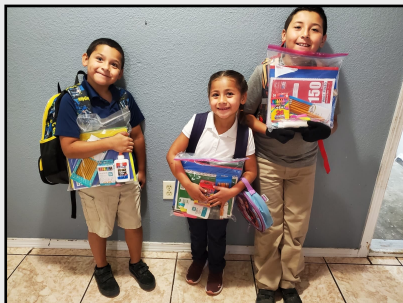




Crossing Borders News

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

1800+ School Kits



For more photos of kids receiving their school kits, the 2024 school supplies drive video is on our website. Last year's Christmas shoebox drive video is there also.

For I Was Hungry

and You Gave Me Something to Eat

We praise God for the faithfulness of those who responded to our crisis of rising food costs. What you gave in secret the Lord will reward you openly! We also thank the Lord for suddenly opening doors of invitation for us to cast His vision once again to both new church groups and longtime supporters of CBM. In all these years, we have sought to stay true to the vision statement He first gave us, and it deserves sharing it with you again...

"We envision crossing borderlines of despair and hopelessness not only in the physical areas surrounding the border town of Fabens, Texas but also in the spiritual areas of lives, spreading the love of Jesus in word and deed.

We believe in crossing over generational, cultural and religious barriers in order to care for the less fortunate.

We envision the curse of poverty over this lower valley area of El Paso and Juarez "broken" by neighbors caring for neighbors.

We envision churches on both sides of the border partnering together and filled to capacity with spirit-filled people loving each other and carrying each other's burdens.

We envision the widows, orphans and homeless having their needs met by Christian brothers and sisters and that no one should ever go to bed hungry.

We envision children on both sides of the border being clothed and educated and supplied with the necessary tools to be able to care for themselves and others."

Out of this bigger-than-us statement came the tangible ways we sought to meet needs. School supply kits have helped kids stay in school all the way through university. Some have become doctors, nurses, social workers, teachers. Christmas shoebox gifts have brought a special blessing into the homes and hearts of so many children every year. Yet there is nothing more pressing or more needed than to have food on the table. Lack of food is the single biggest concern our pastor friends have. And that is why beans and rice are a priority for us, along with the sacks of groceries we make up for the pastors' own needs.

If you happen to be "new" to Crossing Borders Ministries, welcome! You will find our newsletter archive on our website is filled with all sorts of stories about our Christian family of brothers and sisters on both sides of the Rio Grande.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.

I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,

I was a stranger and you invited me in,

I needed clothes and you clothed me.

I was sick and you took care of me.

I was in prison and you visited me" Matthew 25:35-36

Still Meeting Needs

Along the Border:

- Every two weeks, we supply beans and rice through a cooperative network of pastors and missionaries. They distribute to families in the lower Juarez Valley region across from Fabens, Texas. We also provide a sack full of groceries every week for these pastors' families, helping care for them as they care for so many others.
- In addition, we distribute tons of food as it's donated by churches and other organizations; anything from baby food, canned goods, and cereals to frozen meats and even ice cream.
- We help Mexico children to attend school by providing necessary school supplies every August through the School Supply Kit Drive; and bless these children in December with a "shoebox" full of toys, gloves, and lots of other goodies through the Christmas Shoebox Drive.
- We distribute new blankets, coats, shoes & clothes as they are donated as well. Because of storage issues, we can only receive winter things in winter and summer things in summer. And we especially look for children's items - they're always growing!
- We share in the ministries of pastors on both sides of the Rio Grande through prayer and planning, and assist their efforts by supplying them with Bibles, teaching and enrichment materials, and various other resources.

In the Community:

- We minister to the elderly and poor through Biblical devotion and prayer time on the Fridays we are open. Our pastor friends take turns leading these services, beginning at 10 AM. Afterward, those in attendance are sent home with beans and rice to help "stretch" their fixed incomes.



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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.



Pray for Pastors & Missionaries in Mexico

Patrocinio Ambrocio, Vida Nueva Church

Ruth M. Cruz, Cruz and Corona Ministries

Luis Garcia, El Penuel Church, Sarabia & Centenario Missions

Pablo Gonzalez, Antioquia Church, Torre Fuerte Mission, BAN Children's Ministry

Eduardo Guzman, Cristo Redentor Church, 6 missions

Omar & Luly's Lara, First Baptist in Fabens, missions in Anapra, Etapa 9, Delicias, Juan Alvarez school Ministry

Alfredo Lira, Rancho Nuevo Mission

David Lopez Sr., Pastor Emeritus, La Trinidad, Retired

Patty Mendoza, La Trinidad Church

Nieves Mares, Mte. Sinai Church, Getsemany Mission

Hugo Mendez, La Paz Church

Tomas Mijares, Sol de Justicia Church, Casa de Dios Mission

Lucio & Rosa Ontiveros, Agua Viva Church

Enrique Ornelas, Neighborhood Ministry

Antonio Perea, Dios Con Nosotros Church

Luis Piste, Oasis de Amor Church

Ruben Sandoval, La Hermosa, Bethel, & Dios con Nosotros missions

Gabriela Tarango, Christian Family Center Church

Isidoro Villela, Elim Temple

Christmas Shoebox Gift Drive

Since 2001, CBM has partnered with pastors in Mexico so that children & their families who truly need these will be blessed. You can find detailed instructions on how we make these shoebox gifts on our website below. There are a few important "do's and don't" so the pastors won't have any problems crossing the boxes into Mexico.

Thank you in advance for joining us in this ministry effort!

December 2 is the deadline for gifts to be in Fabens

If delivering in person, please call ahead so we can be sure to have someone available to meet you. Call us at **915-491-7528**

Shipping by US Post Office: PO BOX 35, Fabens, TX 79838

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