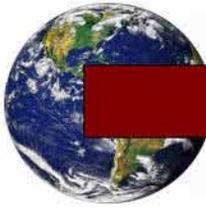


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Shining Light Children's Home

Staff Stories

Bianca Estrada Victorio

I have been living here at the Home almost five years. It is a blessing for me to be here. My desire is to help in all that I can. Until recently my work here at the home was to help in the kitchen and with cleaning, but now I am beginning a new venture as teacher's helper in the English classroom. God has been very good to me in all the years that I have lived here. One of the main reasons to be here is for the younger children. They do very well with me. I also do high school lessons. I am the photographer for the newsletter as well. My desire is that God continues blessing you richly.



Brent Lehman

I first came across the Mexican border expecting to stay for only five days. I came down with a group of guys to help fix Ben Rohrer's house in preparation for them to move in. Well, fixing that house was a big job and five days didn't cut it. He was looking at fixing it up by himself but it worked out that I was able to stay another week. So I stayed while the others returned home.

It seems God had plans for me. That week Greivin asked if I could stay to be maintenance man. So here I am!

My work here consists of a little bit of everything. With forty children there is always something to fix. Doorknobs stop working, curtain rods break, bathroom faucets drip, toilets leak water onto the floor, etc. With forty children living in one building there is always something to do. I am also in charge of the garden when that is in season which takes a lot of my time in the summer.

I also take care of a seven year old boy that needs an extra amount of attention. This is the hard job! It takes lot of wisdom and patience, but it's been good for me. God has been so good. These children have been through so much. Those of us brought up in Christian homes are so blessed.

To sum it up, thank you all so much for your prayers. This place couldn't operate without God's guidance and protection. We ask you to continue to pray for us as the work goes on.



LuAnne Yoder

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. Psalm 29:11

I am deeply grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to come here. I came to help where ever needed, like painting the dining room and parts of the guesthouse, cleaning, sewing, etc. In December, one of the cooks was gone for 10 days, and I helped fill in her place in the kitchen. Other staff members going on vacation gave me the opportunity to take care of children for a few weeks, which I greatly enjoyed!

When four new babies came to the home I had the joy of having a baby of my own to care for for two weeks.

Being here has taught me a lot about being less selfish and being completely dependent on God as my strength.

Living for Jesus is all about giving of yourself for the sake of others, and being at Shining Light has given me a deeper understanding of that. I don't regret at all that I came, and will always treasure the time I spent here.



Arrivals & Departures



Kimberly Brittany Reyes Rodriguez left on March 20, 2014.



Luis left Shining Light to his former home in Tecate.



Manuel Martin joined the Shining Light family April 3. He is in Rosalyn's care.



Itzel Valeria Valdez Arenas left Shining Light on March 20.



Thanks to Verna Miller for nine months of service as cook! Verna went home on July 31.



Brianna Vargas was adopted by her uncle and aunt.



Dominic Rafael Rodriguez Prieto was born on February 25. Ralph and Janice Swartzentruber cared for him until he left again in June.



Emily was here for several months. While here, she was under Loyda's care.



Isael Alejandro Gonzalez Rabago, age 12, arrived on August 11. He is Carl's responsibility.

Program and Reunion

The air was filled with expectation on the morning of July 25. The day that we have cleaned and prepared for, for weeks is here! The Shining Light Board plus a large group of former staff and friends from all over gathered to celebrate with us the ten year anniversary of the Shining Light Children's Home and the year end school program. The formal part of the morning began with memories of how God has come through for us many times in the past decade. Memories of how God bares his arm and shows Himself strong in the behalf of children who are abandoned by mothers and fathers. It was a blessing for me to see more of the big picture of work here and to be reminded that though there are hard things, God is always there.

The students then presented their program, reminding us of our final goal, Heaven. After the group sang a song that gave the glory of the morning to God the older students sat down and gave the floor to preschool. Everyone craned their necks a bit as the three to five year olds recited a poem, demonstrated their noise-making abilities with toy instruments, and sang the Spanish song *I'm in the Lord's Army*. The more than thirty, just-a-bit-nervous students from first to sixth grade, with the support of their teachers

lined up to sing a number of songs and recite verses speaking of the beauties of heaven. Following that the upper grade students spoke of what they had learned in a study of the continents of North and South America. I was impressed at the amount of research and memorizing each child did to give a report on one or several countries. As a whole the children did well and the teachers felt rewarded for the time spent in preparing and practicing. Of course, for the children, the best was yet to come.

