

Rivers of Mercy Children's Home



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Rivers of Mercy Group Trip...

The first week in September a group from various churches journeyed to Rivers of Mercy in Mexico City. What a wonderful time we had with all our Children at the home. Carol and I returned home to then immediately evacuate because of Hurricane Ike. We have not been able to publish anything until now. As I considered what to put in this first edition since the storm I reread the following comments by Pastor David Locke. I believe it to be perfect for our Thanksgiving Edition. Thanks David & Sharon for your friendship and abiding love for your (our) kids in Mexico... It's obvious that they love you both. Pastor Larry Jones

We have just returned home from eight days in Mexico. Our first evening meal was at the Rivers of Mercy Children's Home. After a beautiful dinner, the children sang two songs in English for us.

The first song was "Because He Lives." We visitors joined in the chorus. What a wonderful song and a beautiful sound.

The second song was "Amazing Grace." I wondered if they understood the words they were singing. The second stanza says, "through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come..." I thought this statement is certainly true concerning them or else they wouldn't be here. Several of these children are less than ten years old and yet they've experienced things that weren't even talked about in my generation.

As I listened to these twenty-nine children sing, those who have been rescued, I thought to myself, there are thousands more just outside that door. The children continued singing, "tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home." What a great truth for all of us!

Whether they completely understand what has happened to them and what these words mean, someday their hearts and minds will make that connection, and out of their bellies shall flow rivers of living water. Jn.7:38 I believe there will be a great flood of love and gratitude and service from these boys and girls.

One of the great things about becoming older is that we have the opportunity to see some of the fruit that we have labored and hoped for for so long. I expect to see and know some great men and women who will come from this home.

God bless you richly, Rivas Family.

Pastor David Locke



James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God

and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless...

Remember Rivers Of Mercy This Christmas



Dr. Rivas Carrying Chucho

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Write checks to Santa Fe Baptist Church with ROM or Children's Home on the Memo Line. 100% of all offerings go to the Children's Home.

The articles are by Pastor Larry Jones unless noted otherwise



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A father of the fatherless... is God in his holy habitation. Psalm 68:5

And Then Came IKE

Santa Fe Baptist Church is located in Galveston County, Texas only a few miles inland from Galveston and the Gulf of Mexico. Santa Fe, along with area communities, suffered serious damage from Hurricane Ike. Our church building sustained moderate damage. We have just completed repairs on our children's building and fellowship hall, and we now have phone and internet access at the church after almost 2 months. When a neighbor brought a support check to us that was found in their debris we realized there may be other checks that must have been delivered after the evacuation notice and then blown away by Hurricane Ike. **PLEASE CHECK THE LIST BELOW FOR A RECORD OF ANY CHECKS YOU SENT. IF THERE IS NO RECORD: FIRST CHECK WITH YOUR BANK TO SEE IF THE CHECK CLEARED, AND THEN PLEASE CONTACT US.**

Gifts And Offerings

	August	September	October
Santa Fe Baptist Santa Fe, TX	362.50	225.00	415.00
Peggy Bickel Edgewood, TX	100.00		
Bodine Baptist Church Ok City, OK		1000.00	150.00
Tom & Lacy Bynum Alva, OK	300.00	500.00	250.00
Carmichael Baptist Carmichael, CA	174.20	55.00	55.00
Edmond Road Baptist Edmond, OK	285.00	140.00	
Faith Baptist Church Brownsboro, TX	200.00		200.00
First Baptist Church Clute, TX	175.00	60.00	125.00
Heartland Baptist Round Lake Beach, Ill	1000.00		193.00
Highland Baptist Dublin, TX			1725.00
Holts Prairie Baptist Pinckneyville, Ill	70.00	70.00	70.00
IglesiaBautista Horeb Huntsville, TX	50.00	50.00	50.00
IglesiaBautistaVidaYVerdad Crouse, NC	100.00	100.00	100.00
Lakeworth Baptist Lake Worth, TX	1491.00		100.00
Leagueville Baptist Leagueville TX	172.83		
Lee & Patricia Lerwick Plano, TX	150.00		150.00
Lukfata Baptist Lukfata, OK	1158.30		
Joseph & Pearl McNerlin Diana, TX			30.00
Northeast Baptist Southlake, TX	247.00		221.87
Northway Baptist Humble, TX			200.00
Parkview Baptist Childress, TX		100.00	100.00
Riverview Baptist Borger, TX	75.00	75.00	75.00
Rodgers Baptist Garland, TX	70.00		70.00
Rodgers Baptist Fairbanks, AK		608.75	
South Dr Baptist Houston, TX	40.00	40.00	40.00
Southland Baptist Cincinnati, OH	150.00		150.00
Southside Baptist Borger, TX	50.00	50.00	50.00
Story Road Baptist Irving, TX	84.00	74.00	51.00
Wetmore Baptist Wetmore, CO	75.00		75.00
Total	6679.83	3147.75	4445.87