

Crossing Borders News

Our mission: to support, encourage, and release FAITH in the needy & less fortunate

Over 2100 School Kits!



Blessing children in Mexico



Thank you for each person who helped us bless so many children with the opportunity to go to school this year!

Giving God our All

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Mark 12:30. We recently heard from a precious brother of ours how the Lord caused these words of Jesus to ignite a holy fire in him. Though he is in his golden years, he sounds 60 years younger as he shares the revelation from the Holy Spirit on the meaning of "ALL". The fire inside him is such that he's stirring the flame of faith in every believer he talks to! We've known this man of God since we began the ministry 25 years ago. He has always been soft spoken and full of wisdom. Now? There is a sense of urgency in all he says and does, wanting everyone to know you can't love, serve, or give just a part of yourself to the Lord. It's got to be your all, allowing Him to flow like a river through every part of your life. Only then are you truly blessed and a blessing to others.

How well we know what he's experienced. When you "know that you know" you've heard from God Himself, you will lay down your life and follow wherever He leads you. For us, Elfi and Joan, it was to launch Crossing Borders Ministries as a means to "support, encourage, and release faith in the needy and less fortunate." We refer to it as a "ministry of helps," but CBM has many facets that we oversee. To some it seems "small," yet in reality it's too big for any one church to support. That's why the Lord has connected us to you, through your churches and as individuals, each supporting a part of the entire operation. In that way, this ministry is a blessing to us all and a burden to none. We are so thankful for your faithfulness and being a part of what God is doing through our pastor friends in Mexico.

The school supply kits were a wonderful blessing to so many children and youth! In total, **2132 kids** are able to attend school this year thanks to your efforts. These kits went out to <u>36 locations</u> throughout Mexico with the help of <u>25 pastors</u> and their missionaries. Be sure to check out the video Elfi always puts together of photos the pastors have taken. They are just bringing their pictures, so it should be on our website in about a week.

Thank you as well for all the cards, letters, and calls as both of us have continued to recover from our health issues. Each of us are really doing well. For Joan, the heart is regaining function and strength, and she can now do most anything she could before. For Elfi, she is finished with all treatments and sees her doctor at the end of August. We are believing she will get a clean bill of health, praise the Lord!



Reaching out in Delicias

For 10 years we have partnered with Pastor Omar & Luly's Lara as they ministered to what began as a squatter community on the outskirts of the city of Delicias in the interior of Mexico. That community grew through the years and became Colonia Industrial Sur. Their work has grown into the construction of a mission, with our Mexico pastors, Fabens First Baptist and CBM ministering cooperatively. This July, 250 children were ministered

to through a Vacation Bible School and blessed with school supply kits. It's our version of going into "Jerusalem, Samaria, and the uttermost parts."



News & Prayer Requests

- Pray for our pastors as they prepare to replant the church in Porvenir this summer. When the cartel violence escalated in 2008, the church and many of the town's residents were threatened to the point of being forced out. They will start with three days of services including VBS for the kids, and our school kits will be part of the outreach. Some of you will recall going to Porvenir in years past.
- Pray for Juan Gutierrez, a little boy in Primaria this year.
 Though we don't know him, the Lord pressed us to pray for him by name. These school supplies will effect his life forever, along with all the others, and this matters greatly to the Lord!

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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.



Pray for Pastors & Missionaries in Mexico

Omar & Luly's Lara, First Baptist in Fabens, missions in Anapra, Etapa 9, Delicias, Juan Alvarez school Ministry

Dr. Hugo Mendez, La Paz Church

Patrocinio Ambrocio, Vida Nueva Church

Isidoro Villela, Templo Elim

Nieves Mares, Mte. Sinai Church, Getsemany Mission

Luis Garcia, El Penuel Church, Sarabia & Centenario Missions

Patty Mendoza, La Trinidad Church

Antonio Perea, Dios Con Nosotros Church

Tomas Mijares, Sol de Justicia Church, Casa de Dios

Luis Piste, Oasis de Amor Church

Pablo Gonzalez, Antioquia Church, Torre Fuerte Mission, BAN Children's Ministry

Ruth M. Cruz, Cruz and Corona Ministries

Eduardo Guzman, Cristo Redentor Church, 6 missions

Alfredo Lira, Rancho Nuevo Mission

Francisco & Rosa Ramirez, Agua Viva Church

Enrique Ornelas, Neighborhood Ministry

Ruben Sandoval, La Hermosa, Bethel, & Dios con Nosotros missions

Gabriela Tarango, Christian Family Center Church



School kits reached as far away as the Tarahumara Indians high in the Sierra Tarahumara



December 1 Christmas Shoebox Gifts due in Fabens

Please let us know your delivery plans. Also, anyone is welcome to schedule to come work for a day of sorting boxes for the churches in Mexico as well.