

# Gatica Pipeline

Lifting Burdens, Inc.

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Another one of Jorge's masterpieces in oil

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## A Baker's Dozen...

Our daughter, Laura, called on Good Friday on her way to work. (9:30 our time-7:30 her time). When I answered the phone, I figured she was just calling to ask me to pray for her upcoming interview for a new position. She was applying for the Senior Administration Specialist position at the Corvallis Police Dept. in Corvallis, OR. Her interview was set for 9:30 that morning. INSTEAD...she says, "Guess what?" "You are a great-grandma!"

Gene and Laura's Rhodesian Ridgeback, Shinga, that they got while they were in Zimbabwe, had hooked up with Sahalie, another Ridgeback from South Africa. Puppies were due any day. They arrived on Good Friday.

When they took Sahalie to the vet, he was unable to

do an ultrasound but he thought that she would have at least two and maybe three or four. After the fourth one was born, they thought she was done. As time went on, the number increased. When she was finished,

We are on the list to receive one of the females but she won't be ready until after we get back from Spain.

Laura had her interview at 9:30. When I asked her how it went, she said that she was really nervous but she did the best she could. Then, she told me about her trip over to see Sahalie and the babies on her lunch break...a true animal lover. She was there for the birth of #10.

At 4:00 they called her back in the office and made her squirm a bit more before offering her the job. It truly was a Good Friday in more ways than one.



Our "great-grandchildren"

there were thirteen little ones all with their little ridges down their back.

**"God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible...what a pity we plan only the things that we can do by ourselves." A W Tozer**

## Summer Missions 2008

Plans for two groups coming down this summer are under way. The East Main Presbyterian Church will have a group here June 12-19th. Our Heinz 57 group from Hancox, MD are scheduled to arrive June 19-26th.

There are plenty of projects to do but as always, it will depend on how many are coming with each

group and how much project money they bring with them.

We would like to do some maintenance work on the school we built last summer to keep it in good shape.

Other ideas are to build a small bathroom for the students. This will depend on whether the parents are

able to bring the water from the street in to the area where we plan on building.

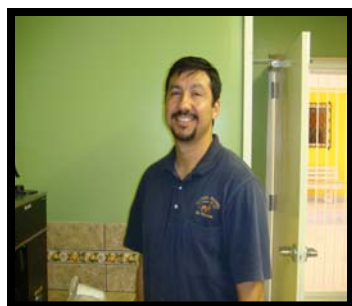
Other building projects include a teachers' house, a kindergarten building, possible projects for pastors, and then there is always the Memorial all-purpose building. Time will tell what God's will is.



Jorge finishes footer in preparation for the cement pad on our Memorial All-Purpose building.



Ready to add wood forms and metal armex



Director Rodolfo

### Board of Directors' Meeting

This trip north will be a short one. Our Board of Directors' meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. I fly out of McAllen, TX that same morning. I will be home for a week before heading south of the border. This is a very busy time of year and tons of things need to get done before summer.

In the midst of all of this, our daughter, Laura and her husband, Gene, have invited us to go along with them on a trip to Spain. We had originally thought about planning out our own itinerary but opted to go with a

tour group since this was our first trip to Spain.

This will be very different from our trip to Zimbabwe. At least I won't have to worry about sleeping out in the open with the hyenas, hippos and elephants. That was definitely one thing that you only want to do once in your lifetime if you can help it.

I will be speaking at the World Day of Prayer Luncheon on May 2nd at the Center Presbyterian Church of New Castle, PA .

### Possible VBS Project Ideas

Several of you have written to ask what we need and what your VBS children could use as a project this summer. I have tried to brainstorm a list of items that you can pick and choose from. Please feel free to come up with your own ideas as well.

Some of the items on that list are as follows:

- Toothpaste (small tubes)
- Postage Stamps (roll or

packets

- School supplies (please contact me for the particulars on this item)
- Vitamins (Flintstones or Sam's Club "Member's Mark Children's Chewable Multi")
- Money for Library books in Spanish for our Little Flock Children and the Regent's school library.

### Tidbits

- 15 out of 225+ sent their email addresses to help us cut back on postage. Thank you.
- Our friends Armando, Cely, and little Amanda are having another girl. Cely is due the first week of August.
- Our Mexican doctor, Dra. Anabella Carbajal is on a medical mission trip to Peru. Lifting Burdens helped purchase medicines for her trip.
- Shen, Pastor Raul and Socorro's infant son is growing like a bad weed. He is having problems with constipation and has been to the doctors several times.
- New photos have been posted on our website: [www.liftingburdens.org](http://www.liftingburdens.org)

***"getting an Idea should be like sitting down on a pin; It should make you jump up and do something."***

***e.I. simpson***

### Director Rodolfo

Rodolfo is the director of the Regent's School a few doors down from our home. He and I have been meeting together two days a week for some time now. Before Rodolfo became the director of the school, he was a lawyer. He decided to leave that job due to all the dishonesty that was involved. We have been working on making next years' schedule more evenly distributed among the teachers and trying to include Art

and music along with all the other subjects the students receive. Other topics of discussion have been discipline, rules, motivation of the staff, best use of the space, library set up, etc.

