

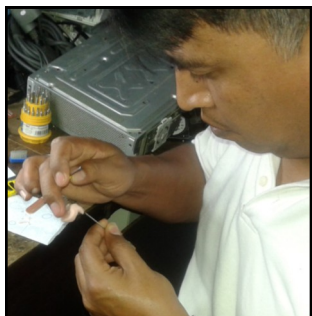


CROSSING BORDERS NEWS

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Faith Of A Child



THE PICTURES SAY IT ALL!

Little Emanuel was able to hear for the first time since he was a baby on March 26. Thanks to CBM supporters for helping pay for his hearing aid! After lots of adjusting by the doctor, they got the perfect fit. That's two 'thumbs up' & a big "muchas gracias" from him and his whole family!



What happened to little Emanuel was every parents' nightmare. Your baby is sick with a fever that can't be controlled. At the hospital they pump him full of antibiotics to save his life. But what saved his life all but destroyed his hearing. Four years later you're told he needs hearing aids or he won't be able to keep up in school. This is Emanuel's story in a nutshell. In September, they sought financial help from DIF, Mexico's child services. They did qualify for assistance, but still had to save for the other half of the expense. After 6 months, they were still short and asked us for help. We were able to give them what was needed March 24. Manny's dad drove all the way from Xalapa, Veracruz to pick it up, and he was fitted with his first hearing aid March 26!

It's such a privilege to be part of the process in blessing this family. In the video they gave us as a "thank you," Manny is nervous and unsure of what the doctor is doing to him. He keeps looking to his parents for reassurance. His faith is in his parents' love. The moment he hears their voices, his joy is directed their way. The doctor had done his part as we did ours, but this little boy only had eyes for his parents!

We should never outgrow that kind of faith. Jesus said that unless we have the faith of a little child, we won't ever be able to see the kingdom of God. Little Manny's experience reminds us that our focus shouldn't be on the circumstances we find ourselves in. Yes, we must deal with really "grown up" kinds of situations, but child-like faith can meet them head on.

Some of our pastors continue to be hassled at the border crossings as they return to Mexico. Their own agents have charged them import fees to bring in the things they've received from CBM, and they are told they won't be allowed to cross beans and rice "next time." And we've just had a new obstacle arise; our "egg man" George Hughes learned he won't receive any more donated eggs! The stores must now destroy any eggs they can't sell! So we go from George bringing 300 dozen eggs per month to zero. It's a terrible disappointment for everyone involved!

Does this mean we quit feeding the poor? Of course not! Eggs are only one part of all the pastors receive. You know this kind of thing has happened before, and if one door closes our mighty God is getting another door ready to open! We can worry and complain, or we can PRAY and watch what He will do. We know our God has limitless resources and unstoppable methods. We have beans, rice, groceries, and everything else that you all help supply. And the pastors ARE still crossing with all of it. Who knows, God may have a warehouse full of dehydrated eggs that don't need refrigeration ready to be sent our way. He's just looking for those with the faith to receive it!

Child-like faith is NOT wishful thinking! Just read this excerpt from the April-May publication of Double Mountain Baptist Association in Stamford, TX. This group of churches have been HUGE supporters of the school supply drive since we began.

CROSSING BORDERS SCHOOL SUPPLY MISSION

Last year I was telling a church about how we collect the money, then order school supplies, come together and assemble packets and take them to Fabens to Crossing Borders Ministry. I told them these school supplies go to children in the villages who without them would not go to school. The pastors in the villages give them to the children. When church was over a young boy in stature and years, but wise in the things that matter, came up to me. This is what he said, "I told my mom I want to get \$100 out of my money and give it for school supplies." Blew me away, and his mom too! I began to tell him he didn't have to do that, that even \$10 would be a great amount and he said, "Mom said we would talk about it."

That night they talked about many ways he could help other people too and that he didn't have to give that much to Crossing Borders. The next morning he and his mom came in my office. He handed me five 20 dollar bills and said this is for the children so they can go to school. Of course he was happy, and me, well I started to cry. He did not know what to say then!

