

CASA HOGAR Benito Juárez, A. C.

Summer 2005

Notes from Fran & Carol Marín

Family News.....

In July, Fran and Carol celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary.



July also marked Carol's 18th year at Casa Hogar!
God is faithful.



Marín Family
Fran & Carol
Xu, Pedro y Nayeli

MOVE IN REST

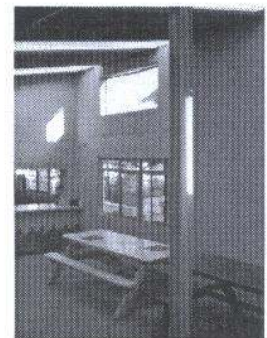
Usually when we think of rest we assume there will be a lack of movement and activity. And it is wonderful when we can physically rest from our labors. But this summer has taught all of us here at Casa Hogar Benito Juárez A.C. that it IS possible to rest without stopping activity and movement. We have most decidedly learned how to MOVE IN REST even in our busyness.

There is a place in God that IS rest even when outward activity does not cease. Finding that place can be difficult, but once it is attained, there is a peace that truly does pass human understanding and gives rest to both body and soul because our spirit is flourishing and the joy of the Lord becomes our strength. If this were not so, it would have been impossible for us to be able to keep up this insane pace for as long as we have and still be victorious after attending over 300 visitors and doing 3 major construction projects in less than 3 months, much less keep it up for 18 years!

Praise Reports

Truly, Casa Hogar Benito Juárez has been transformed this summer! Visiting groups have been extremely busy, and MUCH has been accomplished.

- ◆ The roof in the kitchen and dining room for Casa Hogar has been raised by four feet and new electrical wiring has been installed along with four ceiling fans and an extractor, not to mention fresh paint.
- ◆ All of the courtyard dorms have been scrubbed and painted and new bedspreads and curtains have been sewn and hung.
- ◆ Old linoleum removed (ugh!!!) and new ceramic tile laid in the boys dorm.
- ◆ A new guest dining room that seats 45 people was built from the ground up, wired and painted.
- ◆ A beautiful map of the world was painted in the new meeting room (still unfinished) above the guest dining room.



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Spotlight Child

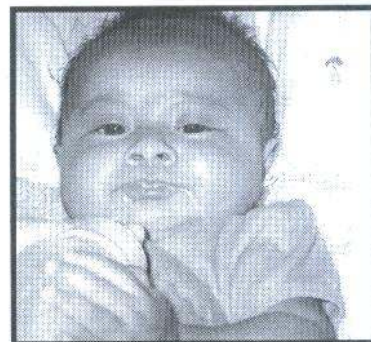
Abigail Gonzalez Hernandez born February 13, 2005.

We would like you to meet the littlest angel here at Casa Hogar Benito Juarez A.C. Abby, as she is very affectionately called, is a 5 month old Chinanteco Indian baby whose 20 year old single mother is unable to care for her.

As you may well be able to imagine, Abby has everyone wrapped around her little finger, and has no lack of people who are willing to cuddle and love her.

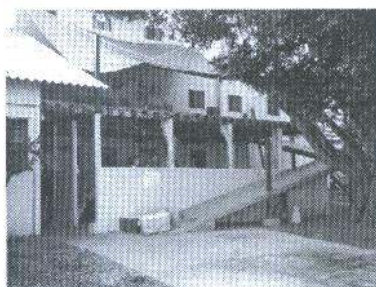
Her primary care-giver here is Jacinta, who is wheelchair bound and is our breakfast cook. Abby's mom visits her for a few hours each Sunday and is working as a live-in domestic. Since she has less than a 6th grade education, jobs for her are very limited and low-paying. We are encouraging her to work toward her GED in hopes that this will open doors for her in the future.

Abby already seems to understand and respond to English, Spanish and Chinanteco, so will most likely be tri-lingual from a very young age. It will be interesting to see God's plan develop for her life! Abby is in need of sponsors.



**Abigail
Gonzalez
Hernandez**

Praise Reports continued.....



