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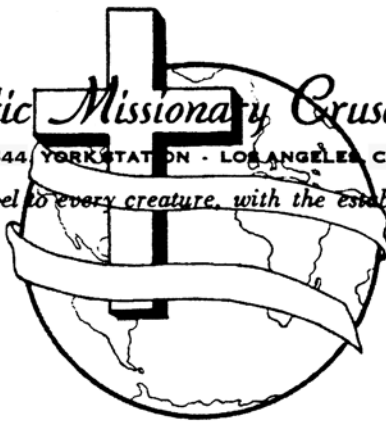
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## LA FINCA DE LOS NINOS

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(Home for Homeless Children)

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Dear friends and co-workers,

Our first mission, above all else, is to fulfill the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ:

*“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mk. 16:15 NKJV*

Our concern for the children of La Finca is that they be always taught God’s word:

*“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” Deut. 6:6,7 NKJV*

God has blessed us with good teachers at La Finca. Our Mexican volunteer missionaries, who left after Christmas, were wonderful. We miss them, but thank God for all of the “good seed” of His word that has been sown into the children’s lives. Our thanks to each of you who pray, give and go, that all may hear His good news.



**“News to gladden your hearts” Little Girls Receive Jesus**

**Christine Taylor** writes: *I wanted to give you some news to gladden your hearts. I have the kinder girls for “cross stitch” most mornings. At the same time as they are sewing, I have been reading to them true Christian stories about children. So now they ask for the stories when they come. Yesterday after church they came with the same request and I read a lovely story to them. It has been a good opportunity to tell them about salvation and yesterday after the story I asked, “Have you invited Jesus into your hearts yet?” “No,” they replied in unison. “Well, you can when you want to. If you like, I will pray with you when you are ready.” With that, Jenny said, “I want to pray now.” And the others said, “Me too.” So I explained that it was a serious decision. They were decided and we all knelt down together and they prayed, following my prayer, and then individually they all thanked God for their salvation. We called Ray and Mirna and they told them too. It was such a blessing!*

*This morning they were back again and asked for another story whilst they sewed. At the end of the story when I had explained a few things to them, I looked at Jeimie’s face and it was alight. “Can we do it again,” she asked, “that which we did yesterday?” I explained that that wouldn’t be necessary as God had answered their prayers, but if they liked, we could all kneel and pray together again. This we did. What a blessing! We do thank the Lord for all who have shared with the girls to bring them to this point. We commend Jenny, Norma, Isabel, Claudia and Jeimie to you for your prayers. May there be much more fruit, good fruit for our Lord’s Kingdom.*

(Ray and Christine come from Great Britain to serve voluntarily at La Finca for three months every-other-year. What a blessing these dedicated Christians are! With Christine’s fluent Spanish and keen understanding of God’s word, our children of all ages are learning and growing spiritually. It’s been said, “Ray can fix anything” – from electronic equipment to bicycles. The children keep them both very busy.)

**Doris Soady**, center, far end of table, meets with our **Señoritas of La Finca**, and a few Señoritas too (married ladies on staff). A dinner was prepared by the ladies for this time of fellowship, followed by Bible questions and answers. These girls are so precious! Please pray for each of them, that they will continue to grow and be wholly surrendered to Christ.



**Señoritas of La Finca**



**Metzler Mennonite Work Team** from Pennsylvania, serves at La Finca – Feb. 27-Mar. 6, 2008:

Back row – (left to right) Wendy Eberly, Keith Martin, Scott Garman, Ray Martin, Aaron Weaver; Middle row – Carolyn Sauder, Vera Martin, Aaron Martin, Eileen Martin, Louise Weaver; Seated – Harlan Horst, Jarred Martin, Kimberly Martin, Janae Martin, Angelica Horst, Janelle Horst; Standing in front – Alessandra Horst and Zackery Horst.

