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Beginning our 15th Year with a Bang



CBM has been asked to help 4 year old Manny pay for hearing aids he needs in both ears before he can start school. The grandson of Pastor Guerrero, his hearing was severely damaged by a fever when just a baby & now he has speech problems. Please pray for him, his family, & his doctors. We'll keep you posted on his progress.

The Lord has been moving in mighty ways since the year began, and we are holding on just to keep up! This is going to be a year of change, and we see God shifting things to “expand to the left and the right.” There’s been a revolving door of blessings with people and donations coming in and going out. Praise the Lord! There’s change happening in the lives of our pastor friends in Mexico. We said goodbye today to one couple who’ve accepted a church in the USA. Their lives have been in imminent danger for over a year. God opened this door in answered prayer, but we were all in tears anyway while we hugged farewell, as we’ve ministered together for 14 years. After that, another pastor asked us to be in prayer for them, as there’s a church in the US calling him to come as well. With so many people having fled Mexico, there’s a need for experienced Mexican pastors to minister to them. Praise God these men have spent years training up the next generation to take their posts!

We believe God is also expanding the borders for FBC Fabens and CBM in 2015. It seems CBM will finally have its warehouse completed & our entire operation will be in one building, hallelujah! The project is too big for any one group alone, so Greg Beard was asked to coordinate things for us again. You can read a little more about this on the back of the newsletter. Also, First Baptist (our home church in Fabens) voted to allow another congregation to share the church’s facilities. It’s two churches sharing one vision to reach this community for Jesus Christ. It is a wonderful adventure in “being” the body of Christ in unity, and it has the whole town buzzing.

In the midst of all the busyness, the BIGness of what God is doing can be forgotten. This year we took on another pastor and his church. On a recent Tuesday his wife stood outside the CBM warehouse and watched in wide-eyed wonder at what was a typical day for us. They had already loaded up their car with beans and rice, but there were stacks of eggs in cases, bags of fresh grapefruit, and new clothes—many for children. She was blown away to receive more than she thought their car could hold! “It’s such a great blessing,” was all she could manage to say.

We (Elfi & Joan) feel led that this will be the year we start crossing into Mexico again. It’s still unstable along the border, so we covet your prayers for wisdom and protection. We’ve been supplying feeding stations we only see in pictures, and we so want to be there in person. There are missions we’d love to encourage. Pastor Lopez fell and has developed an infection in the bone. Mrs. Lopez is in her final fight with cancer and under the hospice care of her daughter. They are homebound now, and we have a burden to go to them. Please continue to pray for them.

This past Tuesday, the pastors put together an anniversary service for us and CBM. There were testimonials and expressions of thanksgiving that had us all in tears. One pastor told about having no money to buy his son shoes for school, but in the bag of clothes he picked up at CBM were a pair of shoes just his size! WE didn’t know of the need, but GOD did! Many spoke of how the beans & rice were actually a lifesaver. As one pastor’s wife said, she didn’t know if they would have anything to eat one week, but she knew they could count on having beans & rice! Another woman put it so well when she said, “you may think that what you do is a small thing, but in God’s eyes it is a BIG thing!” Amen! Proverbs 22:9 says: **He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives of his food to the poor.**



Beans, rice, new clothes, medicines, & gifts were taken to La Campesina, a very needy colonia in Delicias, Mexico.

Elfi and Joan spoke at Tri-County Baptist Association’s Missions Banquet on Monday, March 9th. The meeting was at Friendship Baptist Church in Albany, TX this year. This group of churches are big sponsors of CBM, supplying new clothes like the ones above, Christmas shoeboxes, all sorts of needed items, as well as monthly funding for beans and rice. Pictured here are just some of those who have been especially good friends of CBM!



Left to right: Elfi, Wendy, Betty, Nanette, Joan, Fred, Roy, John

It's been years since we felt it was wise to list the names of those we minister alongside. At right are pastors, ministries, and communities you have helped through Crossing Borders Ministries in the past year — 45 locations in all.

You will find senior pastors are listed first, with their leadership & missions grouped below each one. Please keep them before the Lord in prayer, as they minister in extremely difficult circumstances.

No Place Like Home

Since January, plans have been in the works to add on to our CBM warehouse, and we'll finally have the ministry under one roof. Once again, Greg Beard of Grace of Giving took on the task to oversee the project. Then in February, God sent a construction business that offered to do the building at cost!

Greg is now working up estimates for the concrete slab, electrical work, and so forth and looking for skilled volunteers who want to join the project. Anyone interested in donating time or money can contact Greg by email at:

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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

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