Oh my, how little we know the work of our Lord. The faith of a child spoke to me in a mighty way.



Prayer Requests

After nearly two years of fighting cancer, Mrs. Margarita Lopez passed into the Lord's presence April 20. Things were quiet along the border so that lots of family & friends could gather to say their goodbyes. This photo is from our November 2008 issue, celebrating the Lopez's 50th anniversary. Please keep Pastor Lopez

& his family in prayer.

A week later, we were stunned to learn Cecil Simpson passed away April 27. We shared about our faith-filled friend in the August 2014 issue. Then his wife Maddie went through the death of her father one week after that. Please keep this precious sister & her family in prayer as they grieve for both these men of faith.

Upcoming Events

Elfi & Joan will be in the Cloudcroft area for the month of June to visit supporting churches & fellowship with long-time friends. CBM volunteers will keep Tuesday distribution day going while we're travelling. Please call the cell number below if you have any questions.

Greg Beard still needs skilled volunteers who want to join our warehouse building project. Contact him at: gregbeard@embarqmail.com. Also, CBM is accepting financial donations for the project. Attach a note that your gift is for the "warehouse".

No More Egg Cartons, Please

George Hughes wants everyone to know how he has appreciated your sending egg cartons for him. Due to the stores not being able to donate eggs anymore, he won't need the cartons. Please discard those you've already saved. Please pray for him & his ministry volunteers.

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Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of this ministry!

CBM is God's commission to missionaries Elfi Register and Joan Wilson - to support, encourage, and release FAITH in the needy and less fortunate. CBM operates out of First Baptist Church of Fabens.

Donations made through FBC Fabens are tax deductible, so please make your check payable to:

Fabens First Baptist Church

Include a note to specify your gift for missionary support of Elfi and/or Joan or for CBM's General Fund

Elfi & Joan are Mission Service Corps missionaries out of FBC Fabens. MSC is part of the North American Mission Board. These missionaries raise their own finances.



Since 2001, CBM has been helping thousands of children in Mexico go to school through our annual School Supply Kit Drive. Whether this is your first time to make kits, or you've been doing it 14 years, we welcome you to be part of the fun!

Full details on how to assemble these kits and label them are on our website at crossingbordersministries.com. If you have questions feel free to call. To get you started, here is what goes into each kit.

Primaria (USA grades 1 - 6)

- 1- 24 count box of Crayons
- 1- 20 count pkg. #2 Pencils
- 1- pair blunt tip scissors
- 1- big pink eraser
- 1- pencil sharpener
- 1- 12" Ruler with Metric measurements
- 1- 4 oz bottle school glue (Tape lid closed!)
- 1- yellow highlighter
- 4- pocket folders
- 1- spiral notebook - 70 ct. wide rule paper
- 1- 150 count pkg. loose leaf paper - wide rule

Secundaria (USA grades 7 - 9)

- 1- 24 count Colored Pencils
- 1- 20 count pkg. #2 Pencils
- 1- 10 count pkg. Black Pens
- 1- pair student scissors (pointed tip is OK)
- 1- big pink eraser
- 1- pencil sharpener
- 1- 12" Ruler with Metric measurements
- 1- 4 oz bottle glue (Tape lid closed!)
- 1- yellow highlighter
- 4- pocket folders
- 1- Composition Book
- 1- spiral notebook - 70 ct. college rule paper
- 1- 150 count pkg. Loose leaf paper - college rule

Preparatoria (USA grades 10 - 12)

- 1- 24 count Colored Pencils
- 1- 4 count pkg. Mechanical Pencils
- 1- 10 count pkg. Black Pens
- 1- pair student scissors (pointed tip is OK)
- 1- big pink eraser
- 1- pencil sharpener
- 1- 12" Ruler with Metric measurements
- 1- 4 oz bottle glue (Tape lid closed!)
- 1- 4 pack multi-color highlighters
- 4- pocket folders
- 2- Composition Book
- 2- spiral notebook - 70 ct. college rule paper
- 1- 150 count pkg. Loose leaf paper - college rule

Kits are due in Fabens by August 1

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