



Crossing Borders News

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

Many Blessings in 2025



Thanks to your support we were able to send out 28,000+ # of beans & 16,000+ # of rice as well as groceries and meat



Together we blessed children in Mexico with 2132 school kits in August & 2261 Christmas boxes in December



Loading pastors' vehicles large & small. Praying over each one to make it safely to their destination. Sharing with children that these gifts come from the Lord because He loves them



Shipping day for Christmas shoeboxes. All our pastors, missionaries & volunteers join us for a group photo before they cross all the gifts into Mexico.

Blessed to be a Blessing

As quickly as we wrapped up 2025, we jumped into 2026. It's good to remember all the ways the Lord poured out blessings through His provisions and thank Him for answered prayers. Both of us are living proof that "all things are possible" to those who take God at His word!

It was a busy December, with friends delivering their Christmas shoeboxes and others coming to help us sort them by the pastors' lists of the needs for their churches and missions - 35 locations in all. Visit our website to watch the latest Christmas shoebox drive video and see some of the precious kids you helped to bless.

January and February have been super cold, as most of you know. How awesome it was to receive a donation of new blankets from South Park Baptist in Lubbock. We also received donations of venison from the San Angelo area of Texas and ranch raised beef from New Mexico. We thank the Lord for our faithful family of Christ!

March 6, we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of CBM! So many of you have been faithfully walking with us since we began in 2001, so this is YOUR anniversary as well! We would love to have you join us if you're able. The celebration service will start around 10:00 that morning, with lunch afterward. The pastors from Mexico will be there to celebrate with us as well, and to pick up the beans, rice, and groceries we will have ready for them.

Even though financial contributions were less this past year, the Lord still provided. Hallelujah! We were able to distribute through our network of cooperating pastors:

- 28,000+ pounds of beans
- 16,000+ pounds of rice
- Tons of canned goods, powdered milk, instant coffee, sugar, flour, masa, and more
- Freezer-fulls of beef and venison
- 2132 school supply kits
- 2261 Christmas shoebox gifts
- Plus new blankets, jackets, shoes, and clothes as they're donated

We thank the Lord every day for you, for your partnership makes all of this possible! All of us together, we become the hands and feet of Jesus as we minister to "the least of these".

"Mercy to the needy is a loan to GOD, and GOD pays back those loans in full" Prov. 19:17



First Baptist Fabens celebrates 102 Years!

In 102 years, FBC Fabens has seen changing times & faces, yet the Lord has remained faithful to honor the prayers of the ones who established it. The church has had its ups and downs, but today is vibrant with the kind of life and love only found in Jesus Christ. Nov. 30, Pastor Nieves Mares preached the anniversary message. Our volunteers from TriCounty Association were with us, along with a houseful of members, and friends from Mexico. It was a beautiful service, with the Presence of the Lord tangible in the sanctuary. GOD IS love, and much love was in evidence among this family of GOD.



Nieves & wife Griselda

We have precious ladies in the church who insist on cooking lunch every time we have volunteer teams



A few of our sisters with our "right arm" Luly's Lara (far right)

working with us, such as when we process our school kits & shoeboxes. It's a real treat! These sisters in the Lord also help break down the bulk beans and rice into smaller packets for needy families every two weeks. These 'family packs' go out with the pastors to as many as 400 families each week.

News & Prayer Requests

- Pray for the pastors and missionaries in our network, that their faith remains steadfast. Pray for peace in their churches and communities, that they may be able to minister without fear of the cartel presence that is everywhere along the border. Pray for them to also stay healthy, divinely protected from whatever illness is passing through.
- Pray for our continued health as well. We're getting stronger every day. Praise the Lord, He is faithful! **We will be in Eastland, TX March 1** to speak at the associational Missions Banquet being held at Lake Leon Baptist Church. We believe the Lord is opening doors for us to share all He's doing through Crossing Borders Ministries.
- In our 25 years we've been blessed with faithful partners just like you. We're all aging, and in the last couple of years some of our beloved ones have passed into Glory. Others are suffering health issues, so please join us in praying the Lord move supernaturally in them even as He has done in us.
- Since 2001, we've partnered with pastors in Mexico to bless children in need. With school supplies they have a chance at an education & at Christmas they're reminded that Jesus truly loves them through simple gifts in those shoeboxes. We are blessed to be a blessing in the Name of Jesus!

School Supplies Drive

In Mexico children must have basic school supplies to attend school, and they're only required to go to school through 6th grade.

Together, we have made a difference for thousands of students through our annual school supply kit drive.

The due date for kits to be in Fabens is July 27

Please visit our site for detailed instructions on how to make a kit. Check with your church coordinator for an earlier date if this is a community project.

When delivering, please call ahead so we can have someone there to meet you. Call us at **915-491-7528**

Christmas Shoebox Gift Drive

On our website you can find **updated instructions** on how we need you to make these shoebox gifts. There are a few important "do's and don't" so the pastors won't have any problems crossing these boxes into Mexico.

November 30 is the deadline for gifts to be in Fabens

When delivering, please call ahead so we can have someone there to meet you. Call us at **915-491-7528**



Crossing Borders Ministries

PO BOX 35 Fabens, TX 79838
Phone: 915-491-7528

Email: crossingborder@aol.com Web: CrossingBordersMinistries.com

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of this ministry!

CBM is GOD's commission to missionaries Elfi Register & 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. Make your check payable to: Fabens First Baptist Church and include in the memo that your gift is for missionary support of Elfi, Joan, or CBM general fund.

Elfi & Joan were commissioned by FBC Fabens in March 2001, through Mission Service Corps (part of the North American Mission Board). These missionaries must raise their own support.



You can find this and other back issues of our newsletters on our website. Also there are videos of the school kit & Christmas box drives, as well as instructions on how to make these kits and shoebox gifts.