Not until after lunch did a loaded table appear, loaded with gifts for the children who had spent many hours studying and learning the past term. It was a pleasure to hand out gifts to the students and watch their faces light up as the paper was quickly torn off to reveal balls, play dough, trucks, journals, stickers, and more.

We are thankful to everyone who participated in this day in some way, thankful especially to the staff who put in extra hours preparing for it. A special thanks to Mark and Nita Ulrich for being kitchen supervisors on this big weekend. It was also good to have the board here and many other friends and a few former staff.

Pauline R Hoover



Pauline giving one of her students a gift.



Board members Leland and Corey



Marisol giving a student a gift



Upper-grade students presenting about North and South America



Roberto Alexander Rueda Corzo (age 7) and his brother Alan Rueda Corzo (3) arrived on March 6, 2014.



Valentina and Jael are a talkative sibling pair that joined us in April.

From the Chairman

Previous Fund Balances

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund | \$27,664.08 |
| Child Sponsorship | \$10,177.00 |
| Home Building Project | \$1,843.81 |
| Beginning Balance..... | \$39,684.89 |

Income / Contributions

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | \$86,690.25 |
| Child Sponsorships | \$44,762.50 |
| Interest | \$4.61 |
| Total General Income | \$131,457.36 |

Other Income

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|---|---------------------|
| Land, Building & Well Projects | \$11,000 |
| Total Other Income | \$11,000 |
| Total Income | \$142,457.36 |

General Expenses

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bank Fees | \$964.08 |
| Professional Fees | \$7585.51 |
| Transfer to SLCH in Mexico | \$111,931.17 |
| Total General Expenses | \$120,480.76 |

Net General Income \$10,976.60

Other Expense

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Loan Payment | \$19,000.00 |
| Building Improvements | \$8,638.00 |
| Total Other Expenses | \$27,638.00 |

Net Other Income \$(16,638.00)

Total Net Income \$(5,661.40)

Fund Balances

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund | \$24,878.18 |
| Child Sponsorship | \$8,939.50 |
| Home Building Project | \$205.81 |
| Ending Balance..... | \$34,023.49 |

Loans

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Loan 1# Previous Balance .. | \$46,501.00 |
| Loan Payment | \$(15,000.00) |

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| Loan 1# Balance..... | \$31,501.00 |
| Wind & Solar Electric Project Loan | \$4,000.00 |
| Loan Payment | \$(4,000.00) |
| Wind & Solar Electric Project Loan Balance..... | \$ - |
| Total Loan Balance | \$31,501.00 |

Living Water

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman at the well then asked for some of this water so she would not need to come draw any more water. Jesus took this opportunity at the well to minister to this woman and her community at large in the end making many people marvel.

At Shining Light Children's Home we have the opportunity to impart this living water many years after Jesus offered this water to the woman at the well. Baja California Mexico is a parched and thirsty land. But even much more so spiritually. Please pray for the staff at SLCH as they daily draw from this Living Well to give to the children God has brought into their lives.

SLCH is reaching the surrounding communities through the hearts of their children. As relatives and friends of the children come to visit from the surrounding communities they are amazed at the transforming power in these children's lives to the point they wish to send their own children to our program.

We ask for your prayers that we would never adopt this as our program but use this opportunity to present Jesus the living water to this dry and thirsty land.

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I am so thankful that the living well never goes dry, even in the desert.

Report on the well

We are sad to report on the expensive well that you all so graciously helped to fund. It has almost dried up and is barely providing enough water for the home let alone for all the farm projects and the garden. We are a bit perplexed where to go from here. Do we take this well and go deeper? Do we dig at another spot on the land? These are questions facing us at the moment. Please join us in prayer as we seek for answers to these questions.

SLCH 10 year anniversary

The Shining Light Children's Home's anniversary celebration is now history. This event took place on July 26, 2014. God has been so gracious and we worship him for His providence over the last 10 years. A heartfelt thank you to the staff for all their hard work in preparing for this event. And to all those who traveled many miles to attend this special celebration and commemoration of the great work that God has done, and continues to do through the extended SLCH family. God bless you richly for your support and prayers.

Leland Ulrich

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