



H.O.W. NEWS

A Call To Help Orphans & Widows

Fall / Winter 2009

The directors of *Helping Orphans and Widows* extend our thanks and Merry Christmas 2009 to you, our many friends, who have assisted reaching out, with kindness, to the widow, the orphan and the stranger. Your kindness, expressed in labor, money and prayer, has touched the lives of men, women and children in many areas of the world. Thank You. May you have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.



Junior J. Rojas Cedeñ & Marta G. Grillo Castillo **Mali, West Africa**

The desire of this Costa Rican couple, to serve the orphan and street kids in Mali, West Africa, has taken root. They arrived, established their home and are now preparing to serve needs.

Dr. Gabriela Castillo has worked with *H.O.W.* on medical outreaches in Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua, and Ecuador. Junior is a teacher. This couple's focus is medical care and education to the many orphan and street kids in Mali. This nation of +13 million has only 4 hospitals and 60 clinics. A medical clinic is planned for a remote village. Classes will teach healthful living and sanitation. Unclean community water wells are common. Water purification will be taught.



This couple made a stop in Los Angeles on their move to Mali to share the goals and vision with *H.O.W.* and friends. We enjoyed a taco lunch near Union Station and Olvera Street and are very supportive and excited of the positive impact they can have on young lives. They also desire to start an orphanage and a school to teach trades. Most street kids are not orphans. Many parents are unable to support kids and elect to give them to "religious men" or tribal witch doctors in a hope they gain wisdom and leadership for a better future. Instead, kids are trained as beggars and required to obtain 500 francs per day or be punished. Junior and Gabriela will work to give kids a healthy life and a future of hope. It begins with compassion.

Currently their operating budget is below expenses. However, they elected to go forward with a faith the blessings will come. A support of \$2000 monthly is needed and they are at \$1400.

They need sponsors. It could be you, your business or church. Please consider being a sponsor for this large challenge Dr. Gabriela and Junior have accepted.

Please indicate "Mali" on the memo line of your check, payable to *H.O.W.*, and 100% of the Gift will go to the Mali outreach of Dr. Gabriela and Junior.

Casa Hogar

Canon Buena Vista, Mexico – The dental office for Casa Hogar is now complete. With special thanks to *Dr. Robert Haze DDS, Dr. Vicki Vida Kestler DDS, Farley Brothers Allied Van Lines* and volunteers, *H.O.W.* provided the office with two complete dental chairs, lights, x-ray units and office & waiting room chairs, desks and equipment. *Dr. Larry Tabor, DDS* shares a PowerPoint.

ctrl click on: [Casa Hogar](http://www.youtube.com/user/ldtn8824j)

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Lancaster, CA.

Winter - That time again.

Evaporative water coolers, a blessing in summer heat, must be winterized to prevent damage from the freeze of winter and stop excess heat loss through the open units. *H.O.W.* volunteers serviced units for several residents needing help this fall.



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.

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Original Home



Unload & Paint



Construction Underway

A Loft Home for a Widow Zorillo, Mexico September 2009

Director Jim Bayles: Her former 8'x10' home, scrap lumber and cardboard boxes, was replaced with a 12'x12' two story "loft" home. Celina shares her home with her son, daughter-in-law and 7 month grandson. The new house, simply 288 sq. ft., more than triples the available room.

A combined effort of **Desert Winds Community Church, H.O.W.** and **Hands of Mercy**, to pre-build a home in one day in the USA, deliver it to Mexico and assemble it in one day blessed a widow in need. Food, bedding and household items were also provided for this family.

The combined building team included youth from 5 years through 80 years. One is never too young or old to show kindness to another. The team enjoyed the fellowship with Celina and her family.

Celina had tears of joy in receiving prayer, house keys and a family Bible for her new home. The team worked hard and was delighted.



Final Roof Section



House Completed



Joyful with Keys & Bible

November 2009

Santa Cruz, Bolivia

Orphanage Project and More



Director Joe Hernandez: The orphanage construction has begun on the first of 15 proposed homes for orphans on the 27 acre site. We were equipped and ready to do more than construction. On arrival, I meet with doctors, Pastors, key leaders of local churches and government offices. Five community sites were established for the team to serve youth, widows and poor. Free medical aid was given to people in the communities. Each team, doing the same type of work, had areas for patient reception, waiting areas, rooms for Dr. examinations and treatments, dental, optical, pharmacy and a prayer area. Many widows and fatherless children received medical attention and were fed. Widows received gift baskets. To all, the hope of our Lord was given. Many poor received dental attention and lots of teeth required extractions. Hundreds of people received service.

Dr. Fernando Hill, with the **Bolivia Ministry of Health and Sports**, supplied 16 doctors and 5 dentists to join the **H.O.W.** team of doctors from the USA and Nicaragua. The State did immunizations. Dr. Fernando brought a mobile clinic for pediatrics and gynecology. **H.O.W.** paid for the gasoline.

The children's ministry team taught the word of God and enjoyed sharing projects and fun activities with the kids. Our "beauticians" manicured & polished nails for widows and cut hair for the ladies and kids. Teachers and pastoral team members shared with area pastors, giving them support and encouragement.

Many widows blessed us, stating they were glad our God has not forgotten them. He is good. Bolivian volunteers were blessed and want **H.O.W.** to continue the project. This outreach expanded well beyond the house construction. The orphanage house project began well and went well. The entire team worked hard, returned home tired and know our Lord was magnified and glorified. **H.O.W.** will build the orphanage bakery in 2010. The earth is moved and a foundation is started. Blessed be the name of our Lord.