There is never a lack of topics to discuss. Rodolfo usually has some questions each day I arrive and we go from there. I tease him by telling him that I am trying to grow some backbone in him. He is a very sensitive, caring person

who does not want to hurt anyone's feelings. There have been times when he has had to make a hard decision. Once he does, he carries it through. But, often he begins to second guess himself. In the end he usually decides that he has done what is right for the students he is in charge of even though it might not have been the easiest decision to make.

## Easter Break

Easter break became...break out the shovels and wheelbarrows. There is cement to be poured.

The Little Flock children had two weeks off for Easter vacation so Jorge and I thought we would have some time off to get some odds 'n ends done around the house and have some down time. God had a different plan.

Gator, our missionary friend down the street, had two groups coming in on break that needed a project so he asked if we wanted to use them. SURE!

Our summer mission group started to dig the ditch for our memorial all-purpose building back in June 2006. Jorge and Jose Luis poured the footer and laid two rows of block up for the floor pad. That was all the further we had gotten. Caliche was here but we never had the time to get it spread.

The first group of young people from a Baptist church in Sunnyview, TX (a suburb of Dallas) came in on Monday and spread and pounded down the caliche. Tuesday Jorge and I put the wood

around the foundation for the cement pad. Wednesday a group of young people came in from First Baptist Church in Benbrook, TX and mixed the cement and poured the floor for our building. The young people from Benbrook and the guys from Big Heart Children's Home shoveled sand and gravel and wheeled four wheelbarrows full of cement for close to 5 hours-46 bags of cement. A cement truck came by with 1/2 meter of ready-mix trying to sell it so we bought that to help out.



Sunnyview Baptist group spread caliche for our memorial all-purpose building



Line it up, bring 'em out Benbrook + Big Heart

## Memorial All-Purpose Building

Over the past 7 years Lifting Burdens has received various contributions in memory of loved ones. Two years ago, Jorge and I decided we would like to use this money on a special project rather than just turning it in to our general fund. We decided to build an all-purpose building that would house a small computer lab and a small sewing machine area. It will also house our arts and crafts supplies and other items that are shipped h

from churches north of the border for our use and distribution.

Many of our friends and pastors have expressed the need for computers. Their children are being given assignments that require the use of the internet but since they do not have the money to own a computer or pay the internet charge, their children need to go in search of a cyber café. These cyber cafés tend to get expensive in time. We would like to be able to offer free

usage of the machines here. We would also like to bring some of the older students from the little school in Nueva Amanecer built by our summer mission groups in summer 2007 here for some computer instruction. They do not have electricity in their building yet so technology is a long way off for them. Many will encounter it for the first time in high school if they decided to attend.

## Library

The Regent's School has the beginnings of a library...the shelves. We have a few churches who will be collecting funds this summer during their VBS programs to allow us to purchase library books in Spanish for the children who attend the school.

Jorge and I are also looking at ways to begin a library for the Little Flock children at the Nueva Amanecer school. Several friends have given us some suggestions. God will

provide and will give us the best way to make effective use of the books. As it looks now, it will probably involve a mobile type library. We will see as the idea begins to grow. I have been able to secure a catalog from Scholastics with all their titles that are available in Spanish. Some are even bilingual which some of the children would enjoy.

We continue to believe that EDUCATION is a vital key.



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## Little Flock



Little Flock "kids" wait for their teacher to arrive.

Jorge has this down to a science.



Chit-Chat around the table with an eye on the camera.



Laura with Shinga, father of 13

## Our Gratitude Box

We are grateful for...

- Our faithful monthly supporters
- Special donations given in memory of our loved ones
- Prayers on our behalf
- Health
- Safety on the roads
- The smiles on our Little Flock childrens' faces
- The opportunity to use what we know
- A good Texas dentist
- Our friends Armando, Cely and little Amanda
- The Youth Groups of Sunnyview and Benbrook Baptist churches
- Our families
- Our children's success in new jobs
- Those of you who sent email addresses to help us cut cost on postage

Blessins on you all,

*Jorge and Marilyn Gatica*