

Dear loved ones,

And Tony makes the turn!! We surprised Pastor Chayo and Betty with our latest visit to Cuernavaca. There was no room for us to stay. What a blessing to see our Children's Home *Miracle of Life* bustling with activity! And we finally had a chance to meet Tony. He was scared of me at first and then shortly thereafter went into a full-blown 15 minute temper tantrum. It was quite a welcome! Seems Tony doesn't like to be told "No". I can relate.

We welcome Luz and Leo to our Home. They have two younger siblings, one needing 24hour special care. Their mom isn't able to make it on her own. (Much like Betty, Minnie, and Ime's mom some 48 years ago) Their father abandoned them. On their second night at our Home, little Luz asked Betty as she tucked her in for the night, "If I stay here, this will help my mom right?" What a powerful, insightful, loving question to ask. We want to help your mom too Luz.

I just sent a message to Betty, seeing how things are going. I'm up in Wisconsin now as I write, was in Minnesota last weekend, will visit South Dakota, Colorado, Arizona, and Texas on my way back to Mexico by the end of February. Here's Betty's reply: We are well here. A few days ago Leo told me "Teacher, (Betty has lots of names) I really like living here a lot." This gives much joy to my heart. It doesn't matter that I'm very tired, there are happy children. It gives joy to our hearts too Betty.

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. –Matthew 5:14-15

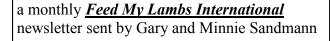
The Light is shining very brightly from and in our Home! When Leo and Luz went to register for school, the director of the school said that they were already too overcrowded to receive them. He changed his mind, and later came to personally visit our Home. He knows of situa-

tions we may be able to help. Another neighbor, a retired teacher, asked Betty the other day "Why do you do this? Care for children that are not your own?"

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. –Matthew 5:16

As we sat for breakfast (served from Chayo's awesome kitchen Island!) getting ready to go back to Monterrey, little Tony came up to snuggle with me as he was waking up. He's worth it. Tony's worth all the pain and sacrifice to get us to this point. Let's keep going.

Let's shine.





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Meanwhile, the guys just keep putting up the retainer and security walls on the lands we purchased that surround our Children's Home...The largest one (pictured right) is done! The 3rd picture

down in the center is taken from the back corner of the two lots. This will be the play area. As you can see from the 3 pics, we have much work to do in order to see this become a useful area. We need about \$10,000 to come in for this project. From there, we hope to go up with the second floor of the Home. That will be about \$70,000 and will prepare



us for growth and maximize our potential with the personnel that we have!

We can have up to 8 children living at the Home right now. We currently have 5 kids, Pastor Chayo and Betty, and my two adult nieces Acsa and Becky living there and advancing the work. They are doing outreach events to the community, Bible study groups, and run an afterschool program 3 days a week. Plus their church...

We could see kids playing on the new lands and be framing interior walls on the 2nd floor by the end of the year, that's a solid goal. And that is priority #1 on this trip I'm currently touring! It looks like much of 2022 will be spent in Cuernavaca advancing this ever more brightly shining work. It's exciting to see this work beginning. God bless all of you that are taking part of all that we do, let's shine ever brighter unto that Day and race to the finish! Because truly, the best is yet to come.

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Praise report/ prayer requests: Jesus is the vaccine for all that truly threatens.

Land buy process at our ministry center continues on into the 4th year. Step by patient step...

March 29th-April 6th Please pray for the group from East Lincoln in Amery, WI as we, and they, prepare for their upcoming visit.

It was bedlam! Well, so to speak. We wel-

comed back the Spencers. What a wonderful time we had with them (except for the smell of that giraffe tongue, right Sarah?)

And we put them to work on some bed bases. Lots of bed bases. It's an overdue improvement for hosting our camps and visitors. Nice job you guys. I sure enjoyed the whole family effort. What are you doing there Ferdie? Sanding away he was! And so were the





rest, working and playing in shifts. It was great. 20 bed bases. God bless you guys. And we sure had quite a return trip didn't we?

Whew. We made it... And Aunt Minnie's missing you already.





Peace to you and yours and love from, Gary and Minnie and Sophia along with all your family in Mexico.