

MARKETPLACE MISSIONS

SONSHINE HACIENDA

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

January has been a bit cold for San Felipe residents, but we certainly did not allow that to slow down the sure and steady progress that we are making at the Sonshine Hacienda construction site. Since our December, 2007 newsletter, we have dug trenches for the septic system, done general clean up of the building site and patiently waited on the Lord to supply our next financial need. Well, God has once again faithfully provided the financial need that was before us. We now have the funds to proceed with the preparation and pouring of our third and final foundation. What an awesome God we serve!!

This week we are beginning to prepare for the foundation. We will be doing some pre-plumbing and electric work as well as laying the forms and plastic sheeting for the cement. John and Bonnie Gilbert, our co-laborers at Sonshine Hacienda are hosting a mission group this week and they will be focused on getting everything ready for the pour on or around the 20th of this month. It will be a blessing to see the property swarming with workers again. It can only be described as pure joy to see these people working together to accomplish God's purpose. We will be excited to share pictures of the new

foundation with you in next month's newsletter. Please pray that all goes well with this phase of the construction and that all this is accomplished without any injuries to our faithful workers.

BUY A BLOCK!!

You might be asking yourself...what is the reasoning behind the decision to pour the third and final foundation before we completed the construction of the walls and roof of building number two? Well, there is a method to the madness! The preparation and pouring of the last foundation was a big budget item and very labor intensive. It made sense to us to get that financial need behind us before we began buying concrete block. With both foundations in place, we can begin buying concrete block in small or large quantities and lay as few or as many block as our workforce can handle. **Now, this is where YOU can help!** **How about buying a concrete block?** You, your church, organization or your business can buy block and mortar in whatever quantity you desire. Our calculation is that the cost of one concrete block and mortar is \$2.00. Based on our calculations at this time, we need about 7,000 blocks. So, for just \$2.00 you can help us erect the walls....one block at a time.

Possibly your church or organization would like to take this on as a project. Pray about it!!

GEORGE MUELER

For years I have had a book setting on my book shelf. I finally picked it up this past month and the result of reading this biography has been huge for me. I simply got excited when I saw the results of focusing on two things in our life...complete faith in the Lord and prayer!! George Mueller lived in the 1800's and was a powerful, dedicated servant to our Lord. The biography of his life shares the story of how this faithful servant became a true "father to the fatherless". Built solely on faith and prayer, George Mueller built Orphanages for thousands of children in England. His formula was so simple...lean solely on the Lord and PRAY!! I was excited because this parallels exactly how Sonshine Hacienda is being built. I would like to share with you the scripture that was revealed to Mr. Mueller when he asked the Lord to confirm to him that it was God's will to care for these children and how this could be accomplished, without any obvious means of financial support. The scripture the Lord revealed to him says it all...

"...OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE, AND I WILL FILL IT". Psalm 81:10
How simple that makes it!! Just open your mouth (and open it wide) and let God take care of everything else. God will hear our prayer and will give us far more than we ever imagined! Praise God!!



(Pictured above) Karen and Gary Lewis, Daniel Coffman and San Felipe Lion's Club President, Gary Dilley. Daniel Coffman (center) and his wife Audrey presented a check for \$1000.00 to Sonshine Hacienda at the January Lions Club meeting. The San Felipe Lions Club is a very valuable supporter of the Sonshine Hacienda Home for Children.

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