

Mariposa News

Casa de Las Mariposas House Taking Shape

Extensive work has been done to transform and equip a three bedroom house in Ensenada into the residence for Casa de las Mariposas! The work has included plumbing repairs, installation of lights and ceiling fans, security doors, kitchen and bathroom counters and shelving, and building an enclosed laundry room and storage area. We have also purchased a stove, refrigerator, and washer/dryer.



Kitchen partway through renovation



Bathroom plumbing and sanitation issues resolved! And it's beautiful as well!!

The monumental task of getting household goods from San Diego to Ensenada was finally accomplished the first week in October! We now have 2 twin beds and 2 twin XL beds for the girls, as well as living room furniture, dining table and chairs, patio table, BBQ (hooray!), desks and chairs, and all basic kitchen goods! The next goal is to finish all the unpacking!!



Shortly after furniture finally arrived!

We can finally see the sewing machine and cutting table – which means it won't be long before we can sew the curtains for the 3 bedrooms! We hope to have curtains sewn and up in the next month or so, a water conditioner installed, and "winterizing" details buttoned up before the cold weather hits!

Welcome to Our First Mariposa Girl!

We are pleased to have our first girl, Yaneth (pronounced "john-ette"), now living in Casa de las Mariposas! She is 21 years old and is from the Colonet farming area three hours south of Ensenada.



Welcome Yaneth!

Yaneth told me that she knew she wanted to teach after volunteering as a Sunday school teacher at church. With no financial means to achieve that goal, Yaneth worked for 3 years following high school and saved her money for college. Not knowing how she would be able to pay for all 3 years tuition, she decided to step out in faith and moved to Ensenada this August, after being accepted at the university. Her mother says Casa de las Mariposas is an answer to prayer! After seeing where she lives, mom is comfortable with her daughter living away from family and is happy to see her focused on achieving her dream and living in a Christian home.

Yaneth studies hard, plays volleyball on the college team, and attends Saturday morning youth group (which is led by Pablo Garcia) and Sunday services at La Gran Comisión church. She is independent, optimistic, cheerful, and has a grateful heart. I cannot image a better choice for our first resident! She shows

great leadership potential, and we all look forward to seeing her transform over the next several years! Expect to hear more about her in the coming months.



Yaneth (bottom row, second from left) with her university volleyball team

Web Page Underway



After benchmarking with many other Christian websites, headings have been selected and the verbiage for the Casa de las Mariposas web site has been drafted and is currently under review.

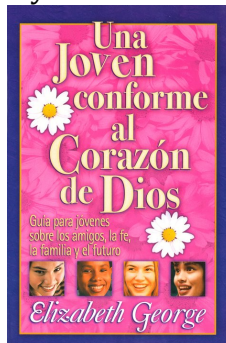
Translations will begin by the end of October, as the web page will be bilingual. Photos will be taken by the end of the year. We are also investigating online giving options, including PayPal. Web page content will be reviewed/approved by the board of directors of Link International Ministries at their next meeting in February. Following approval, we have identified a Christian web designer in Ensenada to actually build the site (hosting is with GoDaddy). We hope to have the web page up by April.

Prayers Continue for Pastor Pedro's Family

Please join us in our continued prayers for Pastor Pedro's family. Sonia, their adult daughter, was brutally murdered last month. Threats have been made against Pastor Pedro's wife Maria Elena and the grandchildren, and they have gone into hiding until the perpetrator is apprehended. We continue to pray for this man's apprehension so that the family can be safely reunited and can grieve and begin to heal.

Notes and Updates

- The book for the first Mariposa bible study has been selected: A Young Woman After God's Own Heart. The study will begin in February.



- Casa de las Mariposas will be the host location for one of the Youth Group meetings this month. Youth will follow the study session with a trip to the beach (you have to love Ensenada!)

- Terri is now a Mexico Permanent Resident!



She successfully maneuvered through the new immigration laws that went into effect on November 9, 2013. Acclimation to the new culture continues!

- Sophie, a shepherd/terrier mix adopted from an animal sanctuary in Rosarito, Mexico, is Casa de las Mariposa's unofficial mascot. To her credit, she eats spiders and bugs (go Sophie!) and has become a great "alarm dog." But as a puppy, she is still a lot of work!



Waiting hopefully (sorry girl!)