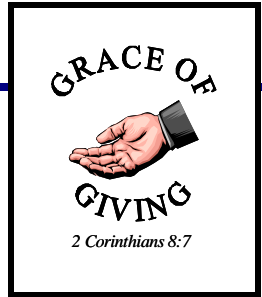


"... see also that you excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

Grace of Giving



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The First Six Months ...

Grace of Giving was established in April, 2004, to deliver bulk foods (such as beans, rice, sugar, flour and masa), canned goods, personal items (e.g., toiletries and baby needs), Bibles and tracts to churches and ministries along the Texas/Mexico border.

Since its inception, Grace of Giving has delivered in excess of 75,700 pounds of food and personal items to its "clients", together with 240 Spanish language Bibles and 350 tracts.

Currently we assist 4 ministries:

- Crossing Borders Ministries at First Baptist Church in Fabens, TX;
- Bernie & Gracie Segura, evangelists in Van Horn, TX;

- Big Bend Baptist Church Food Pantry in Terlingua, TX; and
- Voice of Mexico Ministries in Del Rio, TX.

All of these ministries share Grace of Giving's purposes, which are to show God's love and to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ by helping to meet people's daily needs.



Big Bend Baptist Church in Terlingua

God continues to bless us by opening new opportunities for Grace of Giving to serve.

Our average delivery has grown to about 6,750 pounds of food and personal items each two weeks.

Please pray with us for the resources to continue to meet this urgent need!

Our Supporters ...

Special thanks goes to those who have supported Grace of Giving during the first six months. God bless you all for your gifts and prayers!

Here is a partial list of our supporters:

- Big Bend Baptist Church, Terlingua, TX
- First Baptist Church, Clifton, TX
- Adult II Sunday School Class, First Baptist Church, Clifton, TX
- Chihuahuan Connection, Crawford, TX
- Taylor & Leah Anderson, Clifton, TX
- Herman & Judy Burgdorff, Clifton, TX
- Jim & Barbara Cone, Clifton, TX
- Frank & Susan Gummelt, Clifton, TX
- Elmo & Jean Harvey, Clifton, TX
- Marc & Amanda Jermstad, Clifton, TX
- Chad & Diana Kroeker, Burleson, TX
- Tom & Nelda Ramsey, Clifton, TX
- Terry & Debbie Spicer, Clifton, TX
- Jerry Wall, Clifton, TX
- Jeff & Jan Woosley, Clifton, TX

Individual supporters will only be listed in our newsletters after they have given permission for us to do so. We will continue to attempt to contact those of our supporters not included in the list above to obtain their permission to recognize their generosity in a future newsletter.



Pastor Antonio Perea and wife, Eva, from Praxedes, Mexico, are assisted by Crossing Borders Ministries in Fabens, TX

Financial Stewardship ...

Grace of Giving is dedicated to being good and faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

Through October 15, 2004, cash contributions to Grace of Giving have totaled \$2,300.05.

These generous gifts have been used as follows:

Project Expenses

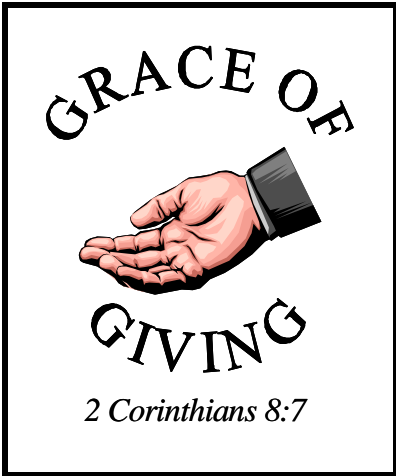
Bibles: \$446.16
Bulk beans & rice: \$1,730.12
Total project expenses: \$2,176.28

Administrative Expenses

Bank account checks: \$17.51

Cash Balance (10/19/04)

Project account: \$106.26
All other project, administrative and travel expenses have been borne by the officers of Grace of Giving.



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Clifton, TX 76634

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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.

Officers

Greg Beard — President & Treasurer

Dara Beard — Vice President

Keith Blanton — Secretary

Our Needs ...

Thank you for your prayerful support of Grace of Giving's first six months. Please continue to pray that we will glorify God in all of our activities.

Please also prayerfully consider whether you can financially support Grace of Giving's ministry on a monthly basis.

Here are some examples of how your financial support affects people:

- \$10 per month buys 5 Spanish language Bibles, which are used to disciple new believers whose doors were often first opened to the Gospel by gifts of beans and rice.
- \$25 per month purchases about 100 pounds of rice, providing about 50 people with one meal per day for a month.
- \$60 per month purchases 100 pounds each

of rice and beans, providing substantial nutrition to about 100 people for a month.

- \$100 per month will purchase nearly 600 pounds of flour, which can be used to prepare literally thousands of tortillas.



Charles Knaack of Voice of Mexico Ministries (Del Rio, TX) at a Children's Home in Ciudad Acuna, Mexico

No gift is too small. Many canned vegetables cost only 40-45 cents per can.

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.

Thank you again for your support, and we look forward to working with you on an ongoing basis in serving our Lord!