- also from Dee Anna Nichols in memory of Dr. Tom Williams;
- from Bruce and Janie Greene in honor of the 3rd birthday of their grandchildren, Tate and Emmy Greene; and
- from newlyweds Lucas and Angela Rentfro, in honor of Dave Long, who recently married them in the Chisos Mountains (in the Big Bend area of Texas).

We are most grateful for these gifts to our ministry, and we pray that we will honor God fully as we serve Him in the names of these loved ones!

***You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things ...  
Revelation 4:11 (NIV)***

## Housing Projects Update

Our current building plans include, God willing:

- one house in Monclova, Coahuila, for the Benito Amaya family:
  - estimated cost: \$12,000
  - pledged to date: \$4,000
  - received to date: \$1,975
- four houses in Jimenez, Coahuila:
  - estimated cost: \$26,000 - 27,000
  - pledged to date: \$25,900
  - received to date: \$14,300

Praise God!! We've got pledges for all of the money we need for the Jimenez houses!

We are leaving it in God's hands as to when He chooses to provide sufficient funds for the Monclova house and send us there to build it. For planning purposes, we have penciled in the week of March 17th, 2009, which is spring break for our local school system.

We would like to remind everyone that our Jimenez building trip is scheduled for October 19th - 26th (*please note the date correction; our last newsletter incorrectly had the 19th - 28th*). We have set the cost for this year's trip at \$135 (based on 6 nights at the camp - shorter stays are correspondingly less - contact Greg for details). Please reserve your spot and get your payment to us by October 1st, if possible (checks should be made payable to Grace of Giving)!

Please remember also that, as mentioned in our last newsletter, travel documents requirements for trips to Mexico have changed since last year. We strongly urge everyone to have a passport for this year's trip to avoid any possible difficulties in making border crossings.

God has graciously given us the funds for this year's Jimenez houses. Now we await His workers. Will you consider being His hands and feet in Jimenez this fall?