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Welcome to our newest staff members!



Rodolfo and Daphne Bolante have come all the way from the Philippines to join us. We have prayed long and hard for their arrival, there seemed to be one problem after another, but God overcame all obstacles and they are now adapting to living in the high altitude and dry climate of New Mexico.

Rudy served in the Southern Luzon Mission of NPUM for 26 years as auditor, accountant and treasurer and happily serves the Lord with his gift of numbers and computer skills. I am sure you will remember that our accountant, Larry Howell, died in January. It will be a relief to me to have someone to take over those duties (though I am not sure what I will use as an excuse for the fact that the newsletter is late coming out once he is settled in that position). I have it on good authority that he is a good father to 2 wonderful children.

Daphne is a teacher, a mom and a friend. She is a CTTM teacher at her local church, and loves to organize string ensembles and children's singing groups. They will be houseparents and I am sure her love of children will help her relate to our incoming students. She has been helping in the office and has done a great job.

Rudy and Daphne have 2 children, Ardee and Roei. Ardee did not accompany them to our mission. She is a BS Computer Engineering Graduate and is continuing her education in the Philippines. Perhaps, God willing, she will be able to join us in the future. Roei is a quiet young man, very talented musically, he plays the guitar and violin; and is very adept at computers. We are looking forward to getting to know them better and ask your prayers for them, that God will give them a very real sense of His presence and comfort.

Richard and Debora Minick are returning to LaVida Mission after 4 years at Advent Home in Calhoun, TN. They are originally from the Oregon/Washington area and visited the mission in the spring of 2003 with a group that painted the old office and finished work on the Quonset hut that we use for storage.



Richard was working in construction when he felt that the Lord was calling him to work at the mission, using his many talents to further His work. They arrived in July 2003 and were houseparents for the little boys and Richard worked in maintenance. They stayed through the school year, before moving on to Advent Home where he was in the maintenance department and the supervisor of the work/studies program. They also substituted in the boy's home every 3rd weekend.

Richard was surprised by a call from our director, Dan Dixon, to discuss his resume and letter of interest. He and Deb had discussed the possibility of returning to La Vida Mission, but he was unaware that she had contacted us. After he and Dan cleared up that confusion, and after much prayer and discussion, Richard and Deb loaded up their van and their trailer and started the long trip to New Mexico. Richard relates that he saw the Lord's hand in many of the situations encountered and we are grateful that they made it here safely. They will be houseparents again, with girls this time, and Deb has been just as hard at work fixing up the house and yard as Richard has been in the maintenance department. We ask your prayers for them as well, to give them the knowledge that God will be their to supply the strength and wisdom they need.

Unexpected blessings!

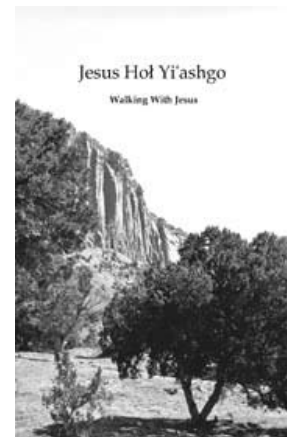
We were contacted earlier this year by Frank Hardy, who, along with Tony Goldtooth, was working on a reprint of their book published in 2004, written in both Navajo and English. "Jesus Hoł Yi'ashgo" is based on, and quotes from, "Steps to Jesus", a simplified version of "Steps to Christ".

He said there would be no cost to the mission; we had been allocated 700 copies and all we had to do was pick up the boxes in Farmington.

This was one of the rare cases in which something that sounds too good to be true actually WAS true.

If you would like to read "Jesus Hoł Yi'ashgo" ("Walking With Jesus"), there is a transcript as well as other information on their website <http://thebooklet.org>. It is a very professionally done book, easy to read and small enough not to be intimidating. They are wonderful to give away to our community members and will be a much-used witnessing tool.

Thank you, Frank for caring about our Navajo brothers and sisters and helping us to reach out to them. And thank you, God for supplying everything we need, abundantly above and beyond what we know to ask!





From the director

Greetings from
La Vida,

What has God wrought at La Vida Mission this June? It has been truly amazing. As most of you know who have been receiving our newsletters, our greenhouses have been in disrepair for many years and all but two have gotten to the state where they are unsafe. We have been taking them down and making plans for fixing up the last two. These are about 40 foot wide and 90 feet long. They sit about 25 feet apart.

