

Marketplace Missions Sonshine Hacienda Home for Children

May, June, July 2008

MARKETPLACE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

In 1993, God placed a call on our lives to enter the mission field. We began to prepare for this ministry by forming a non-profit corporation....thus was the birth of Marketplace Missions. Part of the requirement of forming this non-profit corporation was to form a board of directors to come along side of us to guide and advise us as we entered the mission field.

On May 13th, the Board of Directors of Marketplace Missions met for our annual board meeting. While we covered the normal items....the financial statement, budget, and updates on Sonshine Hacienda...there was so much more!! It was the enthusiasm that we saw in each of the Board Members that filled us with joy. Of the six members in attendance that day, all have been with us from the time that we formed Marketplace Missions. We appreciate so much their service to our Lord and Savior and value their counsel in the matters of running our organization.

***Thank you so much to our
Board of Directors: Dr. Gary
Lewis Th. D., Karen Lewis
Dr. Robert Lewis D. Min. Dr.
Anthony Grapensperger, JD,
CPA, Dr. Tony Carlile, M.D.,
Reverend Steven Wadleigh,
Reverend Eddie Green;
Reverend Bill Bibbins.***

We also want to acknowledge Karen Daley.... our bookkeeper who tracks all the Marketplace funds...we could not do it without you!

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS IN UTAH

The last week in June, we traveled to St. George, Utah and spent a blessed week with the members of First Baptist Church of St. George. Pastor, Craig Brown, asked us to come to St. George during their summer Vacation Bible School to share with the children about serving the Lord as Missionaries. This church has been very supportive of Sonshine Hacienda...both financially and physically. For the past three years, a team travels to San Felipe and put their hands to work for the Lord. This is their second year to make Sonshine Hacienda the mission project that the children contribute to during the week of VBS. It was the boys versus the girls in a campaign to raise funds for Sonshine Hacienda. The boys raised the most funds during the week, but Sonshine Hacienda was the big winner. The children and their families contributed \$3,026 for our building project.....BUT THAT IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY!!

The last night of VBS, Pastor Craig proposed a challenge to the church, if the funds could be matched (another \$3,000), Pastor Craig would shave his head...that night. In less than five minutes, a check was placed in the Pastors hand for an additional \$3,000. So, out came the clippers and the entire church cheered as Pastor Craig lost his locks!! Way to go, Pastor Craig! As we returned home to San Felipe, we had a total of \$6,373 dollars. A big thank you to Pastor Craig and all the members of First Baptist Church of St. George! What a blessing you are to our heavenly Father!!



WE ARE "RASING THE ROOF" OVER
SONSHINE HACIENDA

Praise God! We are ready to place the beams for the two dormitory roofs and then pour the cement tops. With the completion of these two roofs, we will have the three wings of the facility standing and ready for all the finishing work. It is such a joy to stand in the future courtyard of Sonshine Hacienda and see what God has accomplished thus far on His project. Even though we are still in need of additional funds to accomplish this next phase of construction, we are praising the Lord in advance for His blessed bounty. God is the master carpenter on this project and HE IS IN CONTROL!!

**PLEASE KNOW THAT 100
PERCENT OF ALL FUNDS
DESIGNATED TO SONSHINE
HACIENDA ARE USED SOLELY
FOR COMPLETION OF
SONSHINE HACIENDA.**

PRAY ABOUT PURCHASE OF
ADDITIONAL PROPERTY

From the time that we first saw the property that is now Sonshine Hacienda, we have had many people encouraging us and praying with us about the property that is adjacent to our land. This property is ideal for use as a playground area, garden site, and RV hookups for volunteer short term missionaries. We are making inquiries through a local Christian Realtor.

At this time, we are simply inquiring to see if the owner is willing to sell at a reasonable price.

God planted this "seed" in the hearts of many, including recently, our Board of Directors. So, we are asking at this time that you join with us in praying over this matter. We only are seeking God's will (as always) in this matter. This property could be used for RV parking for those who are here working and staying in their 5th wheels and motor homes. We also feel that it would be very beneficial to have a part of this area for a recreation area for the children. We are anticipating 50 children will be cared for at Sonshine Hacienda and that requires "a lot of play area" If you would like to contribute to this purchase please designate property purchase in the memo portion of your check.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
FAITHFUL SUPPORT.**

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