



CROSSING BORDERS NEWS

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Streams in the Desert

You may have heard it before, that when we began this ministry we prayed, “Lord, we don’t want to begin something and then have to tell the pastors we have nothing for them when they come. If this is truly your leading, then we’re depending on you to provide what they need.” That was over 17 years ago, and the Lord has been faithful ever since! We have witnessed the amazing ways He has caused resources of every description to flow through CBM like “streams in the desert.” What an amazing network of friends He has blessed us with! Thank you for being part of the river of blessings all these years!

During our recent anniversary celebration, many pastors and their wives shared just how important that flow of resources continues to be in their lives and the lives of those they minister to. One pastor recounted a time this past Christmas when they had a party to give out the shoebox gifts. As will happen, more kids showed up than they planned for. By the end of things, all they could give were the packets of beans and rice. But one little girl was so thrilled, saying she loved when they gave out beans and rice because her grandma didn’t have money to buy any! Another told of the many people they have kept alive through the weekly provision of food they receive every Tuesday. For another it was the remarkable supply of Bibles, teaching materials, those things they needed but couldn't afford for their ministries.

One pastor’s wife shared that the first time her son received 24 pencils in his school supply kit he was so excited. He told her now he had pencils he could share when they went to the Baptist mission in Torreon. She’s seen the Lord provide new sneakers and clothes for her children since then. And there was the time she was upset with her husband having given the last of their milk to a family in need. They came to pick up from CBM and in their grocery sack was a big box of powdered milk! She said her husband is so generous, always saying the Lord will take care of them, but that day changed her. As a mom her worry is to care for her children, her home, but that day she really understood the Lord WILL take care of their every need—even as they meet the needs of others! At last she added in our direction, “The school supplies, the Christmas gifts, all the food... we see your humility and your great heart for the poor. You are a blessing from God.”

We’ve heard from several US churches that their kids’ VBS mission money will again be designated for CBM. How awesome that kids will be blessing other kids! Thank you! So many dismiss Vacation Bible School as just something to keep the kids busy for a week in the summer. It is so much more! Not only do they learn about the love of Jesus, but they discover ways to demonstrate that love toward others.

We also thank Lamesa Association for being so generous in bringing their leftover

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Thank you, Lamesa Association!
Hygiene kits with all the basics and scripture tracts to guide their lives



Thank you, Tri-County Association!
Frisbees with plan of salvation given away at a 1 day VBS



Thank you, Mayhill Baptist!
New Testaments in Spanish for teens & adults



Comedor BAN feeding center for children & elderly operated by Iglesia Antioquia in Col. Pancho Villa

CBM News & Updates

Elfi and Joan will be visiting churches in southern New Mexico throughout June. Please keep them in prayer as they travel and share what God is doing on the border.

The School Supply Kits and Christmas Shoebox flyers have been updated for 2018 and are on our website, ready for printing. These include complete instructions on how to prepare the Kits and Shoebox Gifts. Call us if you have any questions. Check them out today!

School Supplies will be due in Fabens July 31

Christmas Shoebox deadline will be Nov. 27

Other Special Requests

Pastors are always asking for Bibles that are the Spanish Reina Valera Version (RVR) dated 1960. They use it during responsive readings.

Pastors can use craft materials for Sunday School and VBS activities. Construction paper, paints, markers, craft ideas and examples for them to replicate are all appreciated.



Vacation Bible School in Mexico

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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.



2000 children & teens were helped to go to school with supply kits last year

VBS decorations and craft materials to be a blessing to our churches along the border. The kids in Mexico enjoy VBS too! In those churches, how much material they have determines how many days they can have a VBS. Sometimes, it's only 2 or 3 days. Most times, the kids who attend are the same ones who show up for a meal during school days. Helping these churches to have a meaningful VBS is a blessing beyond measure!

First Baptist here in Fabens is equally blessed to receive help for our own VBS. There are the decorations from Lamesa, and for nearly 10 years Pittsburg Baptist Association in Oklahoma has come in July to help us put on a great VBS. Last year over 100 kids attended! For a lot of these kids, it's the only time they're allowed to come to a church.

Speaking recently with a friend (who's also a prayer partner) she reminded us just how much that matters. She came to the United States from a culture and religion very different from what most of us have experienced. She used to see all the Christians coming and going at their churches and longed to know what they did there. She saw they had a freedom and joy not seen in her own religion. As a teen, she was invited to a youth group meeting and was given a Bible, something she treasured and hid under her bed. Eventually her secret was out and she was sent back by her family to live in their home country. It was a long journey back to the US and back to believers in Christ. She couldn't stress strongly enough how the simplest things like crafts made in VBS are treasured by those who have discovered the "love that is stronger than death" like she found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The churches in Mexico pray during their services for all who support Crossing Borders Ministries. They know your faithfulness to be a blessing as the Lord blesses you! So as we slide into summer, remember to pray for all of them as they continue to share the love of Jesus in all the ways they can—feeding the hungry, caring for the widows & orphans, meeting needs physically and spiritually wherever they go.

***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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