

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

Grace of Giving



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2007 House Building Mission Trip

As this newsletter is being printed, we are 10 days from departing for Acuña and Jimenez, Coahuila, Mexico, for our annual house building mission trip. Our emotions are admittedly somewhat mixed and range from excitement at the prospect of serving God in such a tangible way to a bit of fear of the enormity of the task ahead.

God has blessed our desire to serve Him this year by providing, yet again, more than we asked for to accomplish the goals we had set out one year ago. We prayed for \$24,000 to be able to build four houses. God has provided, so far, almost \$29,000. Thus, we have the funding to build four houses, cover unexpected costs, and also purchase some equipment (e.g., generators and scaffolding) to be used this year and on future building trips.

When we finish this year's program, we expect, God willing, to have a surplus in our building fund to be used toward the next housing project God directs us to undertake (in Monclova or elsewhere)!

God has also brought forward just the right number of people to accomplish all He has set out for us—61 people will join us for all or part of our week in Mexico.

Please accept our deepest thanks for your wonderful, generous support of these projects!

We ask now that you pray for us every day while we are away—from November 3rd, when my son-in-law and I travel to Jimenez for last minute preparations, through

November 11th, when the last two teams from Harris Creek Baptist Church in McGregor, TX, and from First Baptist Church in Burleson, TX, return home. Please pray:

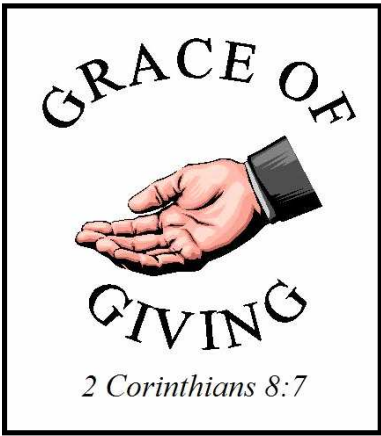
- for travel mercies;
- for safety during the house building and otherwise;
- that we would all remain free from illness;
- that we would all be God's hands and feet during the trip, providing His love, service, and compassion to all we encounter;
- that the houses we build would be beacons in Jimenez to draw others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ; and
- that we would all always honor God in all that we do during the trip.

We've selected Psalm 127:1 as the Bible verse for our trip this year:

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Please join us in praying that the Lord will indeed “build these houses” and that they will be a blessing to these precious families for whom we plan to build!!





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In Honor of Others

Grace of Giving has been blessed recently with several gifts from friends at First Baptist Church of Clifton:

- From Mrs. Maudie Monroe, as a memorial in honor of her parents, Ernest and Norene Ragsdale, on the occasion of their birthdays;
- From Larry Harvey to honor his parents, Elmo and Jean Harvey, on the occasion of their 59th wedding anniversary; and
- From Bruce and Janie Greene, in honor of the first birthday of Elizabeth Grace King, their granddaughter.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank these special friends for honoring Grace of Giving with the privilege of serving others in God's name as well as in the name of these dear loved ones!

A Special Thank You!

Please join me in expressing a very special and heartfelt "Thank You!" to Century Mechanical Contractors, Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas.

Since February, 2007, Century has printed all of Grace of Giving's newsletters, at no cost to us, as a corporate way of supporting our endeavors. Century also provides support to our annual house building mission trips to Mexico.

This wonderful generosity has saved Grace of Giving a substantial sum of money this year, which has instead been used to purchase food for delivery to our partners along the Texas/Mexico border!

[Full disclosure — I'm also very grateful that Century employs my son-in-law, Chad Kroeker, which allows him to provide for my daughter and grandchildren.]



Please visit our website!
www.graceofgiving.org

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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.

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We wish you were coming with us to Mexico this year!!



Please pray about joining us in 2008!!