

Letter from Kim Reed, President

Hello Friends,

2011 has been a great year. The group home project moved much closer to becoming a reality. When completed, it will be home to many abused, lost and forgotten women and children.

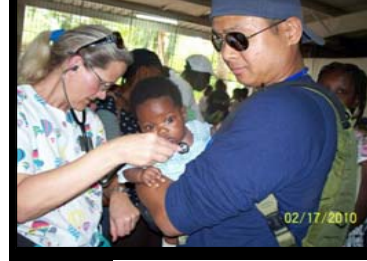
Mexico seems to be settling down, and we hope to start taking more teams back to Carbonera. We have imported a pickup truck that is in Carbonera now and will be used to start the shrimp and fish program so that we can help the fishermen make more money for their work. We plan to send more students to college in 2012 and will work to add more buildings to the high school. If all goes well, 2012 might be the year we are able to open the water plant in Carbonera.

Since the earthquake in Haiti, we have made multiple trips and sent assistance, but we feel we need to do more. 2012 could be a wonderful year for us in Jacmel, Haiti. We have looked at property and talked about purchasing it for a dormitory to house American teams and several orphanages to help take care of the many children that are homeless in Haiti.

Thank you so much for your support. We look forward to a happy and prosperous 2012.




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Someone is going to win a brand new house!

On Sunday, March 4, 2012, someone is going to win this brand new house... That someone could be you!

This beautiful home located at 5239 Morgan Oak in Morgan's Landing in Alvin, Texas, was built by Builders Without Borders of Texas. It is currently valued \$159,000. Features include 3-4BR/ optional study, 2 bath, 2-car garage, plus many upgrades... hardwood floors throughout, Travertine and slate tiles in wet areas, beautiful stone gas fireplace, stainless appliances, convection ovens, and more.

Raffle tickets are \$100. All proceeds from this raffle will go to Builders Without Borders of Texas to support current as well as development of new projects. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or would like to help sell tickets, they are available from Melissa Pride at Novel Approach,

607 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, Texas. You can also make arrangements by calling Kim Reed at 832-274-3893. The drawing will be held on March 4, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at Stevenson Park in Friendswood. Winner need not be present to win.



10-Acre Local Project Update

The ten acres in Brazoria County where we will build group homes and a 10,000 square foot storage and distribution center has been cleared and culverts have been installed.

Thank you to Daniel Scott Engineering and Mike Wilson Surveyors, who are donating services to do the drainage and topographical study so that we can pour concrete!



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Rio Bravo—Eye Clinic

In June of this year, BWBT partnered with First United Methodist Church-Pearland, Gateway Church and Manos Juntas, a ministry of The United Methodist Church in Mexico, for a three-day medical mission trip to Rio Bravo, Mexico. Over 300 people were screened. Many received eye glasses, and 53 surgeries were performed by Dr. Greg Clariday of Clear Lake. Cataracts and the lack of ability to pay for surgery to remove them is a leading cause of blindness among the poor in Mexico. At this clinic, all services are provided completely free. Many of the patients, prior to going into surgery, have a very worried look and tell us they don't have money to pay us. When we tell them it is free, the expression of relief and

calmness is so evident. Patients return to the clinic the day after surgery to have their bandage removed. This is the most joyous time of the trip... seeing the smiles and happy faces when they realize that they can see is like witnessing a miracle! The next clinic has been scheduled for February of 2012.



A house for Lupita & Maria

While on the medical mission trip in June, our team was blessed to meet Lupita & Maria, two sisters living in Rio Bravo. At 19 and 20 years of age, these young ladies have not had the opportunity to complete high school. Both have stayed home to work and help take care of their mother, who is confined to a wheel-



chair after suffering a severe stroke, and elderly father. The family was living under terrible conditions. Both girls desperately wished to complete high school and go on to college, but did not have the money to do so. BWBT led First United Methodist Church-Pearland, Ecclesia Church, and Manos Juntas Mexico as they stepped into give these girls a better life and hope for a better future. Two teams went to Rio Bravo and demolished the house that the family was currently living in and

built a brand new home. The teams were joined by our friends from Carbonera, who came to help with the construction... Cornelio, Pancho, Tacho, and Alex! Ecclesia Church is sponsoring the girls in their education, and Manos Juntas is assisting the family so that the girls can work and attend school.



Carbonera Medical Clinic

In July of this year, the mobile medical clinic donated by Friendswood Community Church held its first free clinic. Three doctors and five nurses from Centro Salud operated the clinic. BWBT purchased medicines that were dispensed. Two hundred patients were seen at the clinic. Friendswood Community Church also sent 100 buckets of food and personal supplies that were

distributed to Carbonera families. A second clinic is set for December 10th. The clinic is available for use in Carbonera. If you are a medical or dental professional interested in putting together a free clinic, please let us know!



College Sponsorship Program

The College Sponsorship Program is thriving! There are currently 42 students in the program. Thirty-five students are living in our dormitory in Ciudad de Victoria and attending UAT. Seven students are living in Carbonera and attend Atlantico in San Fernando. This spring will be an exciting time as we attend the graduation of our first college class! The students are doing very well. Manuel is about to complete his teaching degree and has been doing his student teaching at the COBAT in Carbonera.



This is a recent photo of some of our students. They are looking so healthy and happy!

BWBT struggles to pay tuition for all these students at the beginning of each semester, as well as sending money each month to Oswaldo to pay for utilities at the dormitory. Please consider donating to this very important and life-changing program.

Be a sponsor!

The cost to sponsor a student is \$1,200 per year (\$100 per month). This pays their tuition and utilities at the dormitory. All of our students are not sponsored. Sponsors are desperately needed! If you would like to be a sponsor, contact Kim at 832-274-3893 or go to our web site at www.builderswithoutbordersoftexas.org to donate online.

Providing homes for families locally

BWBT has acquired three mobile homes that have provided us the ability to house people who are in great need and very likely keep them from living "on the street". The first home is occupied by a family whose father died unexpectedly and left the mother and three children with very little income. This has provided a safe and clean environment while the children go to school and the mother works on gaining the skills needed for employment. The second was occupied by a young lady in a very difficult family situation that found her on her own at 18 years

of age. She lived in the home for four years while working and getting a college education. She has now moved on and is doing very well! Since then, a couple who were financially devastated by a severe and unexpected health problem, have moved into the home. This is providing them a safe, clean and affordable home. The last home is occupied by a lady who was homeless and "living on the street" due to multiple family and health problems.

One setback during the year was when one of these homes burned. Due to the

generosity of Mike McSwain, we were able to refurbish the home.

BWBT works solely on donations. It is only because of these donations that we are able to provide the care and assistance to these families.

BWBT assisted I Can Impact, a local non-profit organization, by leading the construction of a home for a local couple with special needs. The home will be dedicated on December 11th.

Haiti

In June of this year, we led a team made up of members of several Houston-area churches to work in Jacmel, Haiti. Part of the team spent a week visiting and ministering to children in schools and orphanages. Other team members worked on construction projects of Calvary Chapel's Haiti Initiative. First United Methodist Church-Pearland sponsored an evening

women's ministry event for hundreds of women. Guest Speaker Carla McDougal and Worship Leader Ellen Olive created an awesome and moving experience filled with music, prayer, teaching and learning.

Photo to the right: Possible future land in Jacmel to house missions teams and orphanages. Read more about this in the letter from Kim Reed.

