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La Gran Familia

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GENEROUS GIFTS

In 2005, Glenn and Mollie Polhemus, and three other couples from San Angelo took the train in Mexico from Chihuahua City down through the Copper Canyon. It was quite an adventure. On their way back to Chihuahua, traveling by bus, they were able to make a stop at La Gran Familia. It was the first time for the three couples to see LGF.

A few weeks ago, Hamp Beesley, one of the travelers and husband of Bonnie Beesley, passed away, but before he died he requested that memorials be made to La Gran Familia. LGF has been blessed by Hamp's request as well as his continuing interest in LGF.

LGF thanks you, Hamp.

MIGUEL, A WIZ ON THE COURT AND IN THE CLASSROOM

Meet Miguel! He is the son of Flor and stepson of Martín Córdova. His parents divorced when he was three. Since then he was raised by a strong, single mother until Flor and Martín married in 2015.

This motivated and driven young man has worked hard to achieve success in the classroom and on the court, earning a scholarship to the La Salle University in Chihuahua City. LGF is assisting with the remainder of his tuition and housing expenses. Not only will he become successful, but he wants to use his knowledge to improve his city and the future of his state.

His interview follows in his own words.

1. Tell me a little bit about yourself, your childhood.

I am a curious guy who likes to travel and learn new things about nature and technology. When I was a kid and saw things like electricity or magnetism, I was fascinated. I would collect stuff from non-working home electronics and appliances. I could not stop doing experiments with cables and parts I collected.

2. Tell me about what you are studying at university.



I want to be a great engineer; my major is called Alternative Energy and this semester I am learning Introduction to Electrical Engineering. I really like this course but I must admit that I would prefer to be in person in the classroom for face to face interaction, but we are still remote.

3. Tell me about any extracurricular activities you are involved in.

I play as a scholarship athlete with the University basketball team as a point guard. I really enjoy it.

4. What would you like to do after graduation?

First, I am looking to further my education with another degree. I've been told that there are great opportunities for getting my master degree. I would like to work with solar energy because of the nature of my State; Chihuahua has an interesting role for it.

What a gifted young man. Please pray that we can continue to meet his financial needs to complete his education.



On-line lessons

A STORY THAT MADE LOCAL HEADLINES

Oliver, Sara and Jorge are siblings. These three children were rescued from a house in the neighborhood. One of them had their hands and feet tied with shoe laces to the bed. They were left alone by the mother while she went to work. When they were rescued they had not eaten for a long time. DIF promptly removed them and brought them to the LGF. They will stay there to be cared for long term.



They arrived on January 30th. Jorge is 11 years old, Sara is 8 years old, and Oliver is only 2 years old. The police are now investigating the stepfather since the children showed bruises & swelling on their faces and bodies. For now, our head of Education, Claudia helps us take care of Oliver at her home, since he is still a baby and in the children's home, there are already several toddlers (Pablo, Isaak, Isaías, Isabella, and Regina). It can be very hard to take care of them all together.



Please pray that they can overcome their traumas and adapt to life at LGF.

Dulce, age 11



Even in lockdown, birthdays and quinceañeras cannot be forgotten.

Rock climbing and biking have become the new favorites for exercise.



SCHOOL CLOSURES IMPACT FAMILIES

Ángel and Gladys are siblings who now live at LGF. They come from the Sierra Madre Mountains. Their mother sought help so that they could continue their studies. She works in a Mennonite cheese factory and takes them for weekends. Before coming to LGF, the children spent their days alone at home because of school closings due to Covid. Therefore, they were often in danger. Sometimes they had no food and had to wait for their mother to come home from work to be fed. The father never took responsibility for the children. They are now studying with the tutors in government online classes.



Please pray for them as many families are going through difficult times.

UPDATE ON LGF YOUNG ADULT, MIRNA

Mirna came to live at LGF when she was 14 years old. She was a bright student that excelled in school and went on to attend medical school. In university, she was at the top of her class, but after a few years, she decided a medical career was not a good fit for her. She has lived on her own for a few years now and recently she took a year off to reconsider her career interests. She has now decided on a degree in Industrial Engineering.

Mirna is studying at the Instituto Tecnológico de Ciudad Cuauhtémoc. She is in her second year of a Saturday-Program offered by the university that allows her to work Monday thru Friday in a local manufacturing plant called Cardinal Health, a company dedicated to manufacturing medical supplies for operating rooms. Her position is a quality control engineer. She is doing well in school and she is trying hard to make ends meet within her new life. She decided to rent a house with her brother Eduardo in a neighborhood near the school. The Staff members of La Gran Familia remain close to Mirna, ready to support her on her path of personal and Christian growth.

Sometimes young adults get stuck in the weeds and need time to sort it all out; we remain committed to seeing them through these challenges.



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Isaak, age 4

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Appropriately, since Glenn's death, the board has taken some time to reorganize our responsibilities. Glenn had big shoes to fill. But never fear, we are on task to keep his visions alive.

Prayer Requests:

1. Violence against children in the families of our city. There have been many cases of beatings and abandonment of girls and boys.
2. For the children who are left alone while their parents must work.
3. For families who do not have work, who suffer hunger and poverty in the Sierra de Chihuahua.
4. For the staff who work in the children's home and their families, since it has been a very burdensome year.
5. For LGF Director Martín's recovery from the side effects of Covid-19.



The children built a play-house

Rock climbing builds strong muscles



La Gran Familia needs your help.

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