## Mexico Orphanage Mission



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Hermanos,

Thank You so much for all that you have done and continue to do for the Mexico Orphanage Mission. I thank God daily for each of you and for what you have become in my life. I am blessed to have true friends in Christ like each of you are.

As most of you know, the idea to build an orphanage came from my son Jesse in 2005. Jesse was eight years old at the time. He was watching a "Feed the Children" program on TV. He tearfully asked his mom how we could feed the poor children in Mexico. They decided the best way to take care of the children would be to build them a home, an orphanage, like the one we had visited while on a mission trip in Nicaragua. Jesse asked me if we could build an orphanage in Mexico and I told him, "Good idea. Yes we can!" My wife was adopted as a baby and she has always wanted to give the same love and Christian upbringing as she had to another orphan. My wife questioned how we could afford to do such a thing as building an orphanage and I told her, "God will provide" and He has. We began building "Casa Hogar de Esperanza" (House of Hope) in 2006.

God has had His hand on every single thing that has happened with this project. I could tell you about miracles that occurred from the time the idea was conceived till today. Miracles that have taken place from the time my wife and I purchased the land, till the day I received word that we were putting in electricity. I have seen God open doors that I never expected.

God has brought so many into my life that have helped with this mission. A large number of these supporters were introduced to me through Frank Stankunas. Through Frank and his strong love of the Lord the Alabama Team began.

Tim Garner, Dave Elmore, Chris Jones, Chris Reebles, Rory Cochran, Scott Smith, & Bubba Dean are only some of the Alabama team. The orphanage would not be as far along as it is today without their help.

God has held us in His hands while on each mission trip and allowed us to win many souls for Him. There are no words to state the power and strength of my God! My God is beyond words! I give HIM honor and glory for <u>everything</u>! God has formed this team and I am honored to be a part of it.

Mexico faces many battles at this time. Presently, the biggest battle is the violence taking place due to the drug cartels. Many children have no parents now due to them being kidnapped and killed. What becomes of these children if they have no parents and do not know the love Jesus has for them? Mexico already had the problem of unwanted children, but now there are many more without loving parents. God put us here to fulfill the grand commission...Matthew 28: <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Through this orphanage we will take care of these children and raise them to be disciples for Christ. The building of the orphanage is almost complete. When this is done there are other things we will need to do. We will need to install a security fence and furnish the orphanage. We will need to purchase beds, hang curtains, stock closets with clothing, purchase a large washing machine, stock with food, towels, bathroom and kitchen supplies, etc. Maintainence and upkeep for the orphanage and the children will be an ongoing committment.

I will need to be in Mexico more often to keep this functioning properly. I will need to consult with lawyers and city government officials concerning the legal guardianship of each child. I will need to speak with the town doctor concerning each child's health needs. I will need to speak to neighboring churches within a 100 mile radius and attain volunteers. We presently have church services in the orphanage building and I will continue to hold pastorial classes there also to teach and encourage these community leaders. Please pray for the Lord to continue blessing this mission.

In His Service,

Geno Rodriguez

## Hebrews 11:6

King James Version (KJV)

 $^{6}$  But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

In His Service,

Geno Rodriguez President