One fine morning it was felt that conditions were safe to burn some cardboard boxes in an open area about 100 feet from the greenhouses. After most of the cardboard was consumed, the wind arrived and fanned

the flames. A hot spot hit dry grass and raced to the first greenhouse. My son and I were at the barn and saw what was happening.

We got two 1/2 inch garden hoses going which did nothing to impress the fire. I have fought fires for the U. S. Forest Service for 30 years and knew that we were looking at the end of all the greenhouses with fire reaching Vicky Pioche's house three miles up river in very short order.



By the time someone thought to take a picture, the greenhouse was already down, and the remaining embers were being doused by staff and board members.

I have been told that the Lord looks out for fools and missionaries and at that point I figured to meet both qualifications. My son yelled that the wind was shifting and he and I got between the first green house and the second and began cooling greenhouse number two. The wood was charred and smoking and the fiberglass was melting. Greenhouse number one was fully involved with smoke and flames 50 to 60 feet into the sky. I know in my heart that God stretched out his hand that day and told that fire it could go no farther. The first house collapsed and we started to try to cool things down while feeling very pathetic with our 1/2 inch hoses. God blessed us mightily that day and all that was lost was a green house which was scheduled to come down anyway and no one was hurt and nothing else damaged.

What a blessing to see God's hand at work to protect His mission. The whole green house was fully consumed in approximately 10 minutes and collapsed



Thank God for His protection.

and on the ground in 20. Grass was burned up to the second green house and our property fence and no further.

Another blessing is that we have been looking for a mysterious but rumored second well. It was supposed to be close to the green houses. Last year was a wet year with a huge growth in weeds and brush. This year we have had no rain. Two weeks ago as I was driving past the greenhouses I saw a 10 inch pipe sticking out of the ground where the brush had died off. Our mystery well has been found. A fishing line and sinker revealed a depth of 25 feet with about 8 feet of water. Nothing great but we will now get it registered and hopefully at some point in the future we can develop it further.

Our second family from the Philippines has arrived this week and we welcome the Bolantes. Also the Minicks have joined us last week. We praise the Lord for helping each of them in coming here.

The best is saved for last. It looks like we will be having another baptism in July. So we are praying for that and all our on-going projects.

What's next here at La Vida? We never know. But we are ordering books for the school and are making ready for more students. The Panganibans have been handing out beautiful flyers that Ms. Dorie has designed and going door to door around the Nation to recruit students.

So keep us in your prayers as we also pray for you. It is your continued support that keeps us going. And God's merciful hand that protects us.

Dan Dixon



Pastor Panganiban, hard at work in one of our usable greenhouses.

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La Vida update

Everyone is busy, most of us wear a variety of hats and the days fly by. I apologize to those who try to call and get constant busy signals or messages that say it is an invalid extension. The phone company has been here several times, but the problem remains. I sometimes wonder if it is a phone system problem or a spiritual warfare issue. Surely if it were simply a matter of defective equipment, we would be able to get the matter resolved by now. (We call the phone company to report the problems, eventually when we manage to get through to them they reply that they were not able to contact us. Hmmm...)

We have several people out at camp-meetings, they are delighted to have a chance to meet our extended family (that's YOU), so please, if you see our booth, stop by and say hello.

The remaining staff is getting the school and other buildings prepared for the new year, making sure the books and supplies are ready for the students. The

dorms were painted and cleaned, now it is the cafeteria's turn, and we hope to get some painting done in the clinic as well. We have 2 young ladies helping us out and they have been put to work doing a variety of things, ranging from typing in the office to scrubbing chairs in the cafeteria. Thank you Chelsea and Watona!

Danny and Glori Williams have resigned their positions and will be moving to Puerto Rico this month. We wish them God's blessing on their new endeavor.

And last, but by NO means least, a very special event occurred today!

We welcomed Kaitlin Paridee, 13, into our La Vida Mission family.... well, I guess that isn't exactly right. She already WAS a member of our family, but now she is a member of the body of Christ as well.

Kaitlin is a talented and delightful young lady, and it was indeed a day of celebration. Please join us in prayer for her as God helps her to continue to grow in her Christian life. We love you, Kaitlin!

La Vida Needs:

- We are collecting funds for new twin mattresses. Many of the mattresses the students sleep on are, to put it mildly, past their prime. If you wish to donate to this fund, please mark your check "mattresses". We thank those who have donated to this fund, and we will occasionally mention this again. There are many mattresses that need replaced, and we will buy them as we can, doing our best to be good stewards.

