



CROSSING BORDERS NEWS

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We are ever grateful for all of you who call us “friends!” You keep us covered in prayer and encourage us throughout the year with cards, letters, and visits. You help us meet the needs of thousands of men, women, and children every week with financial gifts and donated items. What a blessing you are to all of us here along the border!

With all our travelling in October, we were able to see many good friends who have been part of this ministry over the years. Thank you to everyone who hosted us, fed us, and fellowshiped with us! It’s always like going “home” when we’re with friends who love us like family! Some of our visits were “Divine appointments” - unplanned by us but inserted into our schedule by the Lord. We were to be in Alamogordo on the very Sunday our co-laborer Hans Steinhoff underwent an unexpected surgery. His harrowing experience is a story all to itself, and we thank the Lord for His supernatural intervention. Hans delivers beans to us every two weeks like clockwork. Even facing surgery, he was more concerned with how he was going to make the next “bean run!” During his hospitalization and recovery, others have stepped in for him. What faithful men God has given us!

We were also able to attend funeral services for Judy Shinaberry in Cloudcroft. This sister in the Lord had been ill for the past 8 years, yet found the way to still serve the Lord. She didn’t allow her long illness to be an excuse for self-pity, but looked for what she COULD do and did it to the best of her ability. Among her many talents, she wrapped shoeboxes for her church to fill for the CBM Christmas drive. She created beautiful little works of art with Christmas cards decorating the lids and patterns matching perfectly on the corners. For the “gift wrap challenged” you understand what a talent that is! Proverbs 31:31 says: *Give her the reward she has earned; she should be praised in public for what she has done.* Well done, good and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Now that the first arctic front has moved across the United States, it reminds us that even in the desert it can get bitterly cold. In our area, we have people with little or no heat in their homes. It makes the coats and blankets we distribute all the more needed. The youngest and oldest suffer most, and it’s a privilege to work alongside the network of our pastor friends. Because of CBM’s support network (y’all!), we can put such essential things in their hands to distribute to those who need it most. This is why we always say we want only new or gently used coats, clothes, and blankets. Would YOU want to put a hoodie with holes or a broken zipper on this precious little one pictured above? Or give this elderly couple torn or dirty jackets? They were just some of those who were blessed last Christmas by one pastor’s family going into a settlement that no one was ministering to. These forgotten ones were clothed, fed, and LOVED in the name of Jesus! You can help again this year by sending coats, blankets, and other warm garments so they can be distributed through the pastors.

So as we enter this season when everyone is a little nicer (sometimes), we thank you for having hearts of compassion all year through! You have walked beside us as, together, we have loved the unlovely and extended God’s mercy to hurting, broken lives. And remember, you’re always welcome to stop by for a visit and even put your hands to the work. We always need extra help sorting and shipping shoebox gifts!



*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
thirsty and you gave me something to drink, a
stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me...
What you've done to them,
you've done to me —*

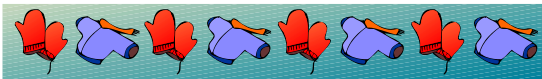
*Jesus
Matthew 25:35-40*

Coats, Jackets, Blankets & More for Adults & Kids

*Yes, it gets COLD in the desert, too!
We are accepting donations for warm
winter clothing and outer wear.*

- *Items must be new or gently used.*
- *Items must be clean and cannot have damage such as rips, tears, missing buttons, or busted zippers.*
- *Our rule of thumb is: if its not good enough for your family, don't give it to someone else.*

*If you have any questions just give us a
call at 915-491-7528.*



Christmas Shoebox Deadline is November 29th

*Anyone can participate in our annual gift
drive for needy children on the border. It's
fun and easy! One box or 100, each box
finds its way to the right child.*

*For complete details on how to make a box
& how to get it to us, visit our website at:*

crossingbordersministries.com.

*Click on the SPECIAL PROJECTS button, then
click on the Christmas box picture. You will
find a printable document to take with you
shopping and to share with others who want
to help. There is even a printable gift tag
page that has the correct age groups on it,
ready to tape to your finished box!*

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Prayer Reminders

Margarita Lopez, wife of Pastor Lopez in Guadalupe, is in a second round of chemotherapy that is even stronger than the first. Doctors are doing all they can, but she needs a miracle. Please join us in praying for a supernatural remission of this curse called cancer. The prayer chain for her healing agrees in prayer every evening at 9:00 pm.

Prayer for the Border

While many of us plan for the bustling season from Thanksgiving to New Year's, our friends across the border continue to live under the threat of violence and the stress of a changing government that is more hostile toward them. In the past month, the pastors have been threatened with having their vehicles confiscated if they keep bringing beans and rice across into Mexico. Mexico has supposedly declared beans and rice "seeds" and so cannot come into the country! Fear of losing their transportation has crippled these pastors' faith. They need to be covered in prayer to face this new obstacle.

We recently met with them one Tuesday. We encouraged them to remember that everything that's ever come through CBM has been because of prayer. We can't provide anything if the Lord is not in the midst of us. Since He is continuing to supply their needs through this ministry, then surely He desires to see them cross in safety. They can cross the border with the same faith Corrie Ten Boom had as she went into the concentration camps carrying her Bible. The Lord blinded the eyes of the guards to it. *(for more on her go to: corrietenboom.com/history.htm)* As the pastors responded, it was clear some had forgotten this reality. They'd been guilty of taking the gifts of the Lord for granted. The same courage they had in the face of the drug war, is the same courage they need to face this corrupt regulation. It surely has a political agenda behind it.

Though some small mission teams have crossed without incident this year, there is an online article you should read. It's about the "forgotten" town of Guadalupe. Many of us remember this as a bustling community, where you couldn't drive down the street if it was Market Day. The article describes how the people in town continue to suffer oppression, even as officials in Juarez promote tourism. In 2008 Guadalupe had a population of 17,000. But according to recent reports it only has 2500 residents now. Someone has said, "Whoever controls Guadalupe controls this area's drug routes." This is why killing continues, and why innocent people get caught in the crossfire. So we must pray for those who remain behind, too old or otherwise unable to leave. And though those who flee are safer here, they still live in fear of "disappearing" just like the college students from Guerrero who are drawing media attention right now. For the full story, read "Residents of a Forgotten Town Flee to Texas" at: ktsm.com/news/residents-forgotten-town-flee-texas

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