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In A Nutshell

- Thanks to everyone who prayed for Linda's mom this summer. She is doing much better!
- We had a couple of girls spend two weeks with us this summer. Kristina Thompson and Natalie Cupp were a big help in keeping kids busy and with helping to sort donations.

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Where Have We Been?

It seems that every time we sat down to write a newsletter, something came up. Then it was weeks before we got around to sitting down at the computer again, only to have something else come up. So, we find ourselves in December with only our third newsletter of the year.

It was a very busy summer and fall for the Doss family. It was also a hot one, with daytime highs over 100 degrees. We went for over 180 days without any rain. It's nice to see some milder temperatures and some rain heading our way.

As you know, Molly spent the better part of the year living in Grants Pass, Oregon with friends. She is home now and it is nice to have her back.



Here we are, posing for a goofy shot!

We had a busy summer with groups. We were able to bless several families with new homes. It's always fun to work with groups like New Hope Church, the Hatraks, the Plunketts, Calvary Crossroads, and others. We also made many new friends. We are already booking groups for next year, so if you want to get in on the action, you better let us know!

We all got to go on a short vacation this summer. It was a welcome break from life in a Third World country, where nothing seems to work properly, the roads are hard and dusty, border lines long, and ministry always knocking at the door. A special thanks to Linda's sister, Gilda, and the Spenser Family, who made it all possible.

Back to School Drive

This news is a bit dated, due to the tardiness of the newsletter, but we wanted to send a special Thank You to everyone who participated in our annual Back to School Drive.

Each year we have asked people to sponsor a child by sending us the funds to

purchase a uniform and necessary supplies for school. Funds also cover the inscription fees. Well, this year, with your help, we were able to sponsor over 100 kids! This is just amazing, that so many would respond in this way. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped. All the kids send their thanks too!

Christmas is Just Around the Corner

Christmas? Wasn't it Easter just a short while ago? Gosh, where did 2003 go?

Anyway, Christmas is upon us. And this is a great time for you to bless either your sponsored child (if you have one) or just a child in general. Christmas is a special time here in Mexico, just as in the States. Yet, with the poor economy, Christmas is often just another day to these special people. How can you help? Well, I'll tell you: If you currently sponsor a child, simply buy him or her a small gift, wrap it, and send it to our post office box. Be sure to write your child's name on the outside of the box AND on the gift itself. On a separate paper, please tell us what you purchased. We will present the gift to your child on Christmas eve day or on January 6th (Day of the Kings) if it arrives late.

Don't have a sponsored child? No problem. Just purchase a gift, such as a small toy or clothes, and send it (wrapped, please) to our post office box. On the box and on the gift, write a note as to whom the gift is for and his/her age. Example: Boy, age twelve. On a separate sheet of paper, please tell us what you bought. We will present your gift to a child at our Christmas party, or deliver it to his/her home.

Again, we know that this is short notice, so, please hurry! If you would rather have us do the shopping, simply send a check (in any amount, but at least \$25), payable to HIS Ministries and note it for Christmas. We will purchase a small gift with half the money and put the rest towards a food basket for the family.



Linda handing out some of the many presents donated to the kids at the Center.

Hermana Nati

Hermana (Sister) Nati is a special lady. She is a devout Christian who loves the Lord very much. Nati has worked at the Center for four years now, mostly along side of her daughter, Veronica, who teaches our Kindergarten class. Nati cannot read or write, but she is learning! She sits in with the kids, learning to write her name, letters and numbers.



Hermana Nati enjoys a few minutes' rest in the sun.

Nati is the mother of 17 children! Life here in Mexico is very hard: Nati has lost nine of her children to sickness and disease. A sad story, yes, but she has been blessed with children who are all Christians. Her oldest, Mede, is the pastor the local church.

Please keep Nati in your prayers as she continues to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others in His name.

Ministry Opportunities

Don't think you have what it takes to serve in missions? Neither did we. Don't speak the language? Neither did we. Don't have support raised? Neither did we. Don't know where to go? Neither did we. Don't know what you'll be doing if you do go? Neither did we.

God can't steer a parked car. You've got to get moving so He can steer you to where He wants you to go! He's not going to push, He's not going to drag. He's going to lead.

So, just what opportunities are there at H.I.S. Ministries? Here are a few: We have been looking for a full-time couple to help in the ministry for a few years now. You'd live on-site and help with the Children's Center and with groups.

Can't come full-time? How about for the summer? We are looking for summer interns (age 18 to 80) to help out in all areas.

Summer too long? How about a couple of weeks?

If any of these opportunities sound good, then give us a call. We'd love to hear from you!

Are you a parked car?

