

Marketplace Missions

Sonshine Hacienda Home for Children

SUCCESS, SUCCESS, SUCCESS, WOW!



SPRING FUND RAISERS

FIFTH ANNUAL MISSION SAN FELIPE YARD SALE

Once again Mission San Felipe held a fantastic yard sale at the mission compound of 99+1 Ministries, hosted by John and Bonnie Gilbert. Sue Silva did another great job organizing the yard sale and all the volunteers who spent many hours sorting and arranging all the donated items. This two day sale in March took a great deal of hard effort on the part of a great many members of our church. We had fantastic donations, lots of volunteers and even were able to pass on to our local AA group what we did not sell and they sold it the next day at their yard sale. Praise the Lord! There truly is a fortune in the junk pile!!

LIONS CLUB BLUES AND ARTS FESTIVAL

It was a beautiful day in San Felipe...A perfect day for fun in the sun. This festival requires an incredible amount of work from over 100 members of the Lions members as well as volunteers from the community and other service clubs. For months prior to the festival the planning is in motion and many dedicated people put the Blues festival as their priority. The result is evident by the huge attendance at the festival and the well-organized festival. Thank you to the Lions Club for all their hard work. This year we were one of many organizations that benefited from the profits that were distributed to Mexican Non-Profit organizations. Thanks to the generosity of the Lions club, they have provided us with the funds to buy our 48 mattresses and 20 bunk beds needed for Sonshine Hacienda. **WHAT A BLESSING!!!**



SCORPIONS CLUB FUN DAY

On March 8th, the Scorpions club held their annual Fun Day. We look forward to this day all year long. It is such fun to try to run your four wheel vehicles through the courses that challenge your skills. My favorite is the “egg balancing” on a spoon while driving thru a rough terrain course...raw egg of course!! There is also a delicious lunch BBQ, silent auction, raffle and just lots of fun. What a blessing it was for Sonshine Hacienda to receive all the profits of this event. Thank you to all the members of the Scorpion Club. You are making a real difference in the lives of the future children who will live at Sonshine Hacienda.



SECOND ANNUAL SAN FELIPE YOUTH FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

On April 30th, the golfers gathered at Las Caras de Mexico golf course at El Dorado Ranch to enjoy a day of friendly golfing competition. This event was organized by D'Andre White through his organization, San Felipe Youth Foundation. A big thank you also goes to Jack and Dixie Woodward who dedicated much time and effort making this event a successful fundraiser for Sonshine Hacienda. To conclude the day's events, we all gathered at the "Sweet Spot" (D'Andre's restaurant) for a wonderful dinner, an auction of beautiful art glass and the announcement of the winners of the golf tournament...with presentation of trophies. It was a wonderful day and Sonshine Hacienda appreciated everyone who participated in the event. It was a blessing to receive such a wonderful donation from D'Andre and his organization. We look forward to next year!!

As we reflect back over the various fundraisers that have taken place over the past few months, we do realize that it really is taking the village of San Felipe as well as all of you who are reading this newsletter to get this home for children open and functioning. We truly need each of you to accomplish God's plan for Sonshine Hacienda. We really understand the meaning of ..."It takes a village"! We thank all the organizations that we have mentioned above for all their time and efforts to help the future children that will call Sonshine Hacienda their home. We also want to thank all of you who make financial donations to Sonshine Hacienda. That will become very important once we open our doors. God bless you all.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH CONTACTS

Do you have friends, family, church friends, business, or family members who you think might be interested in hearing about Sonshine Hacienda or Marketplace Missions? Please send us their e-mail address and we will get them added to our e-mail list to receive our newsletter. We will be happy to remove their name should they ask. We recently had a church post our newsletter on their website for their members to access....what a great idea!!! We need to reach out to additional people and we could use your help. Thanks so much!

HOW CLOSE ARE WE TO OPENING???

That is the question we are asked daily, if not hourly...and it is a good one. Well, the construction is completed and we are in the finishing and furnishing phase right now. Oh so close!

Since the end of February we've had 3 teams come down and work with us at Sonshine Hacienda. One team from Faith community Fellowship in Mount Vernon, WA, one from Saskatchewan, Canada, and one from The Urban Church in San Diego, Ca.. Each team brought their own special skills and ministry focus to Sonshine and the surrounding area of Las Minatas and San Felipe. With their help, doors and walls have been painted bright primary colors. Clothes, crafts, office and school supplies have been sorted and packed into bins for storage. Murals painted, landscaping completed, and palapas have gone up (thanks to Versoli Landscaping and Dan and Audrey Coffman.) It's truly amazing how

much has happened in such a short amount of time. We thank the Lord for sending the workers and for the encouragement they brought to us.

We have just recently purchased our main power pole and electric transformer, and it was installed recently. We also have installed our super oven ventilation system for our range. This is a specially designed system by our good friend Darrel Grant. We have ordered all our mattresses for our bunk beds. The bunk beds will be ordered this month. The closets for the dorm rooms are paid for and are in the process of being built. Our plumbing is all installed, air conditioners are in, electric work is done, and we still need to furnish our kitchen and office upstairs. The Administrators apartments (they will be living on site) have their kitchen and bathroom cabinetry installed. That was the last work that needed to be done to the apartments. They hope to be moving on site very soon. Things are moving along quite well, but our volunteers have all left for the summer, so we are a bit short handed. But, God will provide...all things in His time!!

SUSTAINABILITY

Any responsible business or ministry that wants to be successful needs to have a plan to sustain its operation. That is true with non-profit organizations as well as with for profit businesses. We have developed a comprehensive list of methods that will be used to maintain the flow of income necessary to sustain our Sonshine Hacienda Ministry to Children into the future. As with any plan this involves people (you.) Our plan includes sponsorship of a child which would include dividing our total operating expenses by the number of children that we have and asking partners (individuals or groups) to sponsor one or more children. In Mexico, organizations such as ours receive **NO** help of any kind from any government agency. Sonshine Hacienda/Marketplace Missions will also seek support from organizations, i.e. churches, service clubs and companies to help with our expenses. We plan to continue partnering with local organizations that have chosen to help us such as Scorpions Search and Rescue, Lions Club, San Felipe Youth Foundation. Our plan also includes our own fund raisers such dinners, entertainment events as well as gift sales by internet and at our gift shop. Please pray for this endeavor and we welcome your suggestions and ideas for other fundraising activities.

CAPTIAL RESERVE FUND

It sound business practice and good stewardship to have a monetary balance of a minimum of 3 months of operating expenses in reserve prior to receiving children at Sonshine Hacienda. Our Administrators are working diligently to determine the estimated dollar/peso amount that we will needed to sustain us in lean times and emergencies.

We are so close to our goal of opening our doors at this point and time, but once again we ask you to pray for this project. We will stay in close contact with all of you and let you know what that dollar amount is going to be. But in the meantime, pray for us and the children who are waiting to walk through the doors of their future home. This all comes down to faith....oh yes, the faith of a mustard seed! If we have learned anything in the past 6 years, we have learned to lean on the Lord and put our faith only in Him!!



Our own transformer!



Storage for children's clothing



Urban Church Mission Team from San Diego, California



Team painted the bathrooms for us

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