



# Manos de Dios, Hands of God Ministries

*Sharing the message of Jesus with indigenous people in northern Arizona and Mexico*

## September 2013 Newsletter



### **Riscilla and Jacy blessed by great host moms!!**

*By Lucy*



**Riscilla, with her host mom, Rena, at a volleyball game**

How wonderful to watch the relationship deepen between Riscilla and Jacy and their host moms! Last year we grew to love these girls (and our other four 'dorm daughters') and are delighted to now see relationships blossom with Rena and Sharon, their host moms!

God perfectly orchestrated the families with whom these girls would live. Rena is casual and relaxed, a great cook and delightfully

fun! Riscilla is thriving in this home of 'women' and being provided for in every way!

Sharon is organized (she's a professional organizer!) and keeps track of Jacy's schedule, homework, doctor's appointments plus more. She and Dan are fun and provide lots of interesting activities, including attending a U of A women's volleyball game and a trip to Bisbee and Tombstone. Riscilla went, too! (See photo in sidebar taken at Bisbee mine tour.)

Both Rena and Sharon are great listeners and provide a safe environment for their 'Apache daughters' to share and ask questions. They offer Godly advice with wonderful wisdom to



**Jacy with host mom, Sharon**

these teenagers! The guidelines they provide are giving Riscilla and Jacy the ability to grow, learn and excel in their new surroundings!

***"She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed..." Proverbs 31:26-28a***

**Thank you, Lord!**

**"Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised."  
Proverbs 31:30**



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## Margarita and Alejandra: God has a plan!... by Lucy



Margarita teaches seamstress classes to DIF students in Puerto Peñasco

Thank you, God, for your plan and your perfect timing! Margarita has been doing some clothing alterations for the new mayor's wife, *Maestra Rafaela*, in Puerto Peñasco. Rafaela loves Margarita's work and asked if she would like to teach classes for the DIF (*"Desarrolla Integral para la Familia"* ie: Development Classes for Families) program. Each new mayor has the option to hire government employees for many positions. Rafaela arranged to have Margarita hired to teach seamstress classes to a group of women enrolled in a skills enhancement program.

Margarita is being paid for her teaching and can take daughter Alejandra with her. Not only is this providing income, but having this job with DIF should elevate Margarita on the list for receiving a piece of property. Each resident of Puerto Peñasco can receive plot of land in the barrio. The waiting list for a piece of land with connection to running water and electricity is very long. Favor will be given to those having jobs and those employed by the government.

Margarita hopes to obtain land in her name so she can some day have her own home. In the meantime, she is a blessing to these precious women with her joyful spirit, superb teaching and example of unconditional love toward her disabled daughter, Alejandra.

*"Thank you, Lord Jesus, for providing this job and YOUR FAVOR in Margarita's life. Bless her and strengthen her we ask, Lord, as she loves and lives for YOU! Amen!"*



Margarita (far right top row) and her students modeling the aprons they made in their sewing class.



Wow! Check out **Alejandra**! God is strengthening her and healing her! She has been receiving physical therapy multiple times per week, plus she goes to horse therapy once a week. She also receives cell regeneration injections weekly. This is an experimental procedure that has not yet been approved by the FDA but is being used in other countries. Many people are experiencing healing and a delay of the aging process. Alejandra is blessed to have a benefactor that has donated these injections!

Doctors say that with these treatments, coupled with the wonderful care and nutrition Margarita provides, Alejandra may be able to walk some day! What an answer to prayer. We remember praying over her for years as she lay practically lifelessly in our arms. God is moving and Alejandra continues to be a testimony of His love and mercy, bringing joy to all who interact with her! Follow this link to check out a video:

<https://www.facebook.com/ManosDeDios.HandsofGod>

**Ana**, Director of the **Women's Rehab Center** in Puerto Peñasco, continues to encourage, teach and inspire life changes. She amazes me each time we talk! She uses her God-given strength, talents, and gifts to pour into these many women who come off the streets of Mexico. Continue to pray for **hermana** ("sister") **Ana** and her clients!

**Pastors Lupe and Rafaela** continue to pastor their church in Puerto Peñasco, **El Sembrador** ("The Sower"). When Margarita visited them to deliver a financial donation we sent to them, they ended up encouraging her and praying for her! Praise God for using sisters and brothers in Christ in the USA and Mexico to bless and meet needs!

We hope to visit Mexico this fall, as soon as Dennis heals from his spinal surgery!

***"You keep completely safe the people who maintain their faith, for they trust in you. Trust in the LORD from this time forward, even in Yah, the LORD, an enduring protector!" Isaiah 26:3-4 (NET)***

Ana, lower right, with clients at Women's Rehab Center.