- ◆ Guest housing was finished and has been home to over 200 guests this summer.
- ◆ The children's library and study area has been painted and organized.
- ◆ An access ramp was built up to the meeting room, making all of the 2nd floor handicapped accessible.
- ◆ The guest bedroom, guest laundry room and new boys bathrooms have been painted, had electrical work done & dividers installed, and are getting LOTS of use.
- ◆ New screens were assembled and placed in all the windows.
- ◆ The storage room was completely emptied out, cleaned, and organized.
- ◆ The work area & shop were cleaned out and re-organized, storage shelves were built, after five truckloads of "stuff" were sent to the dump.
- ◆ The medicine cabinet was cleaned, sorted and labeled.
- ◆ Fran and Carol's house had the bathrooms painted, the molding sealed, window frames sanded & sealed and an enclosed laundry facility built plus a gazebo was constructed for outdoor dining.

And MOST importantly, the children got TONS of love and attention and were able to go swimming, to the zoo, to the movies, and out for a taco feed, as well as have a pizza party & a fun birthday party, have vacation Bible school, do daily craft activities and receive art classes and English class, coupled with lots of singing and learning how to play cards games.

Count Down for the New School Year

Needed: People to join a special project ~ getting ready for the 2005-2006 school year!
For Casa Hogar Benito Juarez, it is a major undertaking getting the "family" ready for school.
Here is how you can help.

\$55 gift will buy the following school supplies for a child:
Backpack, Crayons, Scissors, Notebooks,
Pencils, Pens, Markers, Ruler, Compass & Protractor
Calculator, Glue, Tape, Colored Pencils
and Colored Construction Paper

*Or if you are going down to Casa Hogar this summer or fall,
bring along some of these items for the children.*

Physical Education Uniform

\$30 gift will purchase the PE uniform needed for a child or youth,
which is:

sweatpants, shirt and tennis shoes

**The children are in great need of
tennis shoes!**



School Uniform

\$30 gift will purchase the uniform needed for a child or youth

The uniform is:
pants or skirt/jumper, shirt,
socks and shoes.



**Registration fee for each
child is \$20.00 annually.**

The costs that are listed are to get a child started in school, it does not include the ongoing costs of schooling for a year in Oaxaca.

For our college students ~

\$150.00 a month will cover the cost of tuition for a student desiring to complete his or her education.

Photo by Iranny Vargas, Ensenada, BC, Mexico

Casa Hogar has three children in kindergarten, 52 students attending grade school, five youth in junior high and two youth in high school. Six of our children attend schools for children with special needs.

If you desire to assist in getting the Casa Hogar children ready for school, on the enclosed remittance slip check mark "special projects" and write in "school needs".

Please enclose the remittance slip with your funds.

Thank you.



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"And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward." Mt. 10:42

Support Address
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Casa Hogar "Benito Juárez", A. C., is a non-profit Children's Home situated in Oaxaca, Oaxaca, México.

Founded in November of 1974 by quadriplegic Al Baker, Casa Hogar has withstood the test of time and continues to diligently care for special needs children in the state of Oaxaca. In the past 30 years, over 200 indigenous children have called Casa Hogar "Benito Juárez", their home.

Casa Hogar "Benito Juárez", A. C., is a Christian Ministry dedicated to proclaiming the truth of Jesus Christ and to showing forth God's love to all in need.

For more information, please contact Pastor Bernie Wing at Grace Life Church, 305 Camden, Box 406, Marshall, MN, 56258.

We Give Thanks!

HUGE thanks to ALL the groups who came to help this summer. Space does not permit us to name each of the 24 groups who have worked so hard to transform Casa Hogar Benito Juarez these last 3 months, but we know that God sees all your hard work and will justly recompense what you all have so freely and joyfully done. !Que Dios les bendiga ricamente!

It has been totally awesome to see how God orchestrated each group at each time with specific giftings that were needed precisely at the indicated moment in order to advance the work. God is good! Thanks so MUCH to each of you who gave so sacrificially to bless Casa Hogar. YOU ARE ALL GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Prayer Requests

Preparations for the start of the school year.

More staff to meet the ever growing needs of Casa Hogar.

Scholarships for the college students.

Acquisition of adjoining property for expansion of the ministry.

Planting of youth church in downtown Oaxaca.

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