



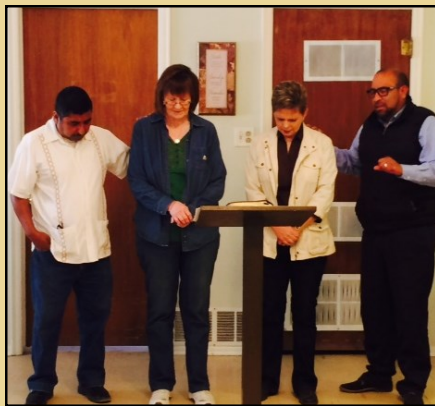
CROSSING BORDERS NEWS

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Sunrise over Mayhill Baptist



Pastors praying over Elfi & Joan



Leading worship at JHOP in El Paso

He is Risen Indeed! Luke 24:34

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is exciting and miraculous! Even death couldn't conquer Him! While some doubt the events we call "Easter," you only have to be watchful and you'll find the evidence that He has risen indeed! You can see Him in those who continue to love and serve Him until His promised return.

At Crossing Borders Ministries we take the words of Jesus to heart — to feed those who are hungry, give a drink to those who are thirsty, clothe them, visit them, bind their wounds, teach them, minister to them spiritually and physically. LOVE THEM. Carrying out these words takes us in many directions. We visited the Pecos Valley Baptist association in March, meeting at West Park Baptist. We were amazed by their hospitality and love, welcoming us as though they had known us always! We made some lasting friendships and weren't at all sure who went away more encouraged, them or us! One of them, Joyce Morton, even called and said she was coming to help sack beans & rice on the same day we were celebrating CBM's 16th anniversary.

That day was a blessing, with pastors and missionaries sharing many stories of how CBM had made an impact in their lives and the lives of those they serve. They honored us, too, praying over us for continued strength and favor. One pastor said, "We don't know where all they go, or if they even have a place to sleep when they get there. We do know they always return with more blessings for the poor. God never stops using them."

We also had the privilege in March of leading the worship for a series of meetings at JHOP El Paso taught by Janey Brennand. She was used by the Lord in the 1970's as a catalyst for revival in and around El Paso. Thousands of teenagers and young adults came to salvation in Christ in that time. Janey taught on the revivals of the past as well as the one she was involved in, and stirred up the desire to see the Holy Spirit "do it again." Although no two moves of God are exactly alike, one thing has always held true: it is birthed through people who humble themselves before the Lord, laying aside their own agendas, and seeking His Presence in prayer.

Effective, Fervent Prayer James 5:16

Prayer is a powerful weapon, according to the Bible. The prayers of the saints on earth are gathered and offered with incense before the throne of God, then poured out upon the earth to effect change. It's not a philosophy or mindset, it's reality. Nothing is better than seeing prayer answered right before our eyes, and that is just what happened a couple of weeks ago when Bill Thrash came walking into our Distribution Tuesday. We asked our readers to pray for Bill nearly two and a half years ago when he had a bizarre accident. Something caused him to fall out of his truck in his driveway, he hit his head and lay there unconscious till a friend found him and called for help. He had memory loss, confusion, and couldn't walk. It seemed as though the man we had known since the beginning of our ministry wouldn't ever recover. But God is always working in ways we can't comprehend! Bill is still weak, he's lost a lot of weight, but praise the Lord, he has recovered his memory and was determined to come check on us and make sure we were doing ok!

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Remember these CBM dates

June

1-30: Elfi & Joan visiting Cloudcroft area churches
7: Elfi & Joan mark 20 years in faith ministry

July

8-15: Lamesa Assn. Mission Team
22-28: Pittsburg Assn. Mission Team
7/29-8/5: Tri-County Assn. Mission Team

July 31: Due Date for School Supply Kits

August

1-22: Shipping school kits

October

7: Elfi's birthday
15: Elfi & Joan at Lamesa Bapt Assn annual meeting
18: Joan's birthday

November 27: Due date for Christmas shoeboxes

December

4-20: Shipping shoebox gifts
12/23-1/6: CBM closed for 2 week Christmas break

Prayer Requests

- Ralph Teague (Joan's dad) - home hospice care

And Special Thanks

Thanks to our new friends from Pecos, TX. Joyce, Brooke, and Brooke's 3 boys came a long way to help sack beans & rice, load pastor vehicles, and celebrate CBM's 16th anniversary on March 14. What an especially wonderful blessing!

Thanks to our long-time friends Dick & Pat Murtland. When they brought monthly donations from their church in El Paso and saw we had only three other volunteers to help sack beans & rice, they stayed until every sack was finished! The Lord knew we especially needed them April 11! Thank you! We love you!

We witnessed answered prayer again after Elfi was bitten by a spider on her neck. Over the course of a few days, several of us laid hands on her and prayed. One pastor's wife, a nurse, gave her medication as well and had Elfi send her pictures of the bite to check its progress. Thanks to everyone who was praying for her. She is completely healed.

He Sent Them in Twos *Luke 10:1*

Palm Sunday, April 9, we were at Mayhill Baptist Church to lead worship service. Joan ended up too sick to go, so she stayed behind in prayer as Elfi joined the church praise team to lead out in worship. It was good to meet their new pastor Matt, and we did catch up to our precious friends Jack & Judy Sprayberry, who are on their way back to their mission station in Africa.

Joan's dad is now under hospice care at home, so we will travel to San Angelo to spend this Resurrection Sunday with him. We hope to minister to him as he spent much of his own ministry life visiting those confined to their homes or in nursing homes. We are praying and believing he will have the strength to enjoy singing his favorite hymns with us.

The Lord bless and keep you!



Bill Thrash is a walking miracle!
Thanks for bringing him, Deanna

Sisters of the heart
Esperanza Lara & Joyce Morton



*Mercy to the needy is a loan to God,
and God pays back those loans in full!*

Proverbs 19:17 - The Message

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