



Crossing Borders News

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It's Like Christmas - *all year long*

...and you will be a blessing, dispensing good to others ... Genesis 12:2b Amplified Bible

It really is like Christmas around here with all the blessings you send our way! Lots of hustle and bustle goes in to off-loading donations, then sorting and staging it all for the "big day" every Tuesday when the pastors come to pick up whatever we've "packaged" for them. And like Christmas, none of us knows what's coming! It might be baby food one week and potatoes the next. In the last couple of weeks, the big blessing has been coats, warm clothes, and blankets. All of December will be focused on the Christmas shoebox gifts coming in and going out. It's a real production, let me tell you! Above all else, it's the beans and rice that everyone **DEPENDS** on that makes every Tuesday a miracle event! As the Lord has blessed you, you've faithfully blessed others through Crossing Borders, and in doing so you've literally helped save many lives.

All year we've watched the blessings increase through your giving, and we witness the miracle of how the Lord matches your gifts with the greater and greater needs that the pastors keep bringing to us in the form of petitions and prayer requests. We've been obedient to what the Lord led us to do; when others had to scale back their ministries, we felt a strong urge of the Holy Spirit to "throw open the doors". (see Malachi 3:10-11) We increased the amount of beans and rice that go out weekly, and then increased it again this year, and it seems for every sack we give away another two come in!

The sobering side to this is, the horror stories coming out of Mexico are too shocking to print. Whatever you've heard or read, it's worse - way worse. And tucked away in the small towns and villages where our pastor friends serve there are hundreds of people on the brink of starvation. These people count themselves fortunate if they get even one meal a day! I had a gut-wrenching meeting with the *presidenta* of DIF (Mexico's family & children's welfare agency) in Praxedis, where she wept as she showed me pictures of their empty community food pantry and shared how her people were starving to death. We could help, because just the week before we'd received an extra donation of beans, sugar, and flour - one more case of the blessing coming ahead of the need. Praxedis has been "ground zero" for a lot of drug turf warfare this summer and fall, and many of the shops in town have closed up and the owners have fled to the US. Shop owners are prime targets for kidnapping and extortion - and not just in Praxedis.

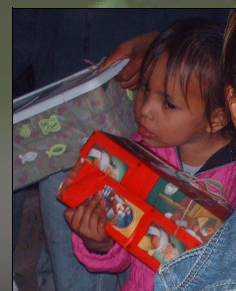
Unfortunately, now that the cartels have run off most business owners, the extortionists have started targeting pastors and their churches. The threats that circulated back in the spring have become kidnappings and executions for some pastors. The pressures on these men and women is unimaginable, and we've heard that 60-70 pastors have left their positions throughout the Juarez area. Yet none of the pastors we work with directly have left. They're still standing strong, and it's an honor to work alongside them. Some of them have been our friends and co-laborers since Crossing Borders began, and it's been a real blessing to them that some of you have come to meet them face to face and pray over them in the last few months. You've been more encouragement than you know!

Joan and I are thankful for ALL of you that make up the Lord's mighty supply line to this ministry! We're constantly amazed by the blessings that come from people we've never met. There's so many we don't even know by name, yet all of you are quietly supporting this work behind the scenes. The Lord knows you, though, and we pray He looks after you the way you look after us. And as for names, there's people who've walked with us and supported us for 10 years - and more! Too many to name! How we praise the Lord for you! Like our own Barbie Lopez, you are more precious to us than gold! The Lord has used Barbie and her faithfulness to grow this ministry in ways only He could have foreseen. And in the same way, He has woven many of you into our lives that go way beyond "supporters". You are treasured friends!

We pray that in this most joyous time of year, you have a fresh encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ - the One Who is the Reason for the Season! Celebrating the miracle of GOD choosing to make Himself "Emmanuel - God with us" in the Person of Jesus is "good news" that we ALL need! Merry Christmas, precious friends! We look forward to what the Lord will do through all of us next year!



Joan Wilson



Lots of
JOY in
little boxes!



Elfi Register



Pastors and friends work
together to unload 1000's of
pounds of potatoes from
Hunger Plus



Feliz Navidad

Merry Christmas

In 2010, you helped to supply food, clothes, school supplies, Christmas gifts and so much more to all of these ministries along the Rio Grande - and beyond! Through our distribution network, we help feed some 400 families every week - that's more than 2500 people! Together we ARE making a difference! Praise the Lord! These precious brothers and sisters in Christ pray for you and thank the Lord every day for your unfailing support!

