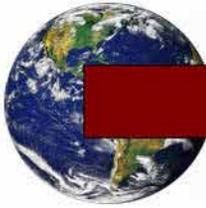


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Shining Light Children's Home

Teacher Jana Lou Lehman Shares

Mexico—with its rocky terrain and sunny skies—welcomed me. My meals became rice, beans, and tortillas, though American cooks have added a northern touch to the diet here. A common drink, cinnamon-flavored chocolate milk, has become my favorite. Another blessing of being here is friends gathering around and loving each other without fear of being hurt.

When I came to Shining Light to spend time with friends and family, I didn't know that I was going to be a teacher's helper. I was surprised and elated to find out I was going to help in the English classroom. Prepared or not, I soon was sitting before two second graders. This was all new to me, and I needed to learn in a few minutes. Loriella

Weaver and Glendon Villalobos were great pupils and I learned quickly.

A normal school day starts at 8:00 with devotions, prayer, and singing. Study time follows until 10:00, when the children escape out into the sunshine. They are eager to see what the girls brought for snack, and to play a lively game before getting back to work. We work until 12:00 and then scatter to

our homes for lunch. This half hour break is a good time to collect my thoughts for the rest of the day.

After lunch, Pauline reads us an interesting portion of *Treasures of the Snow*. School studies then resume until 2:00. Then we have fifteen minutes to clear our brain fog for the



last period of the day. When all the lessons are finished, the students head home until the next school day.

We teachers now have a stack of books to check and lessons to prepare. Over cups of milk and yummy cookies, we relax and talk about our day, wonder aloud how to teach concepts in the next day's lesson, wish for more patience, and try to laugh off any

problem we may have faced that day. Special times like lunch down at the new ranch with all the children, cards from the students, flowers from the girls, being chosen as "itter" for the game, and simple smiles of pleasure make each day worthwhile. Another interesting thing is that the classroom is in a corner room of the guest house.

I had often wished to be a teacher. Now I realize what it all involves, and can see the challenges that a teacher faces. I also have found the joy and blessings that come from this. If you would ask me, "What do you enjoy the most?" I would answer that seeing the children figure it out, grasp the concept, and do it right gives satisfaction that they are learning.

They are learning new and exciting things they will

need to use throughout life.

I am glad I have this opportunity to be a teacher's helper for a few weeks. I hope that my stay here has benefited someone, and has touched lives.

-Jana Lou Lehman

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR THESE **URGENT** **NEEDS** AT THE SHINING LIGHT CHILDREN'S HOME

- **A couple** to replace Jason and Lois Weaver as house parents. Jason's will be finishing their term of service in June of this year. We prefer at least a month overlap to help make a smoother transition from one set of house parents to the next.
- **A couple** to work with the older boys.
- **Kitchen manager**
- **Floater staff**

Needless to say, we are getting quite anxious. However, we have learned over the last ten years to trust in God as needs arise! Please contact us if you have any questions.

In His Service,
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Susana Speaks

Hi! My name is Susana Lizbeth. I'm fifteen years old. I have a precious brother Alejandro, who is six years old. I am happy to be able to share life with him.

I'm also thankful to God for the five years I have been here at the children's home, because of the many blessings He has given me here. God is so good, and has blessed me greatly simply by providing a place for me to sleep every night.

I am especially grateful for my caretaker. I am a person who cries for my mother very easily, but God has sent me a "mom" whom I love very much. I feel she almost takes the place of my own mother. She has been a

blessing to me the two years she has been here.

My work is in the kitchen; I love to cook. It is interesting for me to see if I can cook enough for everyone when the Board comes. It is a relief when I see that everyone is satisfied and there is even food leftover! I think one of the talents God has given me is working in the kitchen.

I appreciate your prayers and request from my heart that you keep on praying that I can someday come to truly serve God with my whole heart.

-Susana

Departures



A heartfelt thank you to Lisa Garcete for her service here in the past two years.

Arrivals



Rachel Hostettler came end of February to take Lisa's place as Mom.



Sofia came with a sucking problem, but is thriving under Ralph and Janice's loving care.

Sunday afternoon in Tijuana

We took a group to visit some people in Tijuana whose houses have recently burned. It was eye opening to see the poverty that is a reality for many.



Sharing some of our blessings



What if you had lived here...?

Prayer and Praise

- Pray for wisdom working with the children. It is our desire to work with them in a way that blesses the children and pleases God.
- Pray for teachers for the next school term.
- Praise God for His protecting hand over us.
- We are thankful that Loyda has returned to the home. Pray that she might continue to faithfully serve God.
- Pray for Greivin and Delores in their responsibilities at Shining Light and in the church.



Dayna celebrates her first birthday with little friends



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Previous Fund Balances

General Fund \$21,994.83
Child Sponsorship \$20,352.00
Greiven's property fund \$8701.81
Beginning Balance..... \$51,048.64

Income / Contributions

General Fund \$24,425.00
Child Sponsorships \$15,671.81
Interest \$1.62
Total General Income..... \$40,098.43

Other Income

Greivens Property Fund.....\$56,648.19
Total Other Income.....\$56,648.19

Total Income..... \$96,746.62

General Expenses

Bank Fees..... \$545.55
Transfer to Mexico \$46,000.00
Professional Fees.....\$6,022.91
Total General Expenses \$52,568.46

Net General Income \$12,470.03

Other Expense

Loan Payment \$ -
Greivens Property Purchase.....\$65,350.00
Total Other Expenses \$65,350.00

Net Other Income \$8,701.81

Total Net Income..... \$21,171.84

Fund Balances

General Fund \$15,599.80
Child Sponsorship \$14,277.00
Greivens Property Fund.....\$ -
Ending Balance..... \$29,876.80

Loans

Loan 1# Previous Balance .. \$31,501.00
Loan Payment \$ -
Loan 1# Balance..... \$31,501.00

Total Loan Balance \$31,501.00