



# REFUGE & RESTORATION

MARCH 2017



**Praise God**, we have been blessed with several sponsorship commitments. We currently have two little Gems fully sponsored! Also, we have received funding for our security door!

**Join us in believing in God's provision for:**

- Monthly commitments to secure full time staff (\$800/month total). **\*This is currently our greatest need.\***
- Fully sponsoring our partially sponsored Gem (\$850/year for private school) and also our currently unsponsored Gem (\$150/month for living expenses + \$75/month for private school).



Whether you feel led to commit to a yearly sponsorship, a monthly sponsorship, or just a one time donation, every little bit helps. We believe God blesses obedience and often multiplies our gifts. *Mark 6:41-42*

FIRE International is our parent ministry. Here's the donation link: [fire-international.org/donate.php](http://fire-international.org/donate.php)

Here's the mailing address:  
PO Box 5306  
Concord, NC 28027

**\*Be sure to list Treasure House as your beneficiary.**



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## DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

Anyone can see that the streets in the cities of Mexico are full of children in need of warm, loving homes. We have needed to be very close to the Lord in order to only "run with patience the particular race that God has set before us" so, maybe to a few, we aren't moving as fast as the "hare", but we are near the finish line and we are finishing strong in the Lord! One way we've been "exercising" is by fulfilling all state and federal requirements, like First Aid and CPR classes.

All those preparing to work and minister in the home are also continuing to be educated in dealing with the very specific needs of girls who have been traumatized by being kidnapped or sold, and sexually exploited. Depending on the individual needs of each child, we are learning of and preparing for the services required for recovery. These may include any or all of the following: medical care; emergency and transitional housing with long-term housing assistance; mental health counseling; job training and placement; family location and reunification; translation and interpretation; advocacy in the criminal justice system; spiritual support; criminal, civil and immigration legal assistance; safety planning; and even repatriation.

**I WAS IN A PLACE WHERE I THOUGHT BEING IN "THE LIFE" WAS ALL I WAS EVER CAPABLE OF DOING. IN FACT, I NEVER SAW MYSELF AS A VICTIM OF ANYTHING AND I BELIEVED THAT I WOULD ALWAYS BE DEFINED BY MY PAST. IT WASN'T UNTIL I WAS RESCUED AT THE AGE OF 16 THAT MY LIFE AND SELF-PERCEPTION BEGAN TO CHANGE. AS TIME PASSED, I BEGAN TO SEE A DIFFERENCE IN MYSELF. I BEGAN TO BELIEVE. CONFIDENTLY, I COULD ACTUALLY HAVE A LIFE AFTER BEING IN "THE LIFE".**

We are still waiting for our little jewels to be found, rescued, and placed into our loving arms, but in the meantime we've had the privilege to spend time with this beautiful young lady. "Jewel" has spent most of her 13 years on the streets being sold by her own mama for drugs. "One wonderful Saturday" (her very own words) we took a trip to the mall where she wanted to check out the makeup store. While browsing the lipsticks the girls working there offered to makeup her face. Jewel was so delighted because later that day she was to attend a special party. Those attending to her soon learned that she is an orphan, so they sent this precious child on her way with a gift bag full of very expensive makeup!

## -BLESSINGS



*"Since we have such a huge crowd of men of faith watching us from the grandstands, let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us." (Hebrews 12:1)*

Child trafficking can occur when children are abducted from the streets or their homes; sold, usually by a family member believing they are sending their child into a better life, but not always - sometimes they just want the money for drugs and alcohol; forced marriage by relatives; or pimps and recruiters prey upon a child's vulnerabilities. Poverty is the pre-condition that makes it easier for traffickers to operate. Many children who enter 'the life' at an early age are brainwashed by their trafficker to believe that this is the only 'job' they are cut out to do.



**THE CHRISTIAN WHO IS PURE AND WITHOUT FAULT, FROM GOD THE FATHER'S POINT OF VIEW, IS THE ONE WHO TAKES CARE OF ORPHANS AND WIDOWS, AND WHO REMAINS TRUE TO THE LORD - NOT SOILED AND DIRTYED BY HIS CONTACTS WITH THE WORLD. (JAMES 1:27)**



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