

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

# Grace of Giving



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## How About A Mexico Vacation ?!!!

Ready for warm sun and abundant sand, a wonderful time of fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ, and the satisfaction of helping someone who really needs to see Christ's love in action? *Have we got a deal for you!*

Mark your calendars for September 18-24, when Grace of Giving's volunteers will be in Jimenez, Coah., Mexico (near Acuña, just across the border from Del Rio, Texas), on a house building mission trip.

The 320 sq. ft. house will be built for the family shown above, who attend the local Baptist church in Jimenez (Templo Bautista San Juan), which was recently re-opened and is pastored by Charles Knaack, of Voice of Mexico Ministries.

We've already assembled most of a crew for this project, but can use a

few more eager volunteers. Spouses are particularly welcome, especially by my wife who has graciously *volunteered* to lead the effort to keep hungry workers well fed!

We're also planning to build a second house that week, which will be constructed by a group from Harris Creek Baptist Church in McGregor, Texas.

Working with John Mosiman from Austin (see April's newsletter for details on John's ministry), we can build these two houses for \$8,600 in

materials. We currently have in hand and pledged just over \$5,800, so we still need to raise a bit less than \$2,800.

Our request to you — please pray that sufficient funds and workers would be available for us to honor God with these projects.



*Gabriella and her family*



*Two of the young ladies who live at Casa Hogar Galilea in Monclova, Coah., Mexico*

## An Opportunity to Serve

Grace of Giving offers another, relatively unique, opportunity to serve God. I have recently re-started my international energy project consulting business, to provide additional funds for personal living expenses and Grace of Giving activities.

God has abundantly provided me with work, mostly in India, over the last few months.

We are looking for volunteers to learn our delivery route and periodically make a food delivery run (all expenses paid!) when I am out of the country.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact me (Greg) if you're interested in more information.

You will receive an incredible blessing!

## Stewardship

Grace of Giving is dedicated to being good and faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to us. It is important to us that you understand how we use the funds we receive.

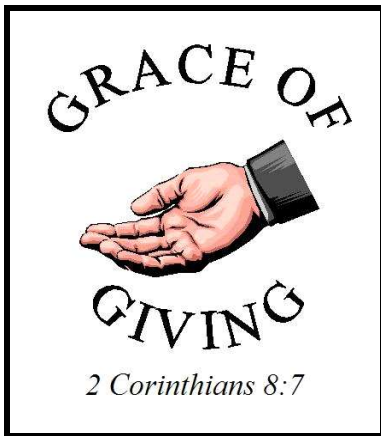
Cash contributions to Grace of Giving for the period April 1 through August 10, 2005, excluding contributions designated for building houses in Mexico, totaled \$8,955.00.

The total cost of goods delivered during the same period was \$25,186.40, resulting in a cash flow deficit for the period of \$16,231.40. This deficit, together with all administrative and travel expenses, has been funded by the officers of Grace of Giving. All donated funds were used to purchase food items.

Please continue to pray that God will grant us wisdom in using the resources you have so generously provided. Thank you for your ongoing support.

*The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

*Matthew 25:40*



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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  
Rev. Keith Blanton — Secretary*

## In Honor of Others

Grace of Giving was blessed in May with a gift from Ruby and Janice Collins of FBC Clifton in honor of Norene Ragsdale, a long-time FBC Clifton member and mother of our organist, Maudie Monroe.

We are honored to be able to serve others in God's name as well as in the name of this precious loved one.

It is especially meaningful to our family to honor Mrs. Ragsdale, as she was my wife's 6th grade home room teacher in McGregor, Texas.



*Two young girls cared for by the dedicated servants at Casa Hogar Nuevo Fuente de Vida in Acuña/Jimenez, Coah., Mexico*

## Think You Don't Make A Difference?

It never fails — when I'm on a trip to deliver food and feeling tired or perhaps a bit down, God makes sure that I get a lift from someone I meet along the way.

My trip last week was no exception. I was privileged to spend a brief bit of time with my friends Bernie and Gracie Segura in Van Horn, Texas, when I stopped to make my 'usual' bi-weekly food delivery.

Bernie is an evangelist who wears multiple hats. Among other things, he pastors three churches in Mexican villages just across the border from Van Horn, and the food we deliver to him goes largely to these villages.

As we visited last week, Bernie commented that we were keeping many people from going hungry. Gracie added that the Mexican villagers used to tell her how they would sometimes travel up to 6 hours to reach an area where they might be able to get food. With the food they now receive, thanks to your support of Grace of Giving, she's not heard such a comment from them in months!

Wow — an instant energy boost for the remainder of my trip! Do you ever think you don't make a difference? Here's a place where you're vital — and much appreciated!

## Prayer Needs

*"As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you." 1 Samuel 12:23*

I continue to feel an urgency to pray, in particular for those served by Grace of Giving and in general for the ministry itself. I pray that you will sense this same urgency to lift up these needs:

- For sufficient financial resources for Grace of Giving to meet the established needs of those we serve (on average, \$5,000 per month for food and \$600+ per month for gasoline).
- For additional volunteers to make food delivery trips and for continued travel mercies for all who deliver food.
- For FBC Fabens — that God would give peace and direction to all as they consider their future pastoral needs.

- For Casa Hogar Galilea in Monclova, Coah., Mexico — for sufficient funding to meet their utility and other facility costs.
- For humbleness and gentleness of spirit as we serve.

Those Grace of Giving helps to feed, through your generosity, are very grateful for your expression of God's love. The simple fact that we, being so far removed from their circumstances, love God enough to help them seems sometimes to be almost beyond their comprehension.

Thank you for your continued support of Grace of Giving and for allowing us to be the "face" of God's love on your behalf.