

Tres Islas Orphanage Fund

January 2019 Newsletter

From Julie

Happy New Year! I hope you can take a few minutes and read through the updates in this newsletter. This year will mark the 32nd year for the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund (TIOF). The TIOF continues to be steadfast and through your generosity, the vision and mission continues. A few months ago, I let you know that my term as president of the TIOF board was coming to an end. It's been a blessing and a pleasure to work with the other board members of this organization. Donelle and Tom Manton put together a firm foundation that has been built upon for the past 3.5 years. They were wise in picking the other board members who are passionate about serving the needs of these children. I've been so blessed to have worked alongside with them and being able to grow the reach of TIOF. I know that these are the right people to continue this very important work. I also want to thank each of you as well for the support you have provided – both monetarily and also through words of encouragement and prayer. As Donelle was fond of saying, "the TIOF donors are the best" and I couldn't agree more.

I'm thrilled to introduce to you your new TIOF president, Michelle Bonner.



Michelle & Jim Bonner

Michelle Bonner

Michelle Bonner has been active with TIOF for over 15 years. Here is a brief statement from Michelle, "Our family of 5 including my in-laws began vacationing in Mazatlan in December of 1998 to get a reprieve from the cold Utah winters. It became a family tradition and every Christmas we head south to warm our hearts and souls. On one particular vacation we decided that we wanted to give some gifts to children in an orphanage. With no Spanish speaking among us, we flagged down a pulmonia and asked the driver to take us to Walmart to buy some toys and after drive us to the nearest orphanage. He drove us to Ciudad de los Ninos. We were enamored with the children and the Nuns and decided that we wanted to do this every year.

A few years later while staying at our time share in Mazatlan, we met the Giles family from Utah who gave us the opportunity to visit all the orphanages with them and deliver the toys that they had brought for every child in the 5 orphanages. They also introduced us to Donelle and Tom and their organization, Tres Islas Orphanage Fund.

We soon became involved with Tres Islas Orphanage Fund and its mission. It has become our family's passion. As a board member of TIOF, my hope is that my family and I can build and serve upon the great foundation that has already been established. " Welcome Michelle!





New Roof Needed at Ciudad de los Niños

During several Spring Mission Weeks over the past years one of our projects was to repair the leaky roof at Ciudad. It is now time to replace the roof rather than attempt more repairs. The Gems of Mazatlan (the Canadian group who we are now partnering with on several projects) has also done some repairs. We would like to partner with them in replacing the roof.

Some of our Board members along with representatives from The Gems are meeting with contractors to make this happen in the most efficient and cost effective manner. We will have more information on this project in our next communication.

Spring Mission Week

Just a reminder to make your reservations now for Spring Mission Week. This year it will be March 9-16. Phyllis and Bruce Allen will not be able to attend this year so please let Connie Montanye know if you will be attending.

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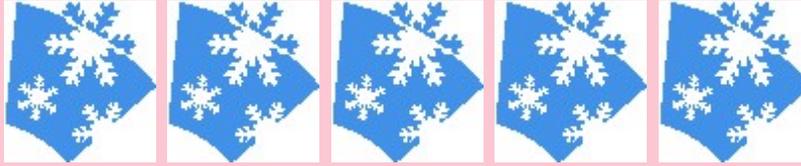


Connie and Luis who is getting a college degree with our help.

Christmas Gifts

Every year, TIOF provides each child with a Christmas present (s). We were able to do so again this year. Our budget allows for \$25 for each child. At this time we have 145 children in all 6 sites making the total for all of the presents \$3,625. We thank you for your generous donations which have made it possible to do this for another year.





In November several of our donor volunteers were in Mazatlán on vacation. While there, they did some special things at the some of the orphanages.



Madre Velia's Birthday



Volunteers Donna and Floyd Fausak with Beremundo and Nicola from Refugio fixing lunch for the boys who live there.



Getting the Word Out

TIOF continues to receive donations from new people by word of mouth. To further share the work of TIOF, a flyer has been created. Guillermo Prado is taking charge of this project. Volunteers will hand out the flyer to tourists who visit Mazatlán via cruise ships. Five different cruise lines are scheduled to arrive each week for the next 4 months. This will give TIOF more exposure with opportunities for both donations and volunteers.

Tutoring

The girls at Orfanatorio Mazatlán continue to receive tutoring. As the girls come to this site, many of them are far behind in school. Their educational needs are assessed and the tutor tailors a program for them. Gifts designated for education help us provide this tutoring. Thank you for your generous support in this area.



Ways to Give

Donations may be made by:
Pay Pal on our website: tresislas.org

Mailed to Tres Islas Orphanage Fund,
PO Box 3005, Coeur d' Alene, ID 83816

Smile.Amazon.com By designating Tres Islas as your charity, we will receive a percentage of your purchase amount.

TIOF is a 501c(3) designated charity. Check your company's list for matching donations.