1. Pastor Antonio Perea, "Dios Con Nosotros", Praxedis G.G., MX
2. The church's feeding station ministry at Praxedis G.G. MX
3. The church's mission at Caseta, MX
4. Pastor David Lopez Sr., "La Trinidad", Guadalupe, MX
5. The church's mission at Colonia Francisco Villa, MX
6. Pastor Verulo Garcia, "El Penuel", Colonia Esperanza, MX
7. The church's mission at Centenario, MX
8. The church's mission at Paredes, MX
9. The church's mission at Sarabia, MX
10. The church's ministry to the Tarahumara Indians of Zitauaro, MX & beyond
11. Pastor Enrique Ornelas, "Mision Bautista Barreales", Barreales, MX
12. Pastor Lorenzo Pinales, "Monte Sinai", San Isidro, MX
13. The church's "Mision Getsemani" at Loma Blanca, MX
14. The church's "Mision Fe, Esperanza, y Amor" at Colonia Riveras, MX
15. The church's "Mision Cristo El Camino Verdadero" at Colonia Riveras, MX
16. The church's helps ministries in Caborachi & Cohahuila, MX
17. The church's work with "Nueva Jerusalem", outside Juarez (k5)
18. Pastor Jose Patrocinio Ambrocio, "El Shaddai", Villa Esperanza, MX
19. Bro. Eduardo Guzman, "Cristo El Redentor", Sauzal, MX
20. The church's "Mision Sauzal Viejo", Sauzal, MX
21. The church's "Mision Manuel Valdez", Colonia Manuel Valdez, MX
22. The church's new outreach work at "Nuevo Horizontes", Riveras, MX
23. The church's new work at "Mision Chupaderos"
24. Bro. Urias Lovera, "Maranatha", Porvenir, MX
25. The church's mission at El Faro, MX
26. Pastor Elias Serrano, "Templo Betel", Colonia Esperanza, MX
27. Pastor Francisco & Rosa Ramirez, "Templo Agua Viva", Jesus Carranza, MX
28. Pastor Ramon Lara, "Centro Familiar Cristiano", Reforma, MX
29. The church's feeding station, Reforma, MX
30. The church's new mission, "Mision Centro" outside Reforma
31. Bro. Norberto Rivas, "El Buen Pastor", Praxedis, MX
32. Pastors Felix & Hilda Figueroa, "Templo Cristo Adonai", Col. La Perla, MX
33. The Figueroas' area ministries to street children & Tarahumara Indians
34. The Figueroas' ministry to the Sierra Tarahumara Indian peoples
35. Pastor Eugenio Guerrero, "Mision Gerizim", El Mimbire, MX
36. Pastor Guerrero's ministry to Tarahumara Indians mission - Choquita, Chih., MX
37. Bro. Tranquilino Polito, "Mision Almeras", south of Cd. Juarez, MX
38. Rancho 3-M Children's Home, Guadalupe, MX
39. Pastor David & Barbie Lopez, local ministry to Fabens & Sparks, TX
40. Bro. Filomono Almanza, eldercare ministry, San Elizario, TX
41. Bro. Francisco Cano, "Dios Es Amor", Sauzal, MX
42. Pastor Tomas Mijares, "Mt. de los Olivos", Juarez, MX
43. Pastors Javier & Sylvia Cruz, Cruz y Corona Ministries, Cd. Juarez, MX
44. Margie & Lee Ball, children's border ministry, Terlingua, TX
45. The Balls' work at Nuevo Jerusalem in Terlingua, TX
46. Ma. de Jesus Ornelas, DIF services, Praxedis GG, MX
47. CBM Tuesday Bible Study & community families, Fabens, TX

Prospero Ano Nuevo

Happy New Year

A Very Big Thank You and Muchas Gracias

A special "thank you" to each one who participated in our 10th annual shoebox gift drive for needy children! You've outdone yourselves - the boxes were so beautiful this year! You haven't only put smiles on the faces of many kids, you've surely made the Lord Jesus smile, too!

We also want to thank the great team at Ryan Supply here in Fabens, for letting us participate in their store's "Giving Tree". A lot of needy families in our area will receive food baskets for Christmas! Many Thanks!

After the Christmas Rush...

Dec. 24-Jan. 2 Ministry Closed for Christmas Break

The month of December is a very busy one for us at Crossing Borders! We're going to close up shop from Christmas Eve to New Years Day to rest and regroup for 2011!

Please, please, please call us ASAP if you plan to bring any donations during this time we're off! We don't want anyone to be disappointed if no one's around to receive your delivery. We appreciate your help throughout the year, and hope this doesn't cause any inconvenience.

Blessings to you all!

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