- Bamboo roll-up shades for the cafeteria

- Vinyl pillow protectors

- We have a bathroom that we make available to our community members for showers, many of which do not have running water in their homes. The toilet seats and the small sinks are quite old and in extremely bad shape, and we would like to be able to replace them. Again, if you wish to donate to this fund, please mark the check accordingly.

In Memory of

<i>Marie Trubey-La Court-Baker</i>	<i>by Marvin & Barbara LaCourt</i>
<i>Gloria (Oyie) Banaag</i>	<i>by Thelma Pallasa Torio</i>
<i>Andrew Barbera</i>	<i>by John & Robin Korponay</i>
<i>Anthony Barbera</i>	<i>by John & Robin Korponay</i>
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<i>Arlyne Bauer</i>	<i>by Marguerite Anderson</i>
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<i>Arlyne Bauer</i>	<i>by J. Rita Vital</i>
<i>Wayne Eyer</i>	<i>by Arlene Eyer</i>
<i>Wayne Gusso</i>	<i>by Lillian Gusso</i>
<i>Edward Hayes</i>	<i>by Joy Hayes</i>
<i>James Jetton</i>	<i>by Marge Jetton</i>
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<i>Lee Somo</i>	<i>by John & Robin Korponay</i>
<i>Van Unger</i>	<i>by Verna Unger</i>
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<i>Howard Wheeler</i>	<i>by Robert Gunst</i>

In Honor of

Brenda Guidry *by Edward Jackson*
John & Catherine Schmidt's 58th wedding anniversary - Congratulations!

Thank you to all of the donors who make a difference at La Vida!



Dan and Sherrie Dixon and Kaitlin Paridee.



Kaitlin and Pastor Blake Jones

Notes from the Fix It Department,

Greetings from sunny downtown La Vida! It HAS been reeeaaalll sunny so we've been putting our swamp coolers to the test. Our roofs are not leaking any at all since we've had NO rain. We also have very few mosquitoes. One can always find the silver lining if one tries hard enough. We do need rain. My experience tells me the 10 or so inches of rain we get a year comes in one day so next month I'll complain about the rain. All kidding aside, we have been very blessed this month by the arrival of returning staff members Deb and Richard Minick. They are going to be house parents during the school year and Richard is working in the Fix It Department to my great pleasure. He has completely replaced the drains in the old office, replaced the drains in the new office, and Gayle now can brush her teeth in her bathroom (what a novel idea).



Unfortunately, as I am sure you know, when one thing needs repaired, it often means that you have to make a BIG mess to get to the problem and you end up with a BIG fix-it job.

Water and Waste Water have become a hot topic here. Since our water system is now State Regulated (La Vida Mission Community Water Supply), we are obligated to have a certified Water Operator. Bob Blair has been doing the water operations for several years, mostly in complying with mandated

water analysis. He and I both attended an eye opening workshop when we galloped off to Gallup last week for two days. Since my nursing background has been more concerned with a different type of "water sampling", I learned a lot about the pre-drink (pre-drunk) water. I found out more than I ever thought I might want to know about what I didn't know. In other words, I'll be doing considerable study before the test date. Nursing also deals with waste water and elimination but I'll be learning how to deal with it on a macro level. How fun! I wonder if Fleet's make a REALLY BIG enema? Anyway, blessings to you all, pray for rain in moderate amounts over moderate time frames.

Lee McIntosh

In the calmer moments, (between the fire and the water), Lee helps clean up in preparation for the new school year.



THANK YOU!!

• To all those who have donated mattress pads and those who have sent money specifically for them. All the dorm houses now have new pads, the older ones that are still usable will go into the guest house that is used for visiting mission groups. (Some beds had none at all, others are so worn that they are not usable.) The goal of having the children's beds supplied with decent covers has been met thanks to **you**.

Bulletin Board

Special Thanks to:

- **Our Heavenly Father** for providing our needs.
- **Faithful donors** who support LVM with prayers, financial and other donations.
- **Student sponsors** and their many contributions, prayers and letters.
- **Edward Jackson** for children's Sabbath school materials.
- **Betty Adams** for Pathfinder uniform and seeds.
- **The Burkhalter family** for children's books.
- **Debra Kearnes** for children's toys, puzzles, many boxes of women's clothing and accessories.
- **Cindy Williams** for many brand new children's clothes.
- **McPherson SDA Church** in Kansas for a box of many assorted household and craft items and Bibles.

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