

Marketplace Missions

Sonshine Hacienda Home for Children

March/April 2010

MARCH FUND RAISER EVENTS FOR SONSHINE HACIENDA

Scorpions Fun Day

March 18th was the annual Scorpions Fun Day event...and what fun it was! It was a day filled with various challenging driving events for four wheeled vehicles, great food and a very fruitful raffle of fantastic donated treasures. We decided to try running the courses on a few of the events. The first event that we to have a driver a passenger window...and delighted to the entire course failed miserably navigate the tried a few more challenges. We by the club. At President of the



tried was the "Egg" event. The goal is navigate a rugged, bumpy course while holds an egg on a spoon out the attempts to not drop the egg. We are report that we managed to get through without dropping our egg. However we in the length of time it took us to course...thus, we lost. Undaunted, we events and really enjoyed the all enjoyed a delicious lunch, prepared the conclusion of the raffle, the Scorpions, Jim Onsager presented us

with the profits of the Fun Day event. We were so appreciative of a precious donation of \$3,000.00 dollars. Words cannot express our sincere thanks for the continued support of Sonshine Hacienda by the San Felipe Scorpions Club. What a great group of people!

LIONS CLUB ANNUAL BLUES AND ARTS FESTIVAL

March 27th was the date of the annual Blues and Arts Festival in San Felipe, sponsored by the San Felipe Lions Club. This club works tirelessly every year to make this the biggest and most successful event in heavy winds, the crowd in the Festivals was not day of outstanding International wonderful Artists work, scrumptious opportunity to visit people who traveled day of music in our



San Felipe. Despite some event drew the largest history...and the crowd disappointed!! We had a listening (and dancing) to headliner Blues Bands, displaying and selling their food and a great with all the wonderful from all over to enjoy this lovely fishing village.

We were thrilled when we had the opportunity to share Sonshine Hacienda with additional thousands of people. Channel 11 of Yuma, Az. (NBC Affiliate) donated thousands of dollars of advertising time for the BluesNArts Festival. The day prior to the Festival, Nick Celliti of Channel 11, came out to Sonshine Hacienda and did a fantastic job of filming Sonshine Hacienda and interviewing Gary about the purpose and reason for this home for children. We were both moved to tears as we sat and watched the news cast on March 26th...it was such a blessing to be given the opportunity to share our vision for Sonshine Hacienda with this large group of viewers.

We are so grateful to the San Felipe Lions Club for their faithful support to Sonshine Hacienda. A few weeks after the Blues and Arts Festival, the Lions Club presented a \$10,000.00 check to Sonshine Hacienda!! God is using so many wonderful people to accomplish His purpose!! They truly are partners with us in getting this home for children built!

ROBERT & DEBBIE JENSEN: NEW ADMINISTRATORS FOR SONSHINE HACIENDA

We see God's hand in every step we make with Sonshine Hacienda. We are committed to faithfully relying on the Lord as we continue to develop the plans for opening Sonshine Hacienda in the coming months. We knew that one of our major needs was to have sound, dedicated and experienced leadership come along side of us to serve as Administrators of Sonshine Hacienda. Well...God always provides!! In this instance, He sent us Robert and Debbie Jensen.



We met Robert and Debbie this past winter while they were here in San Felipe. They had both taken leave of absences from their jobs in Saskatchewan, Canada, for the purpose of spending an extended period of time in San Felipe. For several years, they both felt that perhaps God was calling them to Mexico to serve in the Mission Field. Their prayer was that God would make His will very clear to them...as to whether He was indeed calling them to Mexico. Shortly after their arrival in San Felipe, we met Robert and Debbie. As we spent time sharing and talking about our ministry...and learned of their desire to seek God's will, we became very impressed with these two. As a result of weeks of getting to know each other and lots of prayer, we shared with Robert and Debbie that we felt they were a

perfect match for what we had been praying for...a couple with strong administrative skills and a love for children. We invited them to join us as the Hacienda...Praise the Lord!

Prior to working in Ministry, Robert worked in the retail management and Debbie was a Registered Nurse. In 2007, God moved them out of the secular work force and into fulltime ministry. Robert served in Camp Ministry, overseeing Bible Camps for children across Canada. Debbie worked as the Dean for a girls' dorm in a residential Christian High School.

Robert and Debbie will join us in October, 2010 as self-supporting Missionaries. They will focus their first few months with us by helping to develop procedural policy and help us to wade through the Mexican certification process for Sonshine Hacienda. We are so excited to have Robert and Debbie join us at Sonshine Hacienda. We look forward to working with them.

FOUNTAIN OF BLESSINGS...VOLUNTEERS AND DONATED MATERIALS

We never tire of sharing with all of you about God's blessings on Sonshine Hacienda. We are constantly humbled by the caring people that are sacrificing their time, money and expertise to Sonshine Hacienda. The Plumbers, Electricians, our Church Family and businesses through out the U.S., that donate their time and materials to help see this home for children built and the doors open. In March and we had a wonderful team of professional tradesmen from *New Hope Baptist Church of Georgia* come and help us with our construction. The team installed a total of 4,000 square feet of impact roofing material over the dorm wings of the Orphanage to prevent leaks into the dorm rooms. In March and April we also received significant donations. Two California businessmen donated all the drop ceiling light fixtures for the entire building. We also have received approximately 4,000 Square Feet of donated ceramic tile for floors and countertops, as well as the thin set & grout. This donation came from two tile businesses in San Diego: Arizona Tile and Dal-Tile. Big thanks to Darlene and Les Shaw for arranging the donation of tile and the transporting the material to Sonshine Hacienda.

We have completed the exterior stucco on the exterior of the building, completed the sheetrock for all the second floor rooms and the interior of the building is all painted. We are nearing completion on the plumbing and electric. God is so good!!!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS DURING THE EARTHQUAKE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS HERE IN BAJA MEXICO. WE ARE SO THANKFUL THAT THERE WAS NO MAJOR DAMAGE OR LOSS OF LIFE IN SAN FELIPE. SONSHINE HACIENDA CAME THROUGH THE SHAKE UP WITHOUT ANY DAMAGES...PRAISE THE LORD! PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF BAJA WHO WERE NOT SO LUCKY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT.
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