



# Crossing Borders News

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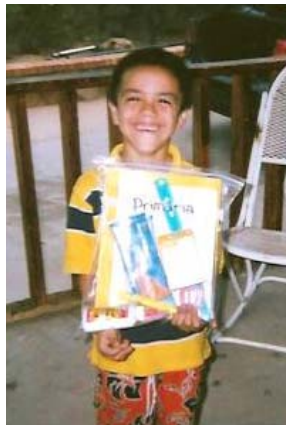
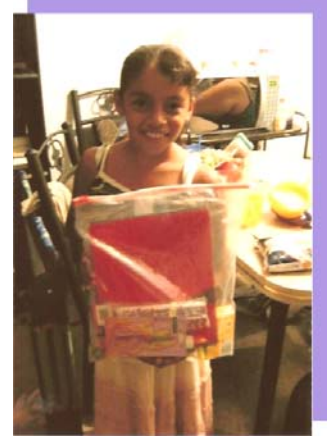
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Our mission: to Support, Encourage, and Release Faith in the needy and less fortunate

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1600 School Supply Kits and counting!

*Thank You* so much for making this year the most successful school supply drive ever! Children in 45 different locations received these much need supplies! Our hearts have been blessed over and over again by the tremendous outpouring of love sent to us through so many of you! The families of these children that are now able to attend school send their thanks with many tears. Most of all we give thanks to GOD, knowing that He is the one who has made this miracle happen!



*The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him. 2 Chronicles 16:9a*

## Be Faithful - Be Joyful

by Elfi Register

"Be not weary in well doing ... faint not" Galatians 6:9

Because of the faithfulness of our supporters we were able to send school supply kits to over 1600 children this year!! Through the years we've seen the Lord supply "His children" school supplies, Christmas gifts, food, clothing, and many other necessities through you our partners and friends. We never cease to be amazed - and this supply drive was no exception. 1600 kits went out even though we only received in 1400! Late last year, we received 200 extra kits, not knowing we'd need them this year. Isn't it just like God? He knows what we will need even before we do!

Our pastors have asked that we extend their thanks to all of you for helping them in their ministries, both by your gifts and your prayers. The last few months have been a spiritual battle for many of them. On Tuesdays (our regular distribution day) we have now opened our church sanctuary for prayer. Before returning to Mexico our pastors spend time together with us and other prayer warriors praying for the innocent who are being threatened by the drug cartels and the violence that has come close to so many. We are also praying together for our community of Fabens and the children we're working with. All of our kids have someone they know whose become a victim of this "gang war". And always, we pray for and thank the Lord for the abundance of blessings He continues to send through this ministry.

Many of you have asked about Samantha and Mario. For now, we've been able to stay in touch with Samantha through one of our pastors. She is doing well and has been able to attend school. Through one of our supporters we've been able to help her to pay tuition and buy her uniforms. Please continue to pray for her. We understand her cousin Mario is now living with his sister Perla and their grandfather in Roswell, NM where they're also doing well in school. Of course, any or all of this could change at a moment's notice for these children. Please keep them each in your prayers.

We're so grateful for the faithfulness of committed people. Even with the price of everything going up and with everyone feeling the pinch, you have not "cut back" on the support you send for this ministry! Such commitment does not escape the Lord's attention. Psalm 41:1-3 says:

"Oh the joys of those who are kind to the poor. The Lord rescues them in times of trouble. The Lord protects them and keeps them alive. He gives them prosperity and rescues them from their enemies. The Lord nurses them when they are sick and eases their pain and discomfort."

We pray the Lord will fulfill these promises quickly in your lives!

### 2008 Christmas Shoebox Drive

Directions for making boxes are ready and on-line! Check it out at:

[www.crossingbordersministries.com](http://www.crossingbordersministries.com)  
go to "Special Projects"

If you're unable to download the directions just give us a call at 915-491-7528 & we'll be happy to mail a copy to you!

**Boxes due the week of December 1st**

## Prayers and Praises

The kids we work with on Wednesdays were coming to services hungry, so now we feed them supper to minister to their needs. Cornerstone Fellowship and the Spanish adult study group, led by David & Barbie, are partnering with us in this.

Joan's dad, Ralph Teague had 2 stints put in his heart in an emergency procedure Tuesday, Sept. 23. Pastors & prayer warriors were quickly mobilized to pray for him. Praise the Lord, he's on a miraculous road to recovery!

Judi Wright is still fighting a "cold" that's stressing her immune system. Please keep her & her family & New Life Home in prayer.

7 airline wheelchairs were donated. Answered prayer! Thanks go to Ralph & Judi Wright for picking them up in their van.

Keep praying for Barbie's mom, Helen Campos. She's still recovering from surgery & still having thyroid tests done.

Pastor & Mrs. Lopez in Guadalupe will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in November. Cards & letters are welcomed!

## Make it Count

by Joan Wilson

What would you do if the Lord said you had 6 months left? People get news just like that every day. So what if the whole world only had 6 months? Would the sense of urgency bring out the best - or the worst - in you?

Here along the border, the death toll from the drug cartel violence just keeps growing, but it doesn't hardly make "news" anymore. For many that we minister to, it's like the world is coming to an end. They come to us without any hope. Family and friends are threatened - or missing - or worse. Since mid-August, we've been opening the church sanctuary on Tuesdays so that anyone can come in and pray. It began as prayer for the pastors and others in Mexico, but the scope of these spontaneous prayer gatherings has broadened.

As the weeks have passed, an "urgency" to seek the Lord in prayer concerning the "bigger picture" has taken hold. You don't need me to tell you about the bad news coming from all over the world. Our own nation is in a terrible state! I find myself saying, "Jesus is coming soon," all the time. (See Matthew 24) We're praying for a miracle - that people will turn to the Lord and find the answers they desperately need. He is ready and willing to show them the way out of this crisis, if only they will truly seek His counsel. For us, the Lord has made it clear that we are to "keep on keeping on". Proverbs 19:17 says, "If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD - and HE will repay you!"

Jesus said that if you try to save your own life, you'll lose it in the end. But if you spend your life for His sake, you'll "find" it. So make it count! The choice is ours. In Him there is peace; in Him there is rest - no matter what the circumstance. I want my life to please and honor the Lord. How about you? What touches His heart hasn't changed in centuries: feed the hungry - clothe the naked - care for the widows, the fatherless, the poor, the oppressed. Make every minute, of every hour, of every day count for the kingdom of God. If you'll spend your life for Him, you'll be a blessing to others, and you'll find the worries of this present crisis will fall by the wayside. The Lord has promised, "I will take care of My Own!"

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