



# CROSSING BORDERS NEWS

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December in Delicias was a trailer full of blessings through Crossing Borders



Beans, Rice and Blankets



Tons of New Clothes, Jackets & Shoes



Ministry & Medical Supplies

## Hold on to Hope!

First of all, to everyone of you who've been checking in on a regular basis, thank you for walking with us through some difficult days. We apologize it has been four months since our last newsletter, and are grateful to know we have such faithful friends!

The latest events regarding Pastor Enrique & Nena Ornelas have occupied much of our time and energy. Despite efforts to keep them in the U.S. they were ordered to return to Mexico to await the decision on their appeal for asylum. That was on Dec. 4. We're all still waiting and praying for approval from the Board of Immigration Appeal in Virginia.

We're staying in contact with them by phone and text, supporting them in every way possible. Many have called to ask, so yes, we are still accepting monies on their behalf. It isn't safe for them to find any kind of work, besides which we hold on to the hope that he will return as pastor of FBC Fabens.

While they wait for an answer in Mexico, Omar & Luly's Lara have stepped in to help both CBM and our church. Turns out Pastor Enrique had asked this couple to pray and be available should he be deported. So when we asked them for help they said, "yes, we are ready." They have multiple ministries throughout Mexico we've helped with through the years, yet even before we spoke to them they'd started rearranging their schedules to be ready to help. Now, they're committed to partner with us for as long as necessary. They are an enormous blessing during such a stressful time!

Speaking of huge blessings, a very special thank you to everyone who made and brought boxes to us! Whether you sent 10 or 1000, every box had a child waiting for it! All together, **3000 SHOEBOXES** came in and were sorted for **49 LOCATIONS** to match the requests from pastors in Mexico. They came from all over Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma and went from 7 miles away in Caseta to 700 miles away in Durango!

We're equally grateful for the groups who came to help with all the sorting and staging that was needed to process all those boxes. For some it was a long work day, for others they gave us a weekend, still others gave us a whole week! The Lord bless you all! We couldn't have done it without y'all!

January has been a flurry of business for the Ornelas family, the church, and of course CBM. Contribution statements have all been mailed out and the Christmas DVD that is sent to all the participating partners went out as well. We can't say it enough, together we ARE making a difference! We are here on the front lines but we couldn't do everything we've done without your prayers and financial support. Our accomplishments are yours as well. God bless you!

Through these past months, one scripture kept us moving forward. Romans 5:3-5 says, *"We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know the suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character hope. And **HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT US**, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us."*



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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

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## Prayer for the Pastors in Mexico

*We've spoken a lot about needing prayer for our Pastor Enrique, but all the pastors & mission leaders we work with need prayer cover every week. Please remember them as you pray. Here are their names and where they serve.*

Enrique & Elena Ornelas, FBC Fabens (still waiting in MX)  
 Eduardo & Margarita Guzmán, Iglesia Bautista Cristo Redentor  
 Eliseo & Tabitha Peña, area missions of Cristo Redentor  
 Nieves & Griselda Mares, Iglesia Bautista Mt. Sinai  
 Jose Cruz Rodriguez, Iglesia Bautista Dios Es Amor  
 Pedro & Laura Rodriguez, Dios Es Amor & area missions  
 Luis & Mrs. Garcia, Iglesia Bautista El Penuel  
 Eugenio & Isabel Guerrero, Mision Gerizim & Choquita  
 Gabriela Tarango, Centro Familiar Cristiano  
 David Lopez, Iglesia Bautista La Trinidad  
 Omar & Lourdes Lara, Mision Anapra, Mision Etapa, Delicias  
 Tomas & Adriana Mijares, Iglesia Bautista Sol de Justicia  
 Patrocinio & Evie Ambrocio, Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva  
 Luis & Mrs. Pisté, Iglesia Oasis de Amor  
 Pablo & Sara Gonzalez, Iglesia Bautista Antioquia & Comedor BAN  
 Lucio & Rosa Ontiveros, Templo Agua Viva  
 Antonio & Eva Perea, Iglesia Bautista Dios Con Nosotros  
 Raymundo & SanJuana Rodriguez, Iglesia Esmirna  
 Isidoro & Mrs. Villela, Templo Elim  
 Ramon Lara, Comedor Senderos del Sol  
 Ismael & Mrs. Chavez, Templo Buen Pastor (Elder Care Ministry)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Filomono Almanza, Clint community elder care

## Big Blessings in Little Bundles

In late September we received a remarkable donation of grass fed beef from a family of New Mexico cattle ranchers. They'd been praying for God to show them a way to feed people in need with the quality beef they raise. Mom had taken their kids to Summer VBS in Mayhill, NM and they came back talking to their parents about how the VBS was collecting school supplies for Mexico. That prompted looking at our web page and reading about all the ministries of Crossing Borders.

Next came an email telling us about their desire to find a ministry they could work with that would help them connect to people in need. After a few emails and phone conversations, we arranged for them to come "spy out the land" and make plans for future ministry together. ("Oh, and can we buy you a new freezer for the beef?")

Once they had their beef processed, they came down in a horse trailer with the new freezer, frozen packages of hamburger, roast, and steak PLUS they cooked steaks for all the pastors & volunteers, serving everyone a chuckwagon meal with all the fixin's, including dessert!

They've made three deliveries to date, and the kids in Mexico tell their pastors that they LOVE the meat and ask for it all the time!!! In the ups and downs of ministry, it's so wonderful to be joined by those who have the same heart of compassion for the "least of these."

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