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**Muchas Gracias
for your generosity!
2000 children in Mexico
are in school today thanks to
your labor of love!**



**This little one helped her grandparents
load up school supply kits for kids in
their community in Sauzal.**

From Summer to School and Beyond

It sure has been a whirlwind summer! For us (Elfi & Joan) it's been a few months and more than a few hundred miles logged between the cool mountains of Cloudcroft, New Mexico and the hot desert land here. We enjoyed reconnecting with churches, friends, and family in the Cloudcroft area. (Thank you to everyone who fed us and opened their homes to us!) It rained a little every day there, keeping the air so fresh! We even enjoyed commuting back and forth to keep Tuesday distribution day on track. But the heat we've endured on the border this summer has been unreal!

It's still hovering near 100 here, and kids are having to head back to school already! Thanks to everyone who had a part in helping us send **2000 children** to school in Mexico. Whether you bought a pack of pencils or packed 100 kits, you became a part of God's blessing for these kids with a chance at an education. In 15 years, there have been young people who've gone all the way to college because of your partnership with CBM. Together we have made a difference in their lives!

We did have to go "old school" during our school supply kit drive to meet the needs for all the pastors, however. Not as many kits came in already prepared this time, and we had to go back to the way we did things in the beginning, making an assembly line of items for the kits and putting them together ourselves. But God is always working, and He made provision through some generous financial gifts that made it possible to buy all the things needed to make up the kits we lacked. Also, we had willing volunteers who came to help us "just in the nick of time!" There's no way we could have made up so many kits without them! One of the last gals who came to help was one of the first who helped us "way back when." She and her kids were part of the first team to ever help assemble kits! So remember, we really mean it when we say every kit matters!

Thanks to the extra helpers, we were able to fulfill every request by the pastors in Mexico. All the kits have shipped out and pastors have started to bring their pictures to us. That means the DVD will be going out soon to everyone who participated in the School Supply Drive, so be watching for it in the mail.

There have been so many lives impacted by the generosity of our CBM family, far beyond just the supply kits! The groups that came and lived for a week in the church's missionary dorm in July brought VBS fun for kids in the area. But they also delivered medical & hygiene supplies, teaching materials, food, clothing, and even building materials for many others across in Mexico. Though the violence still plagues the villages along the Rio Grande, we are constantly amazed at the creative means God uses to make "a way where there is no way!"



TRUE FRIENDS INDEED!

*Here we are with one of several volunteer teams who came to the rescue to assemble school kits with us. Even our dogs helped! They picked up the items that dropped under the tables and brought them to us ... well, sometimes anyway! All those boxes behind us are filled with kits ready for pastors to pick up on Tuesday. In all we shipped out **2000 kits to 40 locations!***

News, Updates & Prayer Requests

Our friends, E.L. & Carolyn Hogg from Lamesa, were in a terrible accident on their way here in July. Miraculously no one was killed, but several of their passengers were hospitalized. The rest of their team decided to continue here, arriving with a renewed zeal. Life can change in an instant & they wanted everyone they met to have a chance to know Jesus.

Another friend, Fred Keith, mission team leader from Cisco, came to work here with ulcers on the bottoms of his feet. He had to motor around in a wheelchair but he was determined to make a difference on the border. God has honored his servant's heart, with wife Nannette reporting the doctor is amazed at how his wounds are healing.

Since CBM began, Bill Thrash has been our "silent partner," donating all the zip-close baggies we use to pack beans & rice. He was found unconscious by his truck & doctors still haven't diagnosed his condition. He's confused at times & isn't able to reorder the bags right now. We'll have to buy them ourselves till he's back on his feet. Please pray for him and pray for his doctors to have Divine wisdom.

In the midst of working in the summer heat, Elfi suffered a heatstroke. The Lord had knowledgeable people on hand and they were able to treat her & keep her out of the hospital. She is still dealing with the after-effects, however, so please keep her in prayer for a full recovery.

A Special Thank You

Our deepest gratitude and appreciation goes out to Hans & Linda Steinhoff, for the many years they've ordered and hauled beans for CBM! After 15 years they're retiring! When Hans had surgery last year, Willie Inge & stepson John took on the task temporarily. We greatly appreciate their faithfulness to the "bean run" as well! Thanks, guys! Now, we welcome John & Judy Dalton, long time friends, who've already made their first bean run! We're thrilled to have you!

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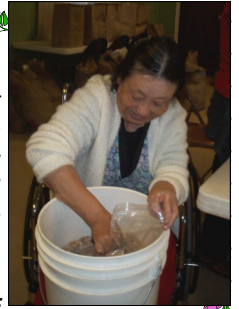
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Remembering our Sister Rosa

You would see her packing beans with her daughters every Tuesday. They could outdo twice their number over at the rice table. That's how you'd remember Rosa Alvarez if you ever visited us on a Tuesday morning. She's been with us since before her 13 year old grandson was born. Bryan, the first of our "miracle babies," is alive and healthy today despite doctors saying that IF he lived he would never walk, speak, or be able to feed himself.



She's pictured above in 2008, after doctors gave up on her. She not only survived, but eventually walked out of the wheelchair we gave her.

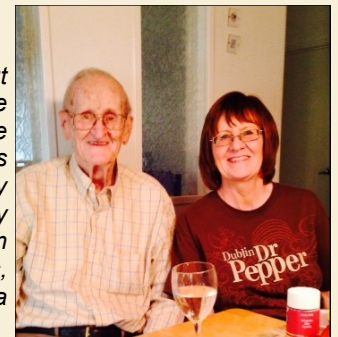
And this is the three of us last year at the church's Christmas lunch. Except for Barbie Lopez, who's been with us from the beginning, Rosa was our most faithful volunteer & a member of FBC. Packing beans was "her job" and she did it as a holy calling of the Lord. Nobody but Rosa sat at that corner of the bean table, let me tell you! She will be greatly missed.

We were privileged to be with her and her family as she passed out of this life and into the presence of God. That was on August 18, a Tuesday. She is gone too soon, just short of her 64th birthday. Please keep her family and friends in prayer. Her home-going has left a big hole in many of our lives.



REVISITING OUR ROOTS!

You've heard the old joke about the apple not falling far from the tree? We had a double treat while we were in Cloudcroft. Joan's folks came up to join us for Father's Day weekend. Mayhill Baptist graciously allowed us to sing with Joan's dad in the morning service and our friends, the Praznik sisters, treated us to a wonderful lunch afterward!



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Then several weeks later, we were at Trinity Baptist in High Rolls where Elfi reconnected with two couples who were influential in her Christian walk as a child! Rusty & Billie Hinshaw and Phil & Lois Fuller were members and leadership in First Baptist Cloudcroft during Elfi's growing up years there. They are as close to family as you can get without being related! She had lost track of them all, and what a blessed surprise to reconnect to these precious people!

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