

# Crossing Borders News

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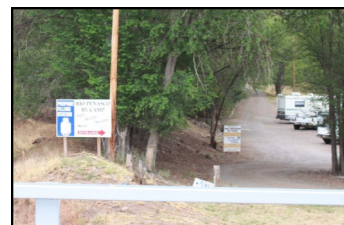
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Rio Penasco RV Park  
Mayhill, NM

## The More Excellent Way

by Joan Wilson

*For the human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it ....*  
1 Corinthians 12:12, 27

I suppose I'll never stop being amazed at the way the Holy Spirit works through the body of Christ when it is in unity with Him! When each of us is obedient to the Spirit of God, not even knowing what He's after, the result is nothing short of miraculous. In the past two months, we've experienced the Lord moving through His body of believers in ways we couldn't imagine. If space permitted for all the details, you'd agree with us that "only God could do it."

The whole month of June, Elfi and I visited in and around Cloudcroft, New Mexico with the many churches and friends who've supported us from the beginning. By month's end, we had spoken about Crossing Borders in 7 different locations! Cloudcroft is the place Elfi calls "home," and many of these good folks are like family for her. Having this time to spend with everyone was such a blessing! But God had even more in store! He led us to people who had lost

touch with us over the years, and we were introduced to still others who embraced us with incredible love! It truly was a case of "Divine connections"!

We've been invited back to lead worship for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual revival service held at Rio Penasco RV Park in mid August. As you know, August is School Supply month, so accepting such an invitation seemed impossible. We told the McNutts, who own the park, that we would pray about it. Then the phone calls started – one group after another moving up their dates to bring us school kits. Then there were our work teams. The Keiths from Tri County Association had to change their mission trip dates, which positioned them to help with School Supply set up. And the Coles, who were a great help last year, picked the perfect dates to come again this year. Long story short, nearly all the kits arrived a week early. In fact, school kits have been shipping out to Mexico since July 30! By August 10, we will have processed and staged all the kits that the pastors have requested – 1700 of them (and counting)!

Do you realize what kind of miracle this really is? We always

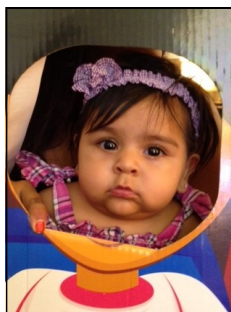
scramble till the last Tuesday of August to supply all the pastors' requests. God has always met the need – above it, even. But in 12 years, we've never seen Him move things around like this! Seeing it all come together the way it has, we knew beyond a doubt that the Lord was clearing our schedule to "make a way where there was no way." So we will be in Mayhill, NM the week of August 12, leading worship at those revival services.

And while all this shifting of schedules was happening, we also had the joy of two other mission teams being with us in July. Lamesa Association team set up VBS in two locations, and also provided materials for 4 more in Mexico. They even left behind tons of decorations for our VBS here in Fabens. Pittsburgh (OK) mission team came in at the end of July to put on a fabulous VBS for us, and also sent extra materials across with the Mexico pastors. We enrolled 90 children & youth, and had 20 adult leaders—110 in all!

So I'll say it again, it's amazing what the Lord can accomplish through us when we are in unity with Him and one another.



- ◆ We still need your empty egg cartons!!! Please, please, please take a few moments to be sure they are clean and free from egg yolk, etc.
- ◆ As we said, we enrolled 90 kids and 20 adults for our biggest VBS in years! Among those kids were 7 of Elfi's girls from her former youth group. Weeks before VBS started, we had a surprise visit from 2 of them. You need to remember, these girls hadn't been seen or heard from in about a year! They had seen people staying in the dorm and that the sign was up at church. They were afraid they had missed out, that it was too late. Once they learned they were more than welcome to come help us when VBS did start, they were so relieved! So they told their friends, and were on hand as some of our best workers! Please keep them in prayer, that they will again seek after the things of God.



- ◆ We had kids of every age with us in VBS—teens to infants! You're never too young or too old to enjoy the excitement of VBS!

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## Prevailing Prayer ...

by Elfi Register

*Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks... When a believing person prays, great things happen.*

(Philippians 4:6, James 5:16 NCV)



This summer has been so full of emotions as we have been walking alongside our Pastor friends. While we were out of town we were told one pastor's daughter had gone into labor and she and her baby were in deep distress. Both were in ICU, in critical condition. The family was told that the baby was "more dead than alive." We made a trip to El Paso and visited them in the hospital and prayed with the family. On our way back to the mountains we called on several prayer warriors to spread the word and PRAY. Sometimes I think we underestimate the power of prayer. Oftentimes we hear people say "well, all we can do is pray." They have little if any faith that our Lord in Heaven does heal and He does hear our prayers. Prayer should be our first choice, not "if all else fails, pray!" This pastor's entire church prayed for 24 hours straight for this mom and her baby! Joan and I prayed with a boldness as we pleaded for this baby's life knowing the Lord was directing our prayers. And now we are all praising God and rejoicing as this little baby named "**Abri!**" (which means new beginnings) has been healed! She is a miracle and her mom is healed as well. The doctors are amazed! Everyone's faith has been stirred and we are continuing to rejoice in this awesome miracle!

The group that came to help us with VBS (Pittsburg Association) brought a special blessing to our pastors this year... Scofield Study Bibles! We decided to include them in the grocery sacks we give the pastors each Tuesday. We had a special prayer time before placing the Bibles in the sacks and several people from the group placed Bibles in the sacks and committed to pray specifically for that pastor and his ministry. Words can't express the presence of the Lord in that moment as we committed our prayers for these men of God. There were many tears and a renewed commitment to the Lord and these men.

We continue to pray protection for these men and their families as they minister in their towns and villages. The violence has ramped up again and they are dealing with the fear and trauma that their people face on a daily basis. We ask you to commit to pray for them as well, pray for them on a daily basis. Pray for their protection, their health, their families. Pray that many will come to the Lord and be SAVED in JESUS' NAME. Pray that hearts will be softened and that the curse that has taken over their land will be broken!

We are so thankful for the network of people that have come along side us as we minister here on the border. Each one of you are precious to us and we couldn't remain here without your help. You have encouraged us as well as the pastors and their families and their many communities. Your blessings of food, school supplies, clothing, and other needed items help support and encourage those that have little or no income. The Lord has used you to lift us up when we're feeling overwhelmed and exhausted and we give thanks and pray for each one of you as well. We are indeed "Serving Him Together".