

## Gas Prices:

06/07/2008

McAllen, TX

\$3.84 per gallon

Reynosa, MX

\$3.012 per gallon

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# Gatica Pipeline

## Some Pennsylvania Beauty

*I like going back to PA in the spring. I love the SOFT green grass...the apple blossoms on my dad's trees...the flowering trees across the road at the neighbors....a reminder of the "new life" we all have in our creator.*



*My dad has been caring for Purple Martins for years. He has his bird houses and gourds out so that the returning birds can make their new homes and have their babies. He even makes them scrambled eggs on cold mornings so they have something warm to eat. Once his daily chores are done, one can find my dad out back on the lawn chair watching his birds. They don't seem to mind. Bluebirds and hummingbirds fly around as well.*

*Dad also planted some garden when I was home. He put in 3-*

*4 rows of potatoes and a few rows of corn. Oh how I miss the sweet corn (Mexico's is more like field corn.) and being there to pluck that first almost ripe tomato before anyone else gets it. I like mine with a little green and yellow on the top-not quite ripe. My mother and I could live off of tomato sandwiches all summer long.*

*We do have flowering plants here in Mexico but they tend to be here all year around so one does-*



*n't notice the coming of spring as much. Our grass is weeds and with the heat, it is often brown and very coarse. What I wouldn't do for a nice patch of PA GRASS to step out in!*



## World Day of Prayer Luncheon

*My week in PA was a busy one. I was on the go most of the time. I visited with friends and supporters...met up with a former student teacher who is now a home-schooling mom of five and visited with her family...attended our Board of Director's meeting...had breakfast with retired friends from Hillview Intermediate... spoke at Center Presbyterian Church in New Castle, PA's World Day of Prayer Luncheon...and attended two services on Sun.*



## *Manchitas (Spots)*



*Our little friend, Amanda saved her money and bought a little Chihuabua. She has named him Manchitas which means "Spots" in English. Her first Chihuabua she named "Pupi". She is a lover of animals. They got Manchitas when he was four weeks old. He had trouble sleeping. After trying several things, they put a stuffed animal in*

*his little shoe box and he snuggled up to it and fell asleep. They haven't had any problem with him since.*

*Armando and Cely are expecting so Amanda will have a new little sister in July. She can't wait. She is busy planning out little outfits that they can wear alike. She has been filling the doctor in on all the things her mother does that she*

*shouldn't be doing while she is pregnant. There isn't too much that she misses in the whole process. I am sure her care of animals will now pass to taking care of her little sister, Alondra.*

## *Tinashe...Rhodesian Ridgeback*



*My Mother's Day present arrived via Continental Airlines this year. Laura sent me one of the thirteen puppies you saw in our last newsletter. We have called her "Tinashe" which in the Shona language of Zimbabwe means "God is with us". Laura said that she was the calmest of the litter but we have yet to see*

*that side of her. I wonder what the rest are like if this is calm. We are busy trying to keep Sammy from making a meal of her and keeping Tinashe from making a meal of our cat, Whispers.*



## *Kubota, the alternative*



*Meet Kubota, our alternative to rising gasoline prices. Kubota belongs to the owner of the little store at the end of our street. She is pregnant and wasn't eating much of anything along the street so Jorge asked if he could bring her home for a few days to help clean up on our lot. She enjoyed*

*our "weeds" and helped to fertilize our property as well. Sammy wasn't quite sure about her. He tried a few of his shenanigans on her but was usually greeted with a lowered head and feet put in first gear ready to rumble. Luckily for Sammy, Kubota was on a rope.*

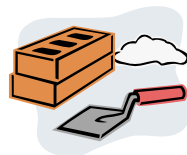
*She broke loose from the pole and took off running one day when I opened the gate. Luckily she was just going home.*

# Memorial All-Purpose Building Our Gratitude Box



works in the morning and then picks it back up in the evening when things start to cool down. Most of his afternoon time is spent repairing trucks. Once in ambile you can catch him taking a siesta or watching TV.

Jorge continues to plug away at laying block for our All-Purpose building. Now that the heat is between 100-120 degrees progress has slowed down a bit. He



We are grateful for...

- those of you who have donated to our All-Purpose Building project
- donations received for purchasing Library Books for Regents School
- donations to our Truck Fund
- all the prayers and notes of encouragement sent our way
- those of you who are faithful monthly supporters-we wouldn't be here if it weren't for you
- our family and friends who believe in what we are doing
- God meeting our every need in His good time

## Truck Fund

Dear Friends,

During the last few years Lifting Burdens has purchased two used 4 x 4 trucks to use in Reynosa. Both of them have needed a multitude of repairs and currently it is not cost effective to continue to repair them.

We are asking for your financial

support to purchase a new or used 4 x 4 truck. Jorge and Marilyn have begun the "shopping" process in Texas.

We appreciate your prayerful consideration to support this current need of the ministry of Lifting Burdens. Please designate your gift as "Truck Fund".

Blessings,

Lifting Burdens  
Board of Directors

*"Don't place a question mark where God has placed a period."*

## Spain

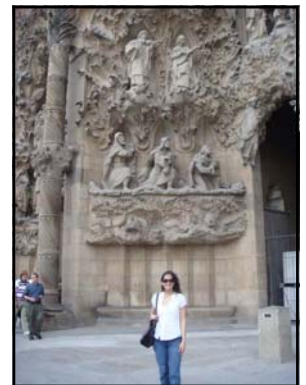
We spent 8 days in Spain the middle of May with our son-in-law and daughter. The highlights of the trip for me were the Bullfight in Madrid and the Sagrada Familia designed by Gaudi in Barcelona. Soon I will be posting some of our photos from Spain on: [www.liftingburdens.org](http://www.liftingburdens.org)



Bullfight in Madrid



Gaudi's Sagrada Familia



Laura in front of Sagrada Familia...The Three Kings

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## Community Outreach

Anita Filer and three or four other women from East Main Presbyterian Church in Grove City, PA spent some of those cold winter days sewing our "little dress bags". The bags will be used to hold plastic grocery bags, diapers, or clothespins for our friends here in Reynosa. No matter who received one, the smiles were broad. Thank you. One lady said that she was going to take the bottom out of the bag and make it in to a little dress for her daughter. I can't wait to see what she comes up with. I have learned over the years that things are not always the way I think they should be. Where there is a true need, we have found the poor are very resourceful people.



**Our friend, Lucy**

I love summer because it tends to free me up a bit so that I can go visiting. Yesterday I stopped in to visit with Pastor Raul, Socorro, Steven and Shen. Shen just turned eight months old on the 6th of June. He is one happy little fellow. The family is enjoying each new day with him.

**Our friend, Socorro**

