

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

# Grace of Giving

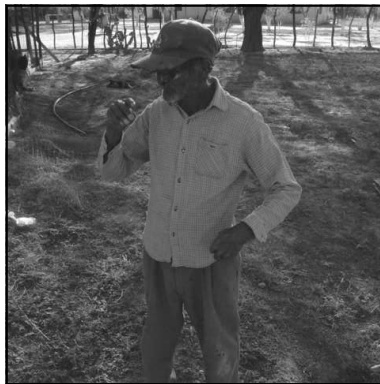


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## We're Ready To Build Again!

Remember these photos? They were published in our January, 2008, newsletter and show Benito Amaya of Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico, and 4 of his 6 children. One year ago our plea was:

“Please join us in bathing this need [*i.e.*, a house for the Amaya family] in prayer. We don't know how or whether God will meet this need at this time. We do know this - however God shows us to proceed is His perfect plan. We ask only for His wisdom in this circumstance.” [*comments added*]



You've joined us as we prayed about this need for more than a year. God has now entrusted us with sufficient money to purchase the materials to build a 16' x 32' house with a living area and 4 small bedrooms - in fact, the money was wired to our colleague in Acuña, Hugo Garcia, today (January 21st), and he and his brother Julio, who come originally from Monclova, are organizing the slab and materials for a mid-March construction target.

Now it's up to us to become the hands and feet of Jesus and go to Monclova to build the house. Here's the schedule we have set, which is planned around our local (*i.e.*, Clifton ISD) Spring break and also other schedules in the Dallas/Fort Worth area:

Tuesday, March 10: Crew #1 travels to Monclova, which is about 160 miles south of Eagle Pass, Texas/Piedras Negras, Coahuila - a 9-10 hour drive from our Clifton, Texas, home in central Texas near Waco.

Wednesday - Friday, March 11-13: Crew #1 frames, sides and roofs the house and also completes all other exterior work.

Saturday, March 14: Crew #1 travels home.

Sunday, March 15: Crew #2 arrives in Monclova.

Monday - Wednesday, March 16-18: Crew #2 installs electrical and drywall, muds, tapes and paints the interior, and does all interior trim/built-in work.

Thursday, March 19: Crew #2 travels home.

We need at least 6-8 people on each crew. Here's what you will need to bring if you come:

- a passport - everyone will stop in Piedras Negras to get a visa to travel south into Coahuila state.

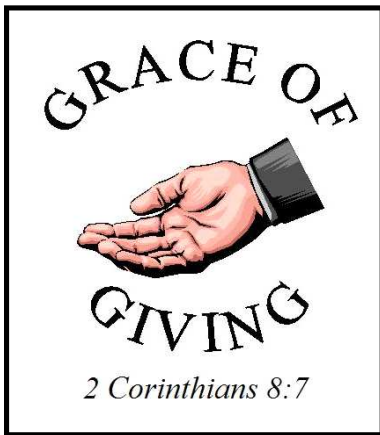


- air mattress/cot and sleeping bag, blankets, etc. - we will stay at Casa Hogar Galilea in Monclova, where the children shown in the picture have been living and where a significant quantity of Grace of Giving's deliveries are used.

- hand tools only (*i.e.*, hammer, tool belt, etc.) - we will provide all major tools and other materials needed to complete the house.
- \$10 per person per day to contribute toward food, etc. - the ladies at Casa Hogar Galilea will cook for us!
- enough private vehicles to get everyone to/from Monclova - I have information about the registration requirements for taking private vehicles into Mexico - Mexican insurance is also a must.
- everyone will kick in toward the cost of transportation.

Please let me know ASAP if you wish to join us. We will need to get a list of participants to our coordinators in Mexico a bit ahead of time to facilitate entry, obtaining visas, etc.

**... faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.  
James 2:17 (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 with several gifts recently to honor others:

- In memory of Rev. Jimmy Stevens from:
  - Ruby and Janice Collins; and
  - Paul and Ann Hollingsworth;
- From Betty and Herman Barrs in memory of their niece's husband, Gordon Stout;
- From the Adult II Sunday school class at FBC Clifton in memory of William Lloyd (Ozzie) Simmons, father of Teddy Culp of Clifton;
- Also from Paul and Ann Hollingsworth in memory of:
  - Jessie Windham (Ann's uncle);
  - Mary Ruth Powers and Les Powers, brother- and sister-in-law who were aunt and uncle to another special friend, Bertha Waller;
  - Norma Hoke, mother of their son-in-law, Mitch Hoke;
- From Jean and Mike Finney in memory of Bill Fuller, father of Bob Fuller.

- From Harold and Doris Leigh, also in memory of Jessie Windham;
- From Kathy Carpenter in honor of Lucille Warren;
- From our friends Susan and Billy Burke in honor of their children, Tyler and Kelly Burke.

We extend our heartfelt thank to these friends for allowing us the privilege of serving God in honor of these precious loved ones!

*Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:*

*"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"*

*Revelation 5:13 (NIV)*

## 2008 Summary of Activities and Finances

It has always been very important to us that Grace of Giving's operations are as transparent as possible. With that goal in mind, here's a summary of Grace of Giving's 2008 activities and finances:

- 12 food delivery trips along the Texas/Mexico border
- 2008 total deliveries: 148,700#
- Average delivered per trip: 12,400#
- Breakdown (yearly totals):
  - Beans: 37,350#
  - Rice: 52,700#
  - Sugar, flour & masa: 22,150#
  - Vegetables, fruit, canned meat: 11,300 cans
  - Cooking oil, condiments, toothpaste, bar soap, etc.: >7,900 items
  - Paper good: 230 cases
- 4 houses built (3 in Jimenez and 1 in

Acuña)

- 120 school supply kits delivered
- Contributions received: \$103,538
- Designations of contributions:
  - Food/undesigned: \$64,626
  - Monclova house: \$5,992
  - Pastor Juan Lara: \$1,570
  - Jimenez houses: \$26,050
  - Building trip expenses: \$5,045
  - Terlingua church: \$255
- Total cost of items delivered: \$77,799

**83.1% of these purchase costs were covered by food/undesigned contributions!**

Thank you for your incredibly generous support of our 2008 activities. We pray that you will continue to minister with us in 2009!