

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

# Grace of Giving



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## Activity Update

April and May were incredibly busy months for Grace of Giving and the Beard household. I made two business trips to SE Asia and the Middle East, which meant I was away when the time came to deliver food in April. As he has done many times before, Gary Waller kindly stepped in to take care of the western parts of our food delivery route in April. Thank you Gary for your devoted service to Grace of Giving's ministry!

My bride Dara and my son Josh made the April deliveries to Eagle Pass and Del Rio. This was a first for Josh, and we're very pleased that he accompanied Dara on this trip!

Dara also helped our dear friend Melanie Blanton as she finished preparations for her daughter Sarah's wedding and her daughter Hannah's high school graduation. It was a blessing beyond measure to be able to celebrate these events with Melanie and her husband Keith. God blesses us in so many ways, but I think perhaps that having good friends exceeds all other earthly things!

As we look ahead to June and July, I'd like to give thanks in advance to Rick and Tammy Kleine of China Spring, Texas, who will make the food deliveries in June and to

the Blanton family who will make the July food run. This gives Dara the opportunity to join me on a business trip to Singapore, so that we can celebrate our 36th wedding anniversary together in our old SE Asian "haunts".

Most of all, we simply ask that you continue to pray for Grace of Giving's activities. Our finances have been very good so far this year, but as you will note in our financial report on the back page, our income is slowing as we head into summer. Our request is that you each ask God what He wants you to do with/for Grace of Giving. We exist to be your hands and feet in serving our Risen Lord and Savior!

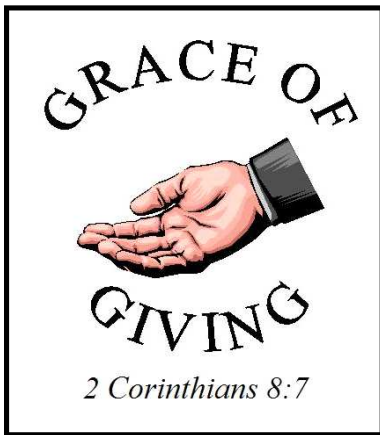
God bless you!! Have a great summer!!



*I wanted to prove that I actually did a bit of work in March! This photo shows Raymond Davenport of Quitman, Arkansas, and me as we nailed roof rafters in place on the Monclova house.*



*We had a number of neighborhood "helpers" on our building trip in March! A few posed for this photo with Anita Richter and Chad Kroeker of Burseson, Texas.*



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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

As we reported to you in our last newsletter, a dear friend from FBC Clifton, Herman Barrs, passed away on Sunday, April 5th. Herman was dearly loved and respected by family and friends, and we have received many tributes to his memory since our last newsletter. We would like to again convey our condolences to Herman's widow, Betty, and to take this opportunity to list those who have given a gift in Herman's honor:

- Dee Anna Nichols, our dentist in Clifton;
- Bob & Wanda Burkhalter of Midland, Texas;
- Bonnie Lopez of Kermit, Texas;
- Mrs. J.S. Towns of Kermit, Texas;
- Janice & Ruby Collins of Clifton;
- Carl & Bettye Dunlop of Clifton;
- Robert & Sherri Burkhalter of Pampa, Texas;
- Jean Ann & Frank Smith of Clifton;
- Keith & Deborah Poertner of Midland, Texas;
- Von & Nancy Kleibrink, of Valley Mills, Texas;
- Jo Atkinson of Clifton; and
- Deborah Stout of San Angelo, Texas.

Another friend from FBC Clifton, Ron

Weir, passed away recently. Memorials were received in Ron's honor from:

- FBC Clifton's Adult II Sunday School class, of which Ron was a member; and
- Von & Nancy Kleibrink.

Grace of Giving also received memorials in recent weeks from:

- Ben & Lola Williams of Clifton to honor their long-time friend from Dallas, Don Martin, who passed away recently;
- Mrs. Maudie Monroe to honor Earle Eugene Unger, father of Dr. Leslie Bennett of Clifton; and
- Gary and Bertha Waller to honor the late father of their FBC Clifton friend and fellow choir member, Todd Parker.

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

***Your prayers and gifts to the poor  
have come up as a memorial  
offering before God.  
Acts 10:4 (NIV)***

## Financial Summary

Year-to-date we have received contributions totaling \$32,248. Of this total, \$734 was designated for non-food purposes, leaving \$31,514 for food purchase/deliveries.

Through May, the food delivered to our ministry partners cost \$30,096.

Thus, as we head into June, we currently do not have sufficient funds to meet the entirety of our estimated June food purchase costs (\$6,200).

We have been blessed so far this year to be able to pay for all of our food purchases with funds contributed for that purpose. However, like many charitable organizations, our contributions have fallen off a bit as of late.

Please join us in praying for the funds necessary to meet our food purchase costs, and thank you for your support so far in 2008!

## Fall Building Trip

We have advanced the dates for our fall building trip by one week, to October 11-17, 2009. Unfortunately, as was the case last year, we encountered a conflict in the booking for the camp in Mexico where we stay on our trips. Last year the same group, His Work (from the Chicago area), kindly changed their dates to allow Grace of Giving to use the camp. This year, we have returned the courtesy and changed to allow His Work to use their preferred dates.

Please include both of these groups in your daily prayers. We will need laborers and funds for our fall trips, and we also are praying that there will be no security issues that might require cancelling the mission trips altogether.

Grace of Giving plans, God willing, to build 4 houses again this fall, at an estimated cost of \$26,000 for materials.