



*A refuge of hope, love, and  
safety for children in*

“Religion that God our  
Father accepts as pure and  
faultless is this: To look  
after orphans and widows  
in their distress...”

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Dear Family and Friends,

We send our greetings to all of you from the beautiful countryside in Monjas. We have made the move and we are experiencing many new and good changes in our lives as we have gone from city life to country life. Christmas is upon us and the girls are in the excitement mode for that grand occasion.

The **construction on the property** is the big news we want to share with you. Enjoy the pictures as you see the progress of each phase. We do have a long ways to go yet to meet our goals of ministering to 200 girls, starting a boys home, building the school, having a babies' home, building a home for widows, and setting up a clinic for us and the community. We are seeing it come together, piece by piece, and we will be sharing that with you as we move through the phases.

Several construction teams from the States have been here to help us with the building and many more are scheduled to come throughout the next year. **If you have an interest in bringing a group** down, please contact Joanne and she can give you the details.

Parts of Guatemala went through devastation due to the rains and wind of **Hurricane Stan**. Our girls immediately wanted to be a part of helping the people affected. We boxed up food, jugs of water, and the girls gave up some of their treasures to those who lost everything. We also have our door open to help any children without families to care for them. Our place in Monjas was not touched except for the badly needed rain and cooler weather.

We are pleased to announce the addition of a couple to our staff. **Gerber and Jonith Rivera** joined us in November to be house parents. Gerber has a degree in business

administration and will be the office manager as well, and Jonith is a certified social worker and will fill that position. This ambitious couple is expecting their first baby in five months. We also have a lady from Florida who is with us long term. **Cyndi Cope** will be a house mother/substitute depending on our need. The Lord is building an awesome team of people to minister to the girls at Shadow of His Wings.

We are so grateful to you who are a part of what we are doing. Our team is making a difference. **May God's full blessing be on everyone of you.**



Gib, Joanne, Carroll and Girls



## Shadow of His Wings Orphanage

Construction of the new orphanage is in full progress in Monjas, Jalapa, Guatemala on the 9.44 acres of rich and gorgeous countryside land. The pictures below show the development of the first duplex which houses 24 girls and two sets of house parents.



All of the work here is done “the old fashioned way.” Concrete is mixed in a small mixer and then carried by wheelbarrows and buckets. A ramp was built to get the mix to the second floor.



The second level of the first duplex is ready for spraying the Monolit on the walls. This will harden to a concrete like substance and the wall will be ready for the roof.



It requires a large crew of Guatemalans and volunteers to accomplish a good days work.



David, Gib, Sherry, and Joanne enjoy the view from the second level balcony.



David Kohler, from Missouri, is our construction manager and the job keeps him on his knees in more ways than one.



David and Joanne discuss the construction plan from the upstairs bedroom being built for the girls.

School is out for “summer vacation” here and that is why we chose our move to be during this time.

It has taken a lot of time and energy from our director and her husband but we are now officially able to open our school for the girls in January 2006, when the new school session begins. The name has been changed to Liberty Christian. This was required because it’s as if we started a new school.

Because we needed a school before we are able to have one built on our property, we have rented a home with an area in the back that will be used for playing. There is a soccer field and basketball court within walking distance of the school for the physical education.



The girls are going through their possessions to find things they could send to the children who lost everything during the hurricane.



Mothers were given special honor on Mother’s Day at the school. The girls love to do drama and several presentations were done by them. These little artists made all of the decorations for the props and beautiful basket gifts for each mother.

### Pen Project

One day the older girls talked to Mama Carroll with concern for the son of the director of the school. His teeth are terribly distorted and Elias hasn’t been able to use his front teeth for eating or chewing. The girls wanted to know if they could do something to earn money to help Elias get braces. A plan was developed and the girls have been covering pens with colored thread and sewing bags for coffee to be sold to teams. They have been working very hard on this and so far have made almost \$300. These girls are showing their giving hearts once again.

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### Well No Well

There was a contract and promises but **no action in terms of a well being drilled.** We’ve been frantically counting the days knowing the difference in our plans if there is no well on the property. After an intense time of praying, Gib and Joanne went to the office and **broken down in front of the team house was a well driller.** Was this somehow the answer? Joanne found out who the owner was and it turned out to be someone local. Our new office manager made some calls and discovered the owner was a friend of his family. After more discussion, a fair contract was given and the well will be completed by the time you read this.



### ? Where is Monjas, Jalapa?

At one time in the later 1700’s, Monjas, which means nuns, was a **hacienda in the south eastern part of the country.** The heir was possibly a nun. In 1914 the Guatemalan government gave free land to the many families who came to claim it and build upon this fertile valley irrigated with several rivers.

The weather is drier and hotter than some parts of Guatemala with the elevation only 960 meters above sea level. Many crops of corn, beans, rice, tobacco, tomato, broccoli, peppers, watermelon, cantaloupes, green peas, and sugar cane are raised. The lush pastures sustain cattle which also give popularity to the butter and cheese the area is known for.

The **population of this rural town is about 6,000.** Recently we were told that **60% of the families lack a father.** These men have gone to the U.S., mostly as illegals, to find work. Over the years they stop sending support to the family in Monjas and focus on their new families in the States. That leaves a large population of poor families without many resources.

We know the Lord has us here for many reasons and our prayer is that we will have our eyes and ears open to those opportunities to make a difference in the community through the name of our Lord Jesus.



## Outside Ministry

Noe Chavez, from the department of Solola, has been a recipient of funds to enable him to go to school. His father died leaving nothing but a small patch of ground

for raising corn to his widow and two sons. James Project Latin America has been helping him by paying for his room, board, and school costs so he can get an education. Noe is a first generation reader in his family. The father was an illiterate pastor who was killed in a bus accident. Before his death, the father and his oldest son would took three hour bus trips to Guatemala City to pray with the Simpsons for one hour and then return home. This was something very important to him. **This father/pastor has left a spiritual legacy for his sons to follow.**

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Please know that there are no administration fees taken from these donations. **One hundred percent of your donation is used on behalf of the girls.**

## Medical Help

Dr. Don and Peggy Orth have come to Guatemala frequently to do dentistry in orphanages. We were again able to take advantage of their kindness by having all of our girls' teeth cleaned. Several of the girls had cavities and those were filled or the tooth pulled.

Two of our girls have braces and one girl's expenses for this is paid for by a missionary couple here in Guatemala and the other girl receives help from some fellow prisoners in Oregon through a prison ministry.

The Lord has put together a diverse but wonderful team to carry out the work here.



**Sponsorships** are also needed for the girls. Wouldn't you love to have a child to care for through a monthly donation? Please contact Children of Promise at:

[www.promise.org](http://www.promise.org)

The Simpsons and Carroll continue to have personal expenses such as housing, food, vehicles, insurance (car & health), travel, etc. They receive no funds from the James Project. If you would like to help, please contact the following missions' agencies:

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