

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

Grace of Giving



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So That He Is Glorified ...

by Tammy and Rick Kleine

What a meaningful journey we began as we headed into the south part of Texas. Our first surprise began when we realized, right at the last minute, our family cat had gotten closed up in the Grace of Giving trailer, and almost made the border trip with us! But our great joy was taking Anita Richter down to Eagle Pass, who was relayed later that day to an orphanage further into the interior of Mexico.

Earlier this year, Anita and her husband Travis had helped with a Grace of Giving building project, giving them an appetite to step out of their comfort zone in the city of Ft. Worth, stretch themselves, and see what God was saying to them about His plans.

Our next delivery found us meeting Isaias Silas, a pastor from Piedras Negras, who works with 60 boys in Mexico. At our Del Rio delivery, Irma introduced herself as a director of a Mexican orphanage. Both Isaias and Irma were excited to teach children about Jesus..... and change the next generation. The food from Grace of Giving helps make that transformation possible.

Bernie and Gracie Segura in Van Horn took us to their church and showed us where VBS was taking place that afternoon, and every afternoon of the summer. Gracie's heart is to teach children about Jesus and wanted to be doing that everyday so children would be learning the things of the Lord. Even though they are not able to pastor in Mexican villages right now, they are rising up wherever God puts them, and Bernie was faithfully visiting the jail and bus station to minister to people.

Elfi Register and Joan Wilson of Crossing Borders Ministries in Fabens took huge steps of faith a number of years ago, as they felt God leading them to quit jobs and be full-time missionaries. From the joy in their faces, the life they are living is so much more wonderful than anything money can buy. They organize a time for pastors to come up from Mexico every week for Bible study, a time of accountability and encouragement, then food is sent to be distributed to their congregations. Elfi and Joan have also begun working with the youth in their community, where young girls are inviting Jesus to live in their hearts, and learning a different way of living life. They are impacting their community so God is glorified!

In Presidio, there were representatives of five churches who were grateful hearts for the staples provided for their

church bodies. Wonder if we Americans would be so thrilled to receive beans, rice, flour & sugar---but those staples are providing food for hungry souls.

Our last stop at Terlingua took us to our mentors in the Lord, Margie & Lee Ball. They completely ignore the definition of 'retirement' in the dictionary. Their lives serve as such a huge reminder that God uses us every DAY we have on earth. The food pantry they've started, the supplies they send into Mexico for children's ministry, the sewing Margie has taught the women, the children excited about the 'Bible Gang', the welding Lee is doing for a trailer to haul supplies, the church they helped to start up for the Hispanic people, and the stand for Christ they've taken in the community.... don't indicate a retired couple just looking to go through another day. They are living exciting, fruitful lives for God! The best thing is they are teaching those following, so the legacy in the Lord will continue.....

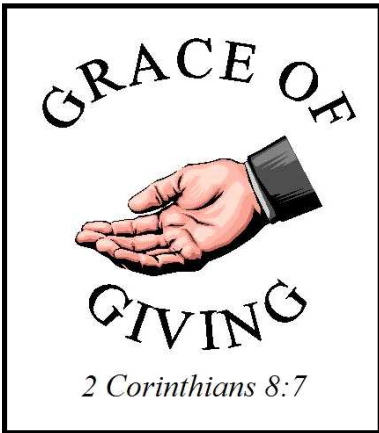
Grace of Giving supports and encourages many people and we were thankful to get a glimpse of some of those lives that are impacted. The most thrilling part was to see the JOY each person experienced, by living the life God has called them to. Every one of these friends was serving in a different role..... but everyone is looking for God to be glorified through their lives.

Many of you give to support Grace of Giving, financially, prayerfully and with your time. There is great joy and purpose in that! But we were challenged, during this delivery time, to seek what God is calling us to do. He wants transformed lives.....

In John 17:4, Jesus says, "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which you have given Me to do." At the end of your life, can you look back and say that you have completed the work God gave YOU to do..... so that He is glorified?

May Jesus be glorified through the Grace of Giving ministry.....

Editor's note: Tammy and Rick Kleine are Grace of Giving supporters from China Spring, Texas, who made the monthly food delivery trip for Grace of Giving in June 2009.



Memorials & Acknowledgements

We have received several gifts of late in honor of others, which we would like to report to you:

- Tim and Jeanni Talley of Clifton gave a gift in appreciation of our good friend and long-time Grace of Giving supporter, Ben Williams;
- Murray and Betty Wise of Clifton provided a gift to honor the memories of Herman Barrs and Ron Weir; and

- Mary and Duane Davis of Jasper, Georgia, sent a contribution to honor the memory of her brother-in-law, Herman Barrs (Mary is Betty Barrs' sister).

Grace of Giving's July activities are dedicated to these precious loved ones. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in their honor.

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Some of the helpers we had when painting things in Monclova on our March building trip!

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.

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Fall Building Trip

Our plans have changed a bit since we last communicated with you in June. Based on the indications we have received from groups that have joined our building trips in previous years, we expect to have a smaller team this year to do the construction work on our trip. As a result, we now plan to build only three houses in October and are making our ongoing plans on that basis.

As reported to you in June, we have advanced the dates for our fall building trip by one week, to October 11-17, 2009. The good news is that the cost for building an individual house this year is essentially unchanged from last year - \$6,500. Thus, we will need to raise \$19,500 for materials for these three homes.

Currently, we have a firm pledge for the entire cost of one house, and another church group has advised that they are likely to sponsor a house this year as well.

That leaves the third house essentially unfunded at this time.

Please continue to include the need for laborers and funds for our building trip in your daily prayers. Please also join us in praying that there will be no security issues that might require cancelling the trip altogether. So far, all reports we have received from Acuña/Jimenez indicate that things are very calm there.

A special prayer request - Jeff Hutchins from Damascus, Arkansas, who led one of the construction crews on our March building trip, was badly injured in June when thrown from a horse. We understand that he has had surgery to repair the damage to his shoulder and is otherwise recuperating slowly but surely. Please join me in praying for a full and speedy recovery for Jeff!