



H.O.W. NEWS

A Call To Help Orphans & Widows

Fall 2007

Finalization of 501(c)3 Status!

August 2007

H.O.W. has received the finalization of their 501(c)3 status. This has been a two year process and the board of directors appreciates and thanks Stacy Sokol, Esq. for his generosity and commitment to assist us in this endeavor. The organization may now request grants and participate in other areas of support made available to 501(c)3 organizations. We praise our Heavenly Father for allowing us to be a part of His work around the world. Please note any donation made prior to completion of our 501(c)3 status **IS** tax deductible.



Director, Nina Bayles presents iPod to Susan Huebert

AV Women's Conference

May 2007

The Antelope Valley Women's Conference, held on May 19th, presented a wonderful opportunity for H.O.W. to share with the women of this community what we are all about. The booth was manned by one of our volunteers and various directors.

We were able to meet many ladies from the Antelope Valley and explain the vision of H.O.W. Women were encouraged to sign up for the quarterly newsletter and were directed in how they can become involved. At the Conference completion, a drawing for an iPod was conducted and a new friend *Susan Huebert*, Lancaster, CA was the lucky winner (picture above).

STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY

June 2007 - Palmdale

On June 23rd the board members of H.O.W. set aside time for some strategic planning. Dr. Leeland, a missionary from Panama, began the day with an inspirational talk about his many years working with the people of Panama. After this introduction, Vicky Warren, a volunteer and qualified leader from The Walt Disney Company, directed the board as we discussed the future of this organization.

Discussions revolved around what the board sees as the vision for H.O.W., what H.O.W. does well (strengths) and key challenges facing H.O.W. (weaknesses). After brainstorming, the directors ranked the three most prominent areas needing improvement. Investment of time will be dedicated to these areas over the next year.

The three key challenges identified by the board are: prayer, finances and volunteers. Over the next year the board of directors will focus on addressing these challenges. This newsletter falls under one of these areas and any comments/suggestions from our readers are greatly appreciated. Comments may be sent to robin.hopper@acthow.org.



Blessings to Mexico's Widows

August 2007

Through your generous donations H.O.W. was able to supply \$1,100.00 to benefit widows in Tecate, Mexico. H.O.W. partnered with Art and Joyce Stoneking, missionaries who live in Tecate. Several churches in the Tecate area along with churches from Southern California participated in this unique event.

The ladies were treated to a beautiful luncheon and were then given supply boxes which contained items such as; toiletries, kitchen items and nonperishable food stuffs.

The goal of this outreach was to remind widows that through all their suffering and loneliness, God is with them. In addition, there are people that love them and want to serve them. This was a blessed time of sharing with those in needs and to be about doing what God has commanded us to do.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

James 1:27



Interested in sponsoring an event, an orphan or a widow? Contact us today!

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Joe and Arcelia Hernandez



Joe and Arcelia Hernandez have been married for 35 years this October. They were high school sweethearts and were married in Los Angeles. They have two children, Crystal and Adam, and a grandchild, Jerel.

Arcelia became a Christian in 1982 and Joe has known the Lord since 1980. They have worked together in missionary work for 17 years and Joe's heart has always been committed to working with orphans and widows. Their work began in Ensenada, Baja California by supplying food to seven orphanages and several widows.

Joe enjoys teaching Bible at his church and disciples other men in the faith. Arcelia is a compassionate woman that loves to give to others and shows the love of Jesus daily. Their desire is to become full-time missionaries with the goal of motivating the church to move out to do missionary work worldwide. Joe serves as the President of H.O.W.

Congratulations to a Co-Laborer

The directors of H.O.W., love, honor and congratulate a physician who has consistently assisted this organization on several Central American medical outreaches. Dr. Gabriella and Junior Rojas were married on May 26th in lovely Costa Rica. We rejoice in their joy of this blessed event. This couple is committed to carry out God's work in their lives together with dreams of blessing people in Mali, Africa in the years to come.



Bibles to Guatemala

July 2007

Thanks to the generous donations of people like you -- H.O.W. was blessed to partner with *Iglesia de Dios* "Nueva Jerusalem" to provide Bibles to children in Guatemala. Delfina Campos and her husband have been ministering to Guatemala for 12 years through this organization.

"Nueva Jerusalem" ministers to the people of Guatemala by providing Bibles and school supplies for the children. Elementary education is free in Guatemala but the children must provide their own supplies. This is a great financial burden for families and many children are not allowed to attend school due to this problem. Without receiving an education these children grow up and remain in the vicious cycle of poverty.

Our Mission

Helping Orphans and Widows' mission is to help and assist orphans and widows worldwide by strengthening and encouraging them through economic, physical, medical, spiritual, and/or material means.

The directors of H.O.W. have served on mission outreaches in many countries around the world and have learned no man is or ever will be greater than his creator. Our objective is to serve with love and compassion to orphans and widows and extend Grace to them. They are valuable people. H.O.W. encourages and works with churches, businesses, and government when any opportunity arises that will assist this effort. H.O.W. is Helping Orphans and Widows.

The Directors of H.O.W. are all dedicated to serving and do so without salaries.

Please join the Board of Directors in prayer for the following items:

- Praise for 501(c)3 completion!
- Pray for our national government leaders
- Pray for international government leaders
- Pray for the Board and their families
- Pray for new volunteers
- Pray for God's direction on future mission outreaches
- Pray for required finances to carry on the work of this organization

If you would like to be a Prayer Warrior for H.O.W. please contact us for regular e-mails of prayer requests.