

# RANCHO SANTA MARTA

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## Rod & Tina's Corner

*Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*

**Matthew 10:29-30**

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank you for your responses to our newsletters, Facebook page and Instagram. We understand these Covid-19 times are difficult and frustrating but because of this pandemic we have felt closer to our supporters and supporting churches. Many have asked how we are doing, are the kids getting enough food, what are our needs, etc. We have had Zoom meetings with different supporting churches with the idea of keeping us encouraged and sending the message that we are not isolated from their congregations. We have been blessed by your concern for us and we praise God for raising up an army of supporters for this ministry. Many of you treat these ranch children and our staff as your extended family and that alone truly blesses us. Thank you for your prayers, notes of encouragement, emails and responses to our needs. We do not know what lies ahead this fall but we do know that God is in control of even the activities of sparrows as the verse states above. Everything that is happening is not by chance but under God's control and we take comfort knowing that even though the world around us is chaotic we can stand on the Rock that doesn't waver, that doesn't change and His grace abounds to those who put their faith in Him. We put our faith in Him because He is the great I AM. He is alive! Praise Him.

Blessings,  
Rod & Tina

## Good Bye!

Jesús Abraham had a short stay with us in our Santa Marta family. He was pulled away from his abusive father and placed with his uncle and aunt for a time. They asked the Mexican social system, DIF, to help them out with the care of Abraham while they gained legal custody of him. Abraham was with us for under a year and he flourished under our care, in fact the social worker that brought him to us a year ago did not recognize him when she picked him up. His skin had color, eyes were bright and he was healthier looking! He is going back to his uncle and aunt where we are confident he will be cared for properly.



Guadalupe Ortiz has been with us for 16 years. She is 22 years old now and it is time for her to become independent. She has her sister, Maria and her brother Agustin living in Ensenada and both working. Guadalupe studied and graduated from a two year beautician trade school in Ensenada. She came back to the ranch, decided she wanted to finish her high school studies and graduated this past June. She is now going to Ensenada to live with her siblings and look for a job and possibly continue her education.

It is hard to see these two leave but we believe that where they are going will be secure places and they will be cared for. Thank you for your support in helping raise them. With your help their physical needs were met and more importantly the seed of the gospel was planted in their lives. Now we pray they continue to grow in their spiritual walk with God.

## Baja Beach Bash Lives On

This would have been the 12<sup>th</sup> summer for the ranch to host the kick off motorcycle ride for Baja Beach Bash with Cameron Steele and Johnny Campbell. These riders come from all over the United States to enjoy the coastline of Baja California during the last part of July. We have seen over 60+ riders come down for the event. This year it had to be postponed because Baja California was almost completely shut down from visiting tourists, surfers, campers and motorcycle enthusiasts. It was sad news to hear about the postponement but we were anticipating the phone call from Cameron and we just added it to our very different summer here at the ranch. We had no groups, no two week trade school and now no Baja Beach Bash BUT... Cameron and friends have not forgotten our children and they have started a dedicated Facebook page to initiate a fundraising event for Rancho Santa Marta.

This event reaches out to the Baja racers and support teams who in the years past have been a tremendous financial support to this ministry. Their sacrificial giving has been amazing and they have not disappointed, for even though the event has been moved, these racing, off road enthusiasts continue to give to our children. If you would like to see the response go to [https://www.facebook.com/donate/3379085892145087/?fundraiser\\_source=external\\_url](https://www.facebook.com/donate/3379085892145087/?fundraiser_source=external_url).



Moto foot down in our corral back in 2013!

**Thank you Baja Beach Bash participants! May God richly bless you as you bless others!**