

Marketplace Missions

Sonshine Hacienda Home for Children

November, 2008

"RAISING THE ROOF "OVER SONSHINE

On November 14th, after months of patient waiting and faithful prayer, we stood and watched the cement trucks arrive at the building site and begin pumping the 32 yards of cement onto the roofs of the two dormitory wings of Sonshine Hacienda. As we watch this unfold, I could not help but get emotional as I thought of all the individuals, churches and organizations that made this phase of the project possible. The funds to complete the roofs came from all over the United States and Canada...all from hearts that have been touched by the Lord! This phase of the construction project entailed many months of prep work and cost approximately \$15,000 to complete. So, it was with much praise and thanksgiving that we observed another miracle take place. During the week prior to the cement pour, we had two mission teams here with us doing the preparation work for the roof. We had a team from First Southern Baptist, St. George, Utah and another team from New Hope Baptist, Toccoa, Georgia...14 very skilled and experienced people. They worked long and tiring hours, but they had both roofs ready for the cement pour on the 14th and 15th. What an awesome group they were!! It was wonderful to have Pastor Craig Brown and Pastor Dave Sosebee and their team members here with us. God bless you for your service to the Lord!



The Utah and Georgia teams had great carpentry skills...praise the Lord!!

WHAT'S NEXT??

Now that all the roofs are completed, it is now time to begin the construction of the second floor over the back section of the building. Picture the building as a rectangle that is open at one end. The second floor will be over the back building, and will provide for four offices and two 1-bedroom apartments. This will be used for our administrative offices and living quarters for our Director and Assistant Director. John Gilbert, our partner in constructing Sonshine, is working on the cost for the next phase of construction. The construction of the second floor will be a bit different because we will not be using block construction. Instead we will be using steel frames and drywall for the second story. We are praying that the mission team from Georgia can return to help us complete the second floor framing....since they have expert knowledge of how to do this type of construction. We will let you know the cost of this part of the construction as soon as we have the estimated cost from John.



The final touches on our two new roofs

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

For the past three years, we have been praying and seeking God's will in regards to the property that is adjacent to our Sonshine Hacienda property. In May of this year, we discussed the possibility of purchasing this property with our Board of Directors for Marketplace Missions. Our Board members were enthusiastic and encouraged us to begin making inquiries about the property.

At the time, we did not even know if the property was for sale. Through a series of inquiries we have located the family that owns the property and they are indicating that they are interested in selling. Please join us in praying that God's will be done and He will direct our path as we explore this possibility further. This property would be used for future development and expansion. We would also use the property for additional recreation space for the children and also develop future RV sights (that could be used for self supporting Missionaries that God calls to help at Sonshine Hacienda). We covet your prayers.

Jeremiah 33:3

'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

SONSHINE HACIENDA'S "ROVING MISSIONARIES"

Ralph and Delah McDougal are two very special people and very precious servants of our Lord. A few years ago these two approached us about an idea that they had...they had come up with a unique way to share Sonshine Hacienda throughout the North American continent. The McDougal's live in San Felipe during the winter months (yes, they are "snow birds"). From about April until November of every year they travel in their 5th wheel throughout North America. Wherever Ralph and Delah's adventures take them, they faithfully attend church in the community they are visiting at the time.

Armed with cases of Sonshine Hacienda brochures (purchased at their own expense) these two have shared the burden that they have on their hearts for the children of San Felipe and Sonshine Hacienda all over the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Ralph puts it so well...."You know, it shouldn't hurt to be a child. Yet we have many children in San Felipe that are hurting. We, with God's help and in God's timing would like to make a difference in these children's lives".

We see the fruits of their work every time we see a check from some area of the country that we have never heard of or visited. We just smile and know that Ralph and Delah are hard at their task of sharing their love for Christ and Sonshine Hacienda. Ralph and Delah are now expanding their outreach!

They are beginning a new arm of their ministry...while they are not traveling, they are mailing brochures to people that they have met while on their travels, as well as friends and acquaintances. Ralph says that when they run out of names, they will begin working on addresses from the phone book. What precious servants these two are for the Lord!



Missionaries, Ralph and Delah McDougal



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[Overhead view of Proposed new property.](#)

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