



# H.O.W. NEWS

**A Call To Help Orphans & Widows**

**Summer 2009**



**MEXICO April / May 2009, H.O.W.** teamed with volunteers from **L.A. Water and Power, Desert Winds Community Church** and **Highlands Four Square Church** of Palmdale, California in cooperation with **Hands of Mercy Ministry** of Redlands, California, to build home for a young, homeless family in Mexico. This combined team, included over 50 boys, girls, men and women. The home was framed and then loaded, as a "kit home", onto a trailer here in the U.S. and hauled to the home site, near Ensenada, Mexico. It took one day to pre-assemble and one day for the final assembly in Mexico. The happy, grateful new home owners also received prayer, food, and a nice family Bible with the keys to their new home. It was a good day.



**Director Jim Bayles** reports an opportunity to build a home for a widow in Mexico became available and **H.O.W.** will again partner with local area church volunteers and **Hands of Mercy** on this project. It is scheduled for September 2009.



**USA June 2009 Lancaster, CA:**

Summer temperatures can be extreme in the deserts of Southern California. **H.O.W.** volunteers have assisted widows and others in need of assistance to repair evaporative air coolers for several years. The cost effectiveness of these cooling units, over refrigerant units, enables lower electric bills. Unfortunately they are effective only in low humidity climates. The savings and volunteer efforts are appreciated by many.

**USA June 2009 New Orleans, LA:**

The damages from Hurricane Katrina, Aug 29, 2005, to people, homes and businesses was devastating. There are many still struggling to recover. The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals reported a total 1,464 deaths of Hurricane Katrina from Louisiana. Though recovery efforts have been progressing, needs are still high four years later. **H.O.W.** partnered with **Mercy Teams** of Garden Valley, Texas and **Desert Winds Community Church**, Palmdale, California to assist with repairs and remodeling efforts on three **YWAM** (Youth With A Mission) homes. The homes are used to lodge teams coming to serve needs of the people still struggling in their lives and/or home repairs. **H.O.W.** purchased some replacement tools, for the **YWAM** base, with donations from sponsors. Thank you.



**USA July 2009 Raymondville, MO:**

**Director Nina Bayles:** An opportunity to assist a family with repairs from tornado damages to their home was possible after the completion of work in New Orleans. This home is a rustic farm home in the beautiful Ozarks of Missouri. **H.O.W.** was able to complete repairs on the roof and exterior siding. This quickly became a joint effort with the family members and **H.O.W.** working together. It made for an effective team and repairs went smoothly. Additional repairs were made on interior ceilings and doors. It was a joy to work with this family. The materials needed for repairs were covered by donations from supporters of **Helping Orphans and Widows**. Contributions are vital and we appreciate your sponsorships to **H.O.W.**

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

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**Santa Cruz, Bolivia**

**Dr. Serafin Contreras, Central / South American H.O.W. Representative**, reports a new orphanage project proposal for **H.O.W.** involvement. This proposed 27 acre site is scheduled to include a variety of services to meet needs of orphans and serve the surrounding community. It has potential for serving needs now and for years to come. **H.O.W.** is excited to participate in assistance. The orphanage will begin with 10 children and 2 parents.

Ruben Baldivieso, Bolivia Pastor of Churches, will be the orphanage director. The orphanage and 15 proposed homes will be on 11 acres. A professional baker, Robinson Montoya, will work the proposed bakery. This will assist the orphanage to become self sustaining.

Agriculture Engineer, Luis Martinez, will oversee the farming of 10 acres. Currently 2.5 acres have watermelons, 2.5 acres have yucca and 2.5 acres have papaya. The farming will also assist this orphanage to be financially sound.

**H.O.W.** is preparing a team to begin in November 2009. This team will include medical, dental, optical service. Construction workers will assist the beginning of the orphanage. A team of teachers will conduct classes for area Pastors.

Some funding has been secured to assist in this large project. The orphanage will require \$20,000.00. Sponsors and volunteers are needed to complete this effort. Contact us if would you like to help?

**Tijuana, Mexico – July 2009** The recent “Swine Flu” outbreak in Mexico and the U.S./Mexico border violence has greatly hindered mission’s teams willing to go and serve needs of orphanages. Cancellations of various organizations have handicapped orphanages. A decision was made by **H.O.W.** to provide funds for an orphanage project delayed in Tijuana. Art and Joyce Stoneking, missionaries serving orphans, appreciated the \$2000.00 and will apply it to further construction of the orphanage. **H.O.W.** will continue encouragement for teams to serve the orphan and widow. The will of God will never take a team where His Grace is not present.

**MAP International - June 2009** “*MAP International provides essential medicines for poor countries, medical aid when disasters strike, community health education in poor communities and disease prevention*”. It is a well established non-profit organization. It has been and remains the main provider of medications for the medical outreaches of **H.O.W.** Our meds have been available through **MAP International** in partnerships with **ANTOF Organization (Nigeria)** and **H.O.W. Director, Dr. Anwana Ntofon**. This past June, **H.O.W. Director, Joe Hernandez** traveled to Georgia to visit their facility, give thanks for tremendous service, share the goals and missions statement of **H.O.W.** and request a direct account number for **H.O.W.** The meeting with **Director of MAPS, Larry Morris** went well and an account will be opened. Larry shared interest in participating in a future outreach. He is welcomed to participate. Joe assisted volunteers packing 200 medical travel packs while he was there. He was interviewed for opinions as a **MAP Travel Pack User**. The interview can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oReo--gMeS4>



**U.S. Grants - H.O.W. Director Derek Yoshino,**

The accessibility to funding, through U.S.Grants for non-profit organizations, is advantageous to most organizations. Derek states the application process for **H.O.W.** has been completed and a Central Contractor Registration (CCR) number has been issued. A DUNS number has also been issued. **H.O.W.** is now ready and eligible to apply for any U.S. Grants that are appropriate to mission teams and projects.

**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.