Margarita with Pastors Rafaela and Lupe

# Road Trip!

by Dennis

Our friends and supporters, **Frank & Barb**, had purchased a small “Casita” RV trailer; but before they could use it, God made some changes in their lives. They adopted a wonderful young man, 10-year old **Rickey**, and also a large Goldendoodle puppy! Needless to say, they needed a larger RV for their expanded family! Lucy and I were blessed when they offered to donate their “Casita” to us and Manos de Dios!

Frank said we could have the RV...if we pick it up in Iowa! We could even use their Toyota van (which is stored in Tucson) to go pick it up! So we planned a trip to visit our sister and brother in Christ and pick up the RV. We decided to take the trip in early September as I was scheduled to have spinal surgery on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and would be out of commission for quite a while.

Needless to say, we had a wonderful trip and were able to spend quality time with our great friends, Frank, Barb and Rickey! We worshiped with them at their church, **The Well** and met their pastors, **Ajai & Maureena** (see last page for their book information). As we visited with these pastors who are actually missionaries from India to the USA, we sensed a deeper connection. By the end of our visit Pastor Ajai had offered to travel to Arizona if they could be of help in reaching the Apache people for Jesus. Wow! We are all laying this idea before the Lord and trusting in His plan, in His timing! What a surprise benefit from our trip to pick up a trailer!

On the way back to Tucson, we stopped in central Missouri to visit friends **Susie & Herb**, who live in Tucson during the winter and worship with us at Calvary Christian Fellowship. We also made time to stop in Albuquerque, NM and spend the night with friends **Sherry & Gene**, who also formerly served at the American Indian Christian Mission (AICM).

We enjoyed traveling across our country and some special time by ourselves camping in our new “Casita”. (Well, we did take our dog Chaco, and he was a slight distraction but one I could handle!) Lucy and I continue to thank God for allowing us to serve Him, to have so many friends and supporters, and for blessing us in so many ways.

... Dennis

**“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”**

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)



**Rickey, “Fuzzy”, Frank, Barb, Lucy, Dennis & “Chaco” with our new 17-foot Casita RV trailer!**

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**“Fuzzy”, “Chaco”, Dennis and Frank walk Rickey to the school bus.**



We also stopped in Fort Smith, Arkansas on our trip home from Iowa. We followed a walking trail telling the stories of the Fort and the Native American Families who were protected there and traveled through. Our hearts were torn reading the many stories including those of the "Trail of Tears".



## Update: Jacy & Riscilla



**Jacy (left) and Riscilla are each playing volleyball for their Desert Christian schools in Tucson. They are getting in great shape plus learning volleyball skills and strategies from strong, Godly coaches. In addition, they are learning to balance school work with practices and the game schedule.**



We are so proud of these girls! The first quarter grades are out and they are doing so well! Jacy has a **88.2 %** in her 8th grade and Riscilla scored a **3.17** (on a **4.0** scale) in her 9th grade classes in high school! These achievements are amazing considering all the changes Jacy and Riscilla have made in their lives since mid-August! Praise God!

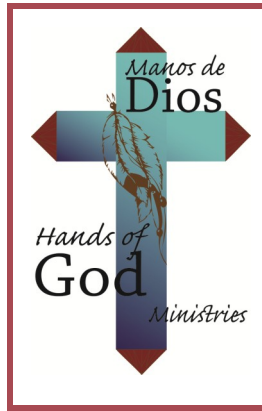


**Lucy, Dennis, and Chaco  
relax together in Iowa  
where they visited  
friends and picked up  
the donated RV trailer**

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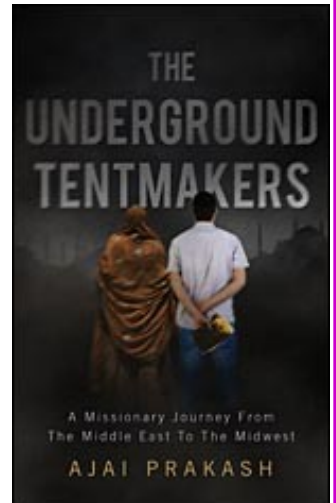
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# We're reading, praying and praising

## Lucy!

I read and was very inspired by Pastor Ajai's new book The Underground Tentmakers. Pastor Ajai relates their 14 years in the Middle East as 'tentmaker missionaries' (those who work a job while serving as missionaries). Ajai and his wife Maureena, worked full-time as a school teacher and a nurse, respectively, while planting churches. He concludes the book with how God called them to come to Iowa with a mission 'to awaken The Church in the USA!'



Current favorite worship CD's: Jesus Culture "*Come Away*"; United "*Zion*" (includes the song "*Oceans*"); and Matt Redman "*Your Grace Finds Me*".

Praying for my husband's healing after his spinal surgery to relieve back pain. Trusting God for His plan and timing for our return to our mission field.

## Dennis!

Currently reading, together with Lucy, America the Beautiful by Ben Carson, MD (Author of Gifted Hands).

Studying : THE BIBLE

Praying for all Christ-followers that we would test everything (as scripture tells us to) and not be deceived as times get tougher.