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*Learning Experiences for Orphanage and Migrant Children  
Outreach to the Indigenous and Disabled*



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*GENESIS* brings you news and updates of Genesis International Orphanage Foundation and Mexico's Genesis Diez, A.C.

**After School in Durango...** Throughout the school year Genesis Diez, A.C. continues to work with the niños and their families in the poor community of Durango. Once a week we have an after school program where the Genesis staff, led by Amanda DeVries, runs a few hours of fun activities, games, crafts and a Bible story. Each week the kids are challenged to learn a scripture verse. We are amazed at the number of kids who memorize scripture, including the kindergarteners!

Weekly, we also offer a tutoring program to the children. We help the kids with their homework, as well as review basic reading, writing and math skills. Many of the children are struggling in school and often their parents cannot help as they cannot read or write and some speak only their native dialect and no Spanish. We are encouraged that many of the children are still eager and enthusiastic to learn. They only need someone to take the time to work with them.

With donations we receive from you, Genesis continues to meet some basic needs in the community through distribution of food baskets and other material things. Currently we are preparing for our **INTO SCHOOL PROGRAM**, a program that will assist families with school supplies and uniforms for this coming fall. *A donation of \$68 will help send a child to school.*

At the end of June we invited all the kids and their families for a dinner and a campfire. The evening was a way to celebrate our time together and say goodbye to the kids for the summer months. It was a great night of eating, singing, roasting marshmallows, and sharing. After summer camps, Genesis will return to the weekly programs in Durango. We continue to be encouraged how God is working and building healthy relationships with and in this community.



**MIRACLES...**

- Weekly donations of food continue from Help the Children, Bell, CA; Hilarious Givers, San Diego, CA; Costco, Ensenada, MX; Del Cabo; and Manos que alimentan, Ensenada, MX—*Many thanks* to the volunteer drivers who pick-up the food from Bell CA and drive it to San Diego. *You are individual Miracles!!*
- 13 churches and 15 Orphanages are attending Summer Church Camps—1 to 2 per week thru Aug 21st.
- 2010 Summer Camps are blessed with 10 *God-filled volunteers* working with our staff. *Thank You!!*
- A transmission for the old bus was donated; and two much needed vehicles! *Thank you Donors!!*
- Calvary Reformed Church, VBS, Ripon, CA donated a 2nd year of water supply for Rancho Genesis! *Amazing!*
- Our disabled children have been 'normal illness' free since using Manna Relief donated supplements. *Praises!*
- GIOF President David Balfour and wife Elizabeth are the happy parents of Sarah Ruth, born April 15, 2010.

**“A friend is ready to help, anticipating every want, hand outstretched to help and encourage, or to ward off danger, voice of tenderness to soothe and speak peace to restlessness and fear. *That Friend* and more even than your heart can imagine, *that Friend* am I, *Jesus.*” ~ God Calling**  
*May we all strive to be a ‘Christ-like’ friend.*



**SAVE THE DATE April 29—May 2, 2011**  
**Conquer the Canyon, GIOF's "Hike for a Home"**

A Team Fundraising Adventure to fund  
*PUERTA HERMOSA*

Genesis' new Christ-centered home for disabled children

Supporters and Friends of Genesis are invited to participate in this Fundraising Adventure to support the establishment of Puerta Hermosa, a HOME FOR THE DISABLED CHILDREN for whom Genesis cares. Hikers will raise money to help GIOF in the purchase of the home. The adventure culminates with a 3-day visit and 1-day hike of the Grand Canyon organized by Conquer the Canyon (see [conquerthecanyon.com](http://conquerthecanyon.com)). Experience the Grand Canyon as very few ever will while supporting a great cause! GIOF will host training hikes throughout Southern California/San Diego County in the months prior along with fundraising/collections drives.

Look for an e-mail blast in the next few weeks, and plan to join us for a *Kickoff Event on September 23*, in San Diego. We look forward to having you join our team of hikers whether you actually hike or not!

For more information on the hike and to **sign up for the hike now**, contact John and Carol Leimbach at 619.222.2551, [carolleimbach@cox.net](mailto:carolleimbach@cox.net); or David and Elizabeth Balfour at 858.350.9559, [president@GIOF.org](mailto:president@GIOF.org).

**Genesis hosts Dental Clinic...** On April 23-24, Clinic Ole, Napa, CA sent a team of 2 dentists and 2 hygienists and a mobile dentist station to Maneadero, Ensenada County, B.C. Mexico. The team led by Drs Dobbs and Grau of Sister Ann Dental Clinic Ole, pulled teeth, filled cavities and cleaned off enough plaque to pave a short road. The clinic was held in the dental facility at a Four Square Church Genesis works with. The team stayed at a local hotel and in two days they saw 62 people at approx 8 every 2 hours. The Genesis staff arranged all appointments and transportation times prior to the clinic. People from 5 poor area communities, including the families from the Genesis tutoring and after school programs were invited and the doctors agreed to see the staff of Genesis and Pastor Carlos, as normally they are forgotten when putting others first. There was a video on brushing techniques, care and maintenance for healthy teeth. Our heartfelt thanks to Clinic Ole for their selfless service to people who otherwise would not have the resources for this much needed service. God Bless you.

**Note from Patti... Just how mature am I...** 'spiritually'? I know we should not compare ourselves to others, but it is easy to feel like I don't measure up when being around those who are more spiritually mature and/or have gifts I don't. Take our young Assoc Pastor, Jonathon... he is a whole 20 years old and he inspires me. He reads and studies the word more hours a week than I'm awake, putting most of us to shame. He amazes me with his teaching gift and I am especially thankful young people get the chance to hear the word from one of their peers such as him. What a gift... I can read the word more!

The Genesis Diez team... my husband in particular—the hours they spend every week at Rancho Genesis in the heat with 2 orphanages and 1-2 mission teams each week all summer long... I would die in a pile after one day! What gifts to be with children and teams, physically working, loving, playing with and teaching— for hours. I can spend more time at my GIOF/Diez work!

"Humility" "Unity" and "Spiritual Gifts" seem to stand out when looking thru my last years notes taken during church services both here in Mexico and in Ohio. *'Humility includes acknowledging and accepting others are being used by the Lord and are more spiritually mature than ourselves. We should not be concerned but thankful to the Lord. Think about the gifts He has given you and be only concerned with that and how you are using them.'*

It is good to feel humble, that I don't measure up—not to another, but compared to Christ. None of us can. God loves us and wants us anyway! All of us.

"Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained."

~Philippians 3:15,16

By *mature*, Paul does not mean flawless in every detail. Mature Christians press on in the Holy Spirit's power, knowing that Christ will reveal and fill any discrepancy between what they are and what they should be. Christ's provision is no excuse for lagging devotion, but it provides relief and assurance for those who feel driven.

~ Study notes

Life Application Bible NRSV