Tijuana Outreach

We have been blessed to be a part of an ex-homosexual ministry in Tijuana. There are about 20 men there who work full time for the Lord. They go out onto the streets of Tijuana and minister to those in need and bring home the sick and homeless and take care of them and share the Lord. At any time they have about 40 men there.

On Saturdays they also have a fantastic outreach in a very poor area of Tijuana. They make a big pot of food and tortillas. They take this, plus clothes, Bibles, blankets, and anything extra that they have and go to this area. They play loud music to attract people. The people who come to this are female and male prostitutes, homosexuals, child prostitutes, homeless women and their children, criminals hiding out from the police, and people with AIDS and other diseases.

These people come to this outreach where first they are told about the Lord and given an opportunity to accept Him. Then they are fed and given other things they need.

Right now we are collecting Bibles, tracts, blankets, clothes, soap, food, socks, everything that we can take so that we can come alongside their ministry and help.

This ministry is run by a wonderful Christian woman by the name of Leticia. She had property with a run down house on it. We were able to help with putting on an addition and other home improvements. This last year they have added on two more rooms and built a bigger kitchen.

If you want to be a part of this Ministry in any way, let us know. Lord willing, after the New Year we will be going to TJ regularly.

Year 2003 Recap

What a great year 2003 was! Where do we even begin? I guess, first, by saying, that we give *all* the glory to God. We constantly tell people that we are just three pairs of hands and feet. Nothing more.

- We built six homes for the poor this year.
- We gave away 1000's of pieces of clothing.
- While we do not keep track of every little detail, we know we served about 56,000 plates of food at the Center, made over 25,000 tortillas, and changed over 10,000 diapers!
- We handed out well over 1,000 Bibles and several thousand tracks.
- Operation Stork helped 20 new moms and their babies.
- We began construction on our seventh building on the Center property.
- We hosted 19 groups on short-term mission trips.
- Many, many people, both young and old, made decisions for Christ through community outreach programs.

We can hardly wait to see what 2004 will bring!

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests

First, an urgent prayer request: Nati, one of the workers at the Children's Center has been struggling with high blood pressure and low blood sugar for a long time now. As I write this, she is in the hospital here in Tecate. The doctors have been a bit concerned as to this problem and can't seem to get her sugar/blood pressure under control. Please pray for her.

This is a very busy time of year for us, with all the preparation for Christmas. First we have our Giving Tree Event at church, then buying all the hundreds of presents and dispensas (a food care basket) for the kids and families. Please pray that all the children will have sponsors, and that we (mostly Linda) will get all the shopping done and presents sorted and wrapped. There is a LOT to do in just two short weeks.

Praise wise, all we can say is THANK GOD! What a wonder He is, always supplying everything we need, without even having to ask. We thank God for each of you, too, who continue to remember us in your prayers and giving, even when we can't find time to write. Merry Christmas, everyone!



Will that fit? Molly picking out the Christmas tree for the Children's Center.



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OUR VISION

To share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Mexico, to intercede for them in prayer, and to minister to the poor by helping meet their physical needs.

A Message From Molly

Hello everyone! Can you believe it's Christmas already? This year seemed to fly by. In the last newsletter I told you I was living in Grants Pass, OR. I was working at Dairy Queen and just enjoying being close to a lot of my friends. I was even able to be a bridesmaid in one of my friend's weddings. I also had some people up there that were a huge blessing, being as I was a thousand miles from home it was like I had parents everywhere! They really made me feel like I was a part of their family. So I would like to say thank you to all of you. (too many to name & you know who you are!).

So on September 1st I packed up most of my stuff. One of my friends was taking

a road trip to San Diego at the same time so I had him take some stuff for me (thanks Z). Anyway, I packed my little car to the point I thought it might pop. My friend Kim, (who was able to ride down with me and then fly back up the next week) and I made the long trip home. It was such a fun trip! I didn't think the I-5 could be fun anymore, but we sure managed to have a blast! Although I did get some funny looks when I stopped to pump gas in my slippers!



Joy, Cassidy, Emily, & me working at Dairy Queen.

And now I am home. As soon as I got home I started working on four college applications to medical schools in the UK that were due in by mid-October. I received a confirmation letter saying they had received them and that I

will hear in the next few months. I am praying for the Lord's will and I know if He wants me there I will get in. Just a side note on these colleges; they receive approx. 400 international applications per year and only accept 12. So please be praying! I will also be applying to some Universities here in the States to study nursing.

And in the meantime I have a job! At Starbucks! It's a really fun place to work and I am so blessed because my manager and several my co-workers are Christians! Plus, it is only a couple of blocks from my church, so all the pastors and staff are always stopping in.

Right now we are getting ready for the Christmas party at the daycare. I am sure it will be a blast, like it is every year. Until then, we are shopping, sorting and wrapping!

I hope you all have a wonder-