*"It was a joy to be greeted by the children again when our group of 18 arrived at La Finca. They were happy to see those of us they knew from previous trips, and quickly made friends with the new ones in our group.*

*It began raining the first night. While it rained, the men tore the ceiling and windows out of the old boys' dorm so it could be converted into a library, and some of the women prepared meals. In the afternoon the men started working on the new housing project and laid the first courses of block for house number five.*

*"Throughout the week the men worked on the library project, tearing down walls, taking the roof off, and laying a couple courses of new block. They also continued working on the housing project pouring a solid concrete reinforcement around the new house to give extra stability in the event of an earthquake. The women and girls worked on various projects: scraping paint off the school building and repainting it; painting new trim for a classroom; cleaning, sanding and painting steel "canaletas" (roof rafters) for the new houses; and baking chocolate chip "whoopie pies" for the children. Some of us sorted through t-shirts our congregation decorated for the children, trying to decide on the appropriate size for each child and then writing their name on it. We also unpacked approximately 75 colorful homemade fleece blankets, which were brought for the children.*



**The Library Project.**



**Painting steel "canaletas"**

*"Most of our evenings were spent with the children. On Saturday afternoon we went to La Finca's other property for an "outing" with the children. Everyone had fun playing soccer, football, throwing Frisbees, jumping rope, etc. Then we had a time of worship together. Alonso played his guitar and Harlan Horst played his harmonica as we sang together. Then we split into groups for prayer. Soon the Kentucky Fried Chicken dinners arrived: A special treat of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, beans and rice, rolls, and soda. The chocolate chip "whoopie pies," which the girls had baked, were also handed out. After eating, it threatened to rain so we went back to La Finca. It didn't rain for a few hours though, so we were able to have a bonfire, marshmallows and cookies after the younger children went to bed.*

*"Sunday afternoon we gathered with most of the children in the church and handed out t-shirts to each one. We hosted the full time staff for a lasagna dinner on Monday night. After dinner, our group joined them for a staff meeting and had a meaningful time of singing, praying, and sharing together. The children had a program for us at the church on Tuesday evening and then presented each of us with a gift. Their love overwhelmed us at times with feelings that are hard to describe. Before we knew it, our final evening with the children had arrived. They were so sad and some of them were crying. Thursday morning came and it was time for final goodbyes with lots of hugs and tears. We left with many cards, letters, and other tokens of love and affection to take home.*

*"It was a great and rewarding privilege to spend another week at La Finca. This was the fifth trip to La Finca for my husband Aaron and I since February 2001. Our difficulty in communicating is frustrating to us, but the children enjoy teaching us new words and phrases.*

*"It's been such a blessing to love and be loved by our family at La Finca and we look forward to future opportunities to see them again! We have been very encouraged to see the many positive changes take place at La Finca over the past several years, and have cried tears of joy when we heard the news of the twelve young people who committed their lives to Jesus and were baptized. Alonso and Michele Gomez and Angel and Berta Cordova carry an incredible load of responsibility and we commend them for the awesome work they are doing there. It is very evident that they love the children and that the love of Jesus is being shown and taught to them.*

*"On behalf of our group, it was a wonderful privilege to be of service at La Finca for a week. We continue to pray for the work of La Finca and ask for God's continued strength, wisdom and guidance for all who labor there.*

*"Love, Louise Weaver, for the Metzler Mennonite Team"*

Thank God for the faithfulness of the hard-working teams who come to bless the children and ministry at La Finca.

**We have so much more news to share in our next newsletter:**

News of **the Niblets of England** and **the 39th Anniversary Celebration of La Finca**, 25 April 2008; the birth of **Clarissa Elizabeth Gomez**, born to her happy parents **Alonso and Michele Gomez**, on **16 April 2008**; report from the **work team from The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury**, led by **Bob Harris**; continued **construction news**; and a **plane crash** on 30 May 2008, in **Tegucigalpa, Honduras, killing 5**. At least 65 people were injured, including our dear friends and volunteer co-workers: Beate and Peter Paysen. We praise God for His protection and pray for healing grace as they recover from their injuries.

As exciting and wonderful as it is to have visitors and volunteers come to La Finca, we must **always remember to pray for the children and those who faithfully serve at La Finca on a daily basis** – some 24/7. Your prayers for Alonso and Michele, Angel and Bertha, the schoolteachers, caregivers, domestic helpers and a watchman – (who also cares for the animals and grounds of Finca number two) are essential to the over-all operation of this ministry.

With thanksgiving, we pray for each of you, dear friends, who participate in this ministry. Thank you too for praying for all of us who serve at the EMC headquarters. What a privilege to be co-workers together in the vineyard of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless each of you for your vital part in this ministry.

We love and appreciate you, each one,

Ernest and Doris Soady