



EMMANUEL MINISTRIES

Dear Friends,

“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.”

Psalms 105:1-2

I pray you are well. We have had a busy season here at Emmanuel as we had our Board of Directors annual meeting. God is good and we were very blessed to have the opportunity to share with our board members all the things the Lord did throughout our fiscal year of 2007-2008. I pray very soon, in the next month our web site will be up and running and you can all see our annual report and be encouraged as you read all the challenges and victories the Lord gave us during this time. I want to thank you all for your prayers and support for this weeks, the Lord has been faithful in his provision. I want to thank you for being our partners and for making our work with the children possible through your commitment, your prayers and support.

I am so excited to share with you about the wonderful things the Lord has been doing. It has been many years that I have been praying for a way to play worship music throughout the children's home building. The Lord has always used music to impact my life. Worshipping the Lord through singing has been a priority in my spiritual walk and I have wanted that for our children forever. I had shared that dream and idea with several people and, although it sounded like a cool idea, for different reasons we were never able to make it happen.



This past summer Marshall Anderson, from Bethel Mennonite in Inman Kansas, was here with a summer group and I shared my dream and desire. He got very excited about it, being a “sound guy” and a few months later he called saying he and his dad Roger Anderson were coming to get our sound system installed. We were so excited. They had ordered all the speakers and the stuff we needed to make it happen, and the company they ordered it from was supposed to mail it to us by Thursday. Marshall and his dad arrived Wednesday night and worked all Thursday with the cables and all the detail so that when the speakers arrived they would be ready to install them. Well, the company did not mail the stuff and it was Monday already and we still did not have the stuff. It seemed like this dream was going to have wait a little longer. On Monday, after hours on the phone and understanding the speakers had not even been shipped yet, Marshall and his dad decided to go and look for other options.

They left Monday night and as they were driving off I just began to pray, “God, I know how much you want your children to worship you, and I know how the enemy is probably working extra hours to make sure it does not happen, so I am begging that you send all the extra help we need to make this happen, if this is your time and will. I claim the victory you have declared over us in the name of your son Jesus and I declare the building of Emmanuel Children's Home filled with the worship of your children. Whether it is through speakers or our voices, your name will be praised.”

On Tuesday morning, Marshall and his dad called they were having a good day, they had found a little sound store in El Paso and they had gone in to ask if they had what we needed. The owner of the store said “we don't stock that equipment, it is only through special order, but we did help a school remove a sound system. You can look at it and see if you could use it.” Well they had 12 of the 14 speakers we needed, and the guy said we could have them. Marshall and his dad were now more determined than ever to find the rest of the stuff we needed. They found out a store in Albuquerque had the rest of the stuff we needed, they drove 4 hours there, bought it and drove back to El Paso.

They came back Wednesday morning (with a green light) and by Wednesday evening we were standing in the living room of the Emmanuel Children's Home listening to the beautiful worship of Hillsong United in Spanish as the children stood underneath the speakers throughout the building and just began to sing and jump up and down to the tune of the music. We stood in that living room as tears of gratefulness streamed down our face we were praising God and thanking him for this amazing miracle. We have three speakers that face the streets of our building where the worship to the Lord can be heard as people walk by our building. We are praying that this will impact our streets and our community in a mighty way. We are so excited and grateful. Marshall and Roger drove home that same night and we just thank the Lord for with their persistence and hard work, may the Lord bless you!

“Sing to Him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts”. Psalms 105:2

With a heart filled with worship for the Lord,

Betel Lopez