

Hello to friends and supporters of Gabriel House,

Spring has come to our part of Baja and it is glorious to see the hills velvety green and the wild flowers in bloom. Spring brings the hope of a new beginning. It is one of my favorite seasons because the humming birds return and then the Monarch butterflies to feast on the fresh nectar of the new blooms. I am an early riser so it is wonderful to fill my cup with hot tea and greet the morning in my garden.

It is always tempting to think that our ministry here at Gabriel House is failing when all the finances we expect do not come in. Sometimes the struggle rather than the blessings become the focus so I ask the Lord's forgiveness and help in reminding me of the blessings of our ministry.

First and foremost, we have 30 beautiful little children that we have the privilege of serving. Next are our faithful givers. Some of you send finances while others come and participate in projects that improve the lives of our children. You visit and bring gifts, you sing and make melody in your hearts for our kids, you pray, and you give of yourselves. We thank you so much.

Today is Tuesday. Tuesdays are very special to Ted and I because that is the day when Hal and Carol Holmberg come to minister to us, pray with us, impart God's word and His special messages to us. Hal and Carol are a gift from God. They have been our fast friends for 25 years and have served us and mentored us in the Lord for all of that time. They followed us to Mexico about 9 years ago where God led them to begin ministering to church leadership. They now appear on two TV stations and in many churches in the greater Ensenada area and still take time from their busy schedules to come on Tuesdays to encourage us. They lead worship and praise and we have the sweetest times of fellowship. It is very special to Ted and me because we often have to stay behind to oversee Gabriel House while our other missionary volunteers attend the local Mexican churches on Sunday so we get the watering of the Word on Tuesdays. What a blessing!

We have other special people in our lives that truly bless us. I am so encouraged to have Lupe Soto who keeps our ministry on track with the local government and DIF.

Kim Cysewski helps us oversee the running of the Gabriel House Maneadero and encourages us constantly in the Lord. She is my sister and my armor bearer.

Angel Baeza and his wife Rachel oversee the Gabriel House II in SanVicente. They are doing a wonderful job, and bring a new dynamic to the teaching of able learning handicapped kids. Because of Angel's disability he has a special insight into the needs of our kids.

Dave and Peggy Fend are such a blessing too working tirelessly behind the scenes on our website to keep it up to date. Peggy edits my writings and both encourage us in the word and pray for us when we are sick. Peggy is a gifted quilter . I recovered from brain surgery last August wrapped in a prayer quilt embroidered with healing scriptures; a treasure from Peggy.

I must not take the gift of health for granted either. Ted and I have recovered from some seemingly insurmountable illnesses. Both of us are fit and able thanks to the healing power of Jesus the King.

In God we are so rich!!! We are so blessed!!! And You are so good!!!

Blessed *is* Jehovah my Rock, who teaches my hands for war, my fingers for battle. *He is* my goodness and my fortress; my high tower and my deliverer; my shield and *He* in whom I trust; who humbles my people under me. Psalm 144:1-2

Have a wonderful day in the Lord,

God bless you

Renie and Ted

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