

Grace of Giving



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Projects Update

In our last newsletter, we wrote about several ministry opportunities along the border. This month we'd like to pass on some additional information on two of these projects, and we pray that God will put it on your heart to get involved in (at least) one of them!

God's Houses in Jimenez

We've identified four candidates to receive houses that we plan, God willing, to build in Jimenez, Coahuila, in November. As we progress through the year toward our November trip, please pray with us for discernment in meeting the needs of those God wants us to serve and for sufficient funds to meet those needs.

We estimate that the materials for a single house will cost about \$5,800 this year, so we will need \$23,200 to build all four houses.

To allow our colleagues in Mexico sufficient time to pour four slabs and procure the large quantity of materials required for these projects, we need to have the money in hand by September 15.

Now the need is in God's hands! We'll keep you posted!

Our four candidates for houses this year are:

- Abigail, a widow without family to help her, whose only means of support is a \$35 per month government pension.
- Adela, also a widow in similar circumstances to Abigail.

Abigail and Adela currently share a small rented house that leaves them insufficient money for food each month. Grace of Giving helps to provide for them with our periodic food deliveries to Voice of Mexico Ministries.

Abigail and Adela have each petitioned the local government for a small parcel of property on which to build a

house. Please pray for them to receive property soon, as otherwise, we will be unable to meet their housing needs this year.

- A third widow needing assistance in Jimenez is Margarita Presas (see photo on page 2). Margarita's need is acute, as she currently lives in a makeshift shack. She has already received a property grant from the government, so if God provides the funds, there's no impediment to our helping Margarita in November!

- The fourth candidate is Claudia Mileles (see page 2) and her family. Claudia is married, but her husband's salary is meager. They currently live with extended family members, and would be very grateful for their own home. They already have property from the government as well.

As you pray about these needs, consider this – perhaps God would have your church sponsor the entirety of a house for one of these ladies!

Crossing Borders Ministries

Our storage building project in Fabens for Crossing Borders

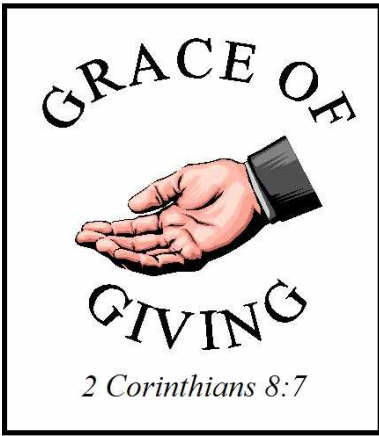
Ministries continues to progress. Our current expectation is that we will have a slab in place by May 1st, with the erection of the metal building taking place later that month.

We've identified resources for the metal building and the concrete slab, but we still need something on the order of \$3,000 for plumbing, electrical, heating, and air conditioning.

This ministry feeds 32 Mexican pastors and their families, as well as countless needy in their congregations. Grace of Giving supports their work by providing more than 2,000 pounds of rice every three weeks. We commend this ministry to you and ask that you would pray for God to provide the means to complete this important project.



2007 Housing Candidates
Abigail (L) and Adela



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Grace of Giving

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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

Here's the sort of people you help when you contribute to Grace of Giving's house building projects!!



Gabriella and family
 2005 House Recipient



2007 Housing Candidate
 Margarita Presas



Leticia
 2006 House Recipient



Claudia, Estella and Daniela
 2007 Housing Candidates

YTD Operating Statistics

Grace of Giving has now completed the first quarter of our fourth calendar year of operations. Here's what has been accomplished to honor our Lord so far this year:

- 4 delivery trips covering over 7,700 miles
- 54,000 pounds of food and other items delivered—18,000 pounds per trip—consisting of:
 - 40,000 pounds of bulk foods (beans, rice, sugar, flour, and masa)
 - 5,300 cans of vegetables and other goods
 - 69 cases of paper goods (mostly toilet paper)
 - almost 1,500 personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes,

deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc.)

- Cost of items delivered: \$19,920.97
- Contributions received (excluding contributions designated for special projects, e.g., house building): \$13,897.33
 - 70% of cost of items delivered was covered by contributions

Thank you for your faithful support of Grace of Giving's activities. Please continue to pray:

- For travel mercies
- For contributions sufficient to cover the entire cost of items being delivered
- For wisdom as we use the resources God has entrusted to us
- That we would always honor God in all we do and say!!