



# CROSSING BORDERS NEWS

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Omar & Luly's Lara presented Elfi & Joan with a beautiful plaque of Jeremiah 29:11-13 as a thank you for helping them in their many ministries



Enrique Ornelas & wife Elena, pastor of FBC Fabens since 2012

Esteban is one of our longest serving volunteers, helping us on Tuesdays since 2004



## Faithful Friends

In 17 years, we've lived through enough experiences to fill a book with our faithful friends. Many of them, you walked through with us. The Lord has opened opportunities for us (Elfi & Joan) to travel more, visiting churches and individuals—especially our New Mexico friends in Cloudcroft, Mayhill, La Luz, and Weed. We've been able to sing & lead worship, and share what God has been doing along the border. We're very grateful for the many faithful friends the Lord has surrounded us and the ministry of CBM with. Whether we are here or traveling, we have confidence in our faithful friends to keep our Tuesday distribution day running smoothly.

Pastor Enrique and his wife Elena work behind the scenes every Monday evening with help from their boys. They set up the church fellowship hall for breaking down 50# sacks of beans & rice, as well as prepare the grocery bags for the pastors who will cross from Mexico the next day. Volunteers from our church and community show up every Tuesday at 9AM to break down the bulk beans & rice into zip bags for up to 400 families each week.

Everything that goes out with the pastors on Tuesdays is thanks in large part to our delivery network. John Dalton comes every other week with beans purchased through FBC Cloudcroft. Greg Beard and all the team of Grace of Giving can be counted on to deliver groceries and rice every month. George Hughes comes through once or twice each month with food and Bibles. Glen Meadows Baptist from San Angelo, TX brings meat, canned and boxed goods, and a variety of other supplies two to three times each year. The Murtlands bring donated items from their Bible study group at FBC El Paso throughout the month.

There are several Baptist Associations that work closely with us. Lamesa, Tri-County, and Double Mountain Associations are big promoters of our School Supply Kits and Christmas Shoebox Drives for kids. And Pittsburg Association comes every July to put on a great VBS in Fabens, sharing the good news about Jesus and His love for the 100 plus kids who attend. **AND THERE ISN'T ROOM ENOUGH TO MENTION EVERYONE ELSE WHO COVERS CBM FINANCIALLY AND IN PRAYER!** We are truly blessed with faithful friends!

We are so thankful for the home FBC Fabens offered us back in 2001. Our home church made it possible for CBM to organize and operate out of the church facilities. Through the years, we have watched as our church went through transition and change, yet remain faithful to its promise of providing CBM a home. Amazingly, we have witnessed people we once ministered to in Mexico cross over to escape the violence and become members of FBC Fabens. Even our own Pastor Enrique has known us from the beginning—he was the first pastor from Mexico we met, as he led the Fabens Spanish mission

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## CBM 17th Anniversary party with pastors, volunteers & friends



## CBM News & Updates

The School Supply Kits and Christmas Shoebox lists have been updated for 2018 and are on our website, ready for printing. Check them out.

School Supplies will be due in Fabens July 31

Christmas Shoebox deadline will be Nov. 27

### And Special Thanks

A special thank you to the men from Cloudcroft Methodist Church who worked out the details of getting a 5000# donation of split beans delivered to our warehouse in January. It was 2 pallets full in the warehouse! (see below)



CBM warehouse full of split beans & bulk dried food  
For ministry feeding stations

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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

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.



meetings on Tuesday nights—in the same fellowship hall of FBC. None of us could have imagined he would one day be our pastor!

With all that comes and goes through CBM its easy to think we are a food ministry, but CBM is so much more than that. We are a lifeline between ministries that need help and those who want to meet that need. We are a prayer network who remember these precious men and women of God serving in impossible situations. We put the ministry tools in their hands to empower them to fulfill their calling from God to minister to the least, the lost, the forgotten.

The Lord bless you and prosper you in every good thing for standing with us all these years! You are truly faithful friends!

A freezer full of meat



Boxes of grapefruit, oranges & cabbage

Groceries for the pastors



50# sacks of whole pinto beans

Bibles, food for the soul



50# sacks of white rice

*Mercy to the needy is  
a loan to God,  
and God pays back  
those loans in full!*

*Proverbs 19:17 - The Message*