



**Doctora Delia and Dennis go through donated medical supplies for Clinica Nova, free clinic.**

**December 2009**

- Blessings shared
- Donations

**January 2010**

- Our home/family
- Resting in His Presence

### **Blessings shared in December 2009**

#### **Travel Journal of Manos de Dios**

#### **Missions to Mexico**

#### **Dennis & Lucy Smith**

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In addition to the listed donated items (see page 2), Manos de Dios provided much needed personal items such as **Christmas gifts** to the men and women in the prison, pastor's wives and friends. New blankets and hoodie sweatshirts were donated and we shared them with the small churches in El Diamante and Desemboque. They were delighted, saying they had never received donations for their community other than used items.

A hospital in Texas shipped 27 boxes of excess medical supplies to Manos de Dios last fall. We were able to bring them to Mexico (paying some import fees) to help out doctors who serve the needy in two communities. What a blessing to help people with medical needs that can't afford to purchase needed supplies.

For the third year, a hospital supply company donated hundreds of gently used blankets, sheets and pillow cases to Manos de Dios. These blankets are 'priceless' to those who are cold on winter nights! The sheets are covering mattresses in the prison and rehab centers. Besides being used on pillows, the pillow cases are used as laundry bags and for craft projects in the rehab center.

Thank you to all our generous supporters. May God bless you as you give sacrificially to help the poor.  
Dennis and Lucy



Carlos is adding a bathroom to his Amor Ministry house. Manos de Dios provided a donated tasa (toilet).



**Juan Carlos, Ana's grandson, is a joyful friend.**

**Lucy prays with Eva in Desemboque**



**“But you are  
a chosen  
people, a  
royal  
priesthood, a  
holy nation,  
a people  
belonging to  
God, that you  
may declare  
the praises of  
Him who  
called you  
out of  
darkness  
into His  
wonderful  
light.”**

**I Peter 2:9**

## **Donations for December 2009 trip to Mexico**

**200 towels**

**200 sheets**

**225 blankets (25 new)**

**400 men's shirts**

**25 hoodie sweatshirts (new)**

**300 sports water bottles**

**100 toothbrushes**

**100 toothpaste**

**1 shop vac**

**5 guitars**

**1 fax machine**

**1 DVD player**

**1 electric keyboard & stand (new)**

**1 toilet bowl and tank**

**1 box kitchen supplies**

**2 boxes of food**

**27 boxes of medical supplies**

**\$150 donation to church food banks**



**Women's prison ministry team: Pastora  
Rafaela, Ana (Director of the Women's Rehab  
Center), Lucy and Lourdes.**

**Thanks be to God for the dedication of these  
women to those who are imprisoned!**

***‘Laid-down lovers’ (of God) are  
willing to lay everything down for  
the love and service of God.***

**-Heidi Baker, Compelled by Love**





**Our back porch before addition.**



**Finished addition from inside.**



**Finished addition from the outside.**

**DAD shown here with our daughter, Megan, and Lucy**

## **Dad (John) moves in with us!**

We realized that we need him and he needs us. We invited my 83 year old Dad to move in with us. He agreed and proceeded to put his home on the market. Well, his townhome sold in 2 days! We made plans to add a 'den' to our Tucson home's master bedroom to make a 'suite' for Dad. He now has a private entrance, can prepare meals in his own space, and enjoys sharing our home. We are all enjoying sharing life together! My Dad is a humble, yet strong Christian man. He has been our mentor for years. We are blessed to have him living with us! ....Lucy

## **Resting in His Presence**

We have been home in Tucson since December 23rd. Dennis had surgery on his left elbow January 6th and we are believing for total healing and the return of the function of his hand. January 2010 has been a time of focusing on family as we moved my Dad into our home and remodeled/relocated our space to accommodate him. I have been hearing from the Lord that this a time to ***rest in His Presence***. "OK,

Lord. I will rest in You. I will not be anxious about what is coming next. I will treasure this time. We are looking for Your healing and Your transformation!" The verses quoted here from Zachariah have spoken powerfully to me. One entry in my journal reads, "This time of rest, of not knowing the future, of 'small beginnings' is exactly where God wants us. He is moving and going to do great things. But, because our slate is clean (we don't have any projects planned for 2010) it will be all Him doing it!" We want to experience His Glory and Fullness! We earnestly desire to hear His Voice, His Direction, His Plan!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we rest in the Lord!

***Seeking the One Thing*** (Psalm 27:4), **Lucy**

"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel:  
**'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'**

Says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>7</sup> 'Who *are* you, O great mountain?  
Before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain!  
And he shall bring forth the capstone  
With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"

<sup>8</sup> Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

<sup>9</sup> "The hands of Zerubbabel  
Have laid the foundation of this temple;  
His hands shall also finish it.

Then you will know

That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

<sup>10</sup> **For who has despised the day of small things?**

Zachariah 4: 6-10 (NKJV, emphasis added)