

Dear Friend of White Dove Santa Clara,
The 2014 school year will be different at White Dove. Now we have an advisory group working with Arturo and Suyapa to facilitate improved communication of needs, responses, and accomplishments.

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Up until now, we have not had an effective way to keep everybody informed of the financial needs at White Dove, or of what has already been contributed to meet a particular need. Partly as a result, in July the school was looking at a projected year-end deficit of about \$11,500. Through several special appeals and responses since that time, the deficit has been eliminated and we can start a new school year with no lingering debts. A 2014 budget has been developed with Suyapa and Arturo as an important administrative tool to avoid repeating that unpleasant surprise.

As the list of names of friends of White Dove (WD) has grown, a need has been expressed for a small advisory group to serve as an ongoing coordinating group, a group who can interface conveniently with WD, a group who can serve as communicators of needs and accomplishments to the larger group of interested people, a group who can advise WD in areas that may need attention. Six people have been identified who have been fervent supporters of WD for several years and have agreed to serve in such an advisory group.



Those six are Shirley Auvigne, Allen Blancett, Peter Borg, Anne Buffington, Ken Lavy, and Melanie Mullenax.

The first meeting of the advisory group with Suyapa and Arturo is set for March 11, 2014 in Santa Clara. A few of the many topics of discussion will be the 2014 budget, student enrollment, teacher staffing, and projected

financial support in 2014 and beyond.

Books are the First Need

The A BEKA bilingual curriculum used in White Dove is excellent when used properly and when available at the beginning of each school year. It follows a demanding schedule; if the class falls behind, catching up becomes a real problem.



In past years, lack of funds for timely book purchases delayed receipt of the books for a number of weeks. This year we want to avoid that delay by having the funds available when needed.

The total cost depends on enrollment, but an early estimate is that they will cost about \$8,000 this year. We already have had donations of \$4,200, so we need about another \$4,000 in donations or commitments by mid-January. This is a plea for that financial support.



Featured Article



Books and Teachers Needed

If you believe something good is going on in Santa Clara White Dove, and if you would like to provide financial support to help it continue, here is how you can do that:

1. Make out a check to the Honduras Agape Foundation.
2. On your check, designate the donation as "Support for White Dove Santa Clara" or a more specific purpose
3. Mail it to this address:
Friends of White Dove
P.O. Box 5483
Aiken, SC 29804

Every penny of your donation will be forwarded to White Dove school.

White Dove isn't a specific mission initiative of the Honduras Agape Foundation, but the foundation has the infrastructure in place to facilitate financial transfers to Honduras for mission purposes, and has graciously agreed to allow us to benefit from that convenience.

Bilingual U.S. Teachers Coming

Valerie and Mike Moon will arrive in Santa Clara on January 30, 2014 to teach at White Dove school in February, March, and the early part of April. They taught previously in Tegucigalpa and returned to the U.S., and they are offering their talents once again to be used in this mission field. This is an exciting event that we've been praying for. We'll bring you more information on the Moons in coming weeks.



For more information on White Dove Santa Clara, you can call either Suyapa Perdomo at the school in Honduras [011-504-2625-1300], or Allen Blancett [803-295-7395]. If you prefer, contact us by email at whitedovesantaclara@yahoo.com or WDFriends@gforcecable.com

Sincerely,

Allen Blancett
Friends of White Dove Santa Clara