

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

# Grace of Giving



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## Thanks, Updates, and Prayer Requests!

### Thanks

We'd like to offer our thanks in advance to Rick and Ryan Kleine, Grace of Giving supporters from China Spring, Texas, who are scheduled to make our July food delivery trip along the border. Remember, delivering food is a way you can help Grace of Giving's efforts that has added benefits - meeting some wonderful people who serve our risen Savior on the front lines of the battle!

### Updates

God has continued to bless me with an abundance of consulting work. I now have two international projects to work on, which is keeping me busy almost full time.

*And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:19 (NIV)*

### Prayer Requests

Please put Bernie and Gracie Segura and those they serve in Mexico at the top of your prayer list. We've been unable to deliver food to them - they live in Van Horn, Texas, and take the food to several villages in northern Mexico - for the last two months. The reason is heartbreaking - excessive criminal activity in the area has made it too dangerous for Bernie to travel there right now.

To compound this stressful situation, Bernie's wife, Gracie, has a number of health issues she's battling that are keeping her in Odessa, Texas, for extended medical care.

Satan is doing his best to wear Bernie and Gracie down! Please pray for God's hand of protection to settle on them, both to improve Gracie's health and to allow Bernie to resume taking food to Mexico. The families in the areas where Bernie preaches and delivers assistance need it badly!



## Financial Update

Here's a summary of where we stand financially through June, 2008:

- Year-to-date contributions that were either designated for food or undesignated:      \$34,222
- Year-to-date net food costs:      \$36,537
- Percent coverage:      93.7%

As a point of comparison, the percentage coverage we reported in our May newsletter was 99.1%.

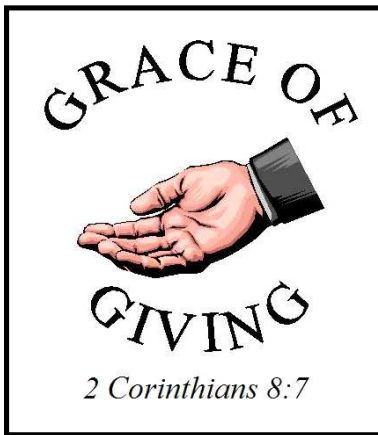
You know, perhaps even better than we do, what's going on with food costs these days. So, we will continue to ask only that you share with us whatever God puts on your heart to do.

## Special Need

Margie and Lee Ball in Terlingua, Texas, are missionaries who are helping to start a new church in the Big Bend area named New Jerusalem Mission. Margie in particular has a burden on her heart to help kids and hosts a weekly "Bible Gang" at her house.

The "Bible Gang" has so many kids now that's it's difficult for Margie to transport everyone to events like VBS and the other outings she organizes - such as a trip to the swimming pool on a hot summer day! She asked that we pass on her need for a reliable, used van so she can move her "gang" more efficiently.

If you'd like to donate a van to support Margie's effort, please let us know and we'll work with you to make it happen!!



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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

We would like to take this opportunity to honor the memory of Dara's stepfather:

**Thomas I. Ramsey**

**Born June 25, 1915**  
**Died June 28, 2008**  
**Aged 93 years, 3 days**

*Please remember my mother-in-law, Nelda Ramsey, in your prayers as she adjusts to her loss.*

*Time and again Nelda has showered me with grace and love - more than any son-in-law could ever have dreamed of receiving.*

*I love her dearly.*

## E-mail Update

Our Grace of Giving e-mail addresses are still not working properly, so please continue to communicate with us using [gregbeard@embarqmail.com](mailto:gregbeard@embarqmail.com). We'll let you know in a subsequent newsletter when we're able to get the e-mail sorted out.

Thanks again for your understanding!

## Special Memories

Grace of Giving recently received a wonderful gift from our friends Jean Ann and Frank Smith in honor of 45 years of marriage! Please join us in celebrating their joyous occasion and in praying that they will have many more years together!

*The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.*  
*Revelation 22:21 (NIV)*

## Housing Projects Update

As reported previously, our building plans for 2008 include, God willing:

- one house in Monclova, Coahuila, for the Benito Amaya family:
  - estimated cost: \$12,000
  - received to date: \$1,400
- four houses in Jimenez, Coahuila:
  - estimated cost: \$26,000 - 27,000
  - pledged to date: \$18,350
  - received to date: \$150

We continue to await God's guidance as to when He wants us to build the Monclova house. The funds will appear only when He provides them in His perfect time!

Mark you calendars for our Jimenez building trip on October 19th - 28th. God has graciously sorted out our possible Camp Getsemani "overcrowding" problem, and we expect at this point to have the camp to ourselves.

Here's an important piece of information for everyone considering joining us in Mexico this year:

Current immigrations regulations specify that American citizens over age 18 re-entering the United States by land from Mexico must have (1) a passport or (2) **both** a government issued picture ID (e.g., a driver's license) **and** proof of citizenship (e.g., a birth certificate). For more information, go to [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) and click on the link on the left entitled "Travel to Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean."

We strongly urge everyone to have a passport for this year's trip to avoid any possible difficulties in making border crossings.

September 1st is our fund-raising deadline for the Jimenez houses! Won't you consider supporting these projects with a gift?

### A REMINDER

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