

Crossing Borders News

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

Making a Difference

by Elfi Register



Every day we make choices. Many of our daily choices are trivial, but a few of them make a difference greater than we realize.

Like helping kids go to school ...

I'm amazed by everyone who's chosen to support this ministry so faithfully over the years. Your choice to pray and to give as God leads provides answers to prayers before we've even had time to ask! We didn't send out a reminder this year about the school supply drive we sponsor every August. Yet the supply kits arrived on schedule anyway! Thank you for being obedient to the leading of the Lord!

These school supplies mean more to the children of Mexico than you'll ever know. For many of the kids we help, we make it possible for them to receive the education that can break the yoke of poverty for them and their families. The kits you supplied are that great a blessing!

Joan and I were blessed, too, by having extra "hands" to accomplish all the behind-the-scenes work this year. Larry and Judy Cole came from Cleburne, Texas to volunteer a week of their time. We've never had anyone do that during August before, but the Lord knew we'd really need them! Some of the kits that came in needed "fixing," and we needed to assemble more SECUNDARIA kits to match what the pastors required.

As the Lord would have it, one church had decided to send money instead of assemble kits—something we usually discourage. We simply don't have the time or personnel to do kit assembly ourselves anymore. Again, the Lord knew best! The Coles inventoried what extra supplies we had, made a list of what we were short on, and went shopping! Hallelujah!

The pastors had given us the names of 1515 kids before a single kit arrived. The Lord and all of you were so faithful, every child was taken care of! Yes, there's a name for every kit that goes out! God used all of us working together to be His blessing to them!

There will soon be a "thank you" DVD sent out to the participating church groups who made all this possible. The pictures in this newsletter are just a few of the many children you helped to bless!

Meeting the needs of pastors ...

Some of you responded with extra support after we reported on the emergency plan the Del Valle Association of pastors proposed, in order to help keep pastors in their churches in Mexico. To date, there's enough to sponsor 5 different pastors each month, so we meet regularly to decide whose need is greatest at that time.

Feeding the hungry ...

We continue the Tuesday distribution through the network of pas-

tors in Mexico. Every week, thousands of pounds of beans, rice, and groceries go out. That's nearly 600 weeks of food that has been distributed since 2001! Many of you have helped purchase all that food from the beginning—what a difference you've made for so many, many hungry people. Too many to number!

Adding to the regular distribution are several faithful suppliers. George & Joyce Hughes are still "truckin' for Jesus" as their trailer reads! Some of the "extras" they bring are eggs. Right now, there's an egg shortage in Mexico, with prices tripling since the first of the year! "Grace of Giving" delivers a trailer-load of groceries each month like clockwork, and they've started bringing us bulk *masa* for tortillas. The list could go on with the area churches in El Paso and southern New Mexico who make deliveries throughout the month. These extras join your giving, and it's powerful to watch the whole body of Christ in action!

Sponsoring missionaries ...

There aren't enough words to express how much Joan & I appreciate your prayer and financial support for us as your missionaries. You're the secret servants who keep us in the field! Sensitive to God's Spirit, you minister to our personal needs as we labor to meet the needs of others. We couldn't do it without you!



Jesus said: When you did it for the least of these ... you did it for Me - Matthew 25:40 NLT



**Over 1500
School
Kits!**

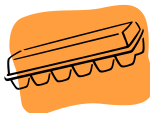
Prayers, Praises, Updates

- ♦ October 21: Elfi and Joan will be in Lamesa, TX. We'll be at Friendship Baptist Church that Sunday morning, and at Lamesa Association's annual meeting in the afternoon.
- ♦ Continue in prayer for the youth of Fabens. The Wednesday night meetings are on "hiatus". We desire to continue discipling the youth who want to "get real" about their relationship with Christ, and we're in a "wait & pray" season. We have faith God's "seed" will sprout in them!
- ♦ July was full of activity, with 3 different mission groups staying in the church's dorm. Each group maintains contact with pastors in Mexico, & CBM helps them stay in touch. Each group was also a blessing to the church here, doing repair and maintenance work on some of the church property. Pittsburgh Assoc., OK conducted a really neat Vacation Bible School! It's the most kids we've had in 15 years—77 kids!
- ♦ Christmas Shoebox Gifts! Is it really just around the corner? We'll need your gifts to arrive between Nov. 27 & Dec 1 unless you plan to deliver them and stay to help sort them for shipping. The way the calendar falls this year only gives us a short shipping window! Work teams will be needed!!! Help!

Just a few of the children who were blessed by the gift of school supplies. More photos are on the DVD being sent to groups who participated in this year's drive.



Medical student (& pastor's son) "JP" doing field work in the Sierra Tarahumara and delivering babies during ob-gyn rotation.
CBM has helped keep him in school when needed.



George Hughes says he's ready for more egg cartons!
Please be sure they are clean & in good condition. Thanks!

Night is Coming so Let Your Light Shine!

by Joan Wilson

We may not know the day and hour of our Lord's return, but He did say we could discern the signs of the times. It seems to me, when you hear the news using words like "biblical" and "apocalyptic" that it's a time of trouble, at the very least!

Do you realize, we've lost as much as 60% of the nation's grain crops to drought? And that this drought is global—Russia to Mexico? Our food doesn't grow at the grocery store, you know!

Make no mistake—hard times are coming right here in the United States! And why should this surprise us? Blatant evil is afforded "rights," and every sort of perversion and persuasion is applauded EXCEPT if it involves the name of Jesus Christ. But the Lord doesn't want these times to come on us "like a thief in the night." His desire is for His people to listen to His Voice, and He WILL give us direction!

When we started CBM, we asked the Lord not to let us begin if He wasn't going to supply and provide. When the economy "tanked" in 2008, we asked the Lord what we should do, because HE is our Source! He said to "throw open the doors and see what I will do." As Elfi pointed out, God has been faithfully providing for 600 weeks and counting—and you have been the vessels He has operated through!

Now, the earth is moving toward a time similar to the days of Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 41). Again, we've asked the Lord for wisdom and direction. What we've understood so far is, "a place of refuge." We've provided temporary housing for 2 homeless families, and our church has other families in crisis attending services. We have a Spanish speaking

pastor serving as interim pastor for our congregation on Sundays, in order to minister in both languages. But I believe the Lord means for us to do more. As we wait for greater understanding to unfold, we believe it's a time to both distribute and store up.

CBM was planted for such a time as this, when mission teams could no longer cross into Mexico. You and us together make up "many hands" who provide a vital connection between those in need and those who want to help. The continued drug violence along our border isn't going away—contrary to what reports say. Even when the killing subsides, nobody can afford to let their guard down. The pastors and people of Mexico need prayer cover and assistance more than ever! Just today, one pastor used a different bridge, and Mexican customs confiscated all the beans & rice he'd picked up. He was beside himself and called to ask, "Do you have any more you can give me?" Praise the Lord, we could say, "Yes!" Because you've been partners we can count on year after year, we now keep a little extra stored away "just in case" some unforeseen event happens.

If we would all be wise, we can all be a prepared people for what is eventually coming. We can operate from a position of provision instead of panic. Having a means to care for whoever the Lord brings our way, instead of living in an atmosphere of "every man for himself." It can be the Church's finest hour, if we will listen carefully to the voice of our Master. There's no greater "refuge" than our God! And there's no time to shine brighter than when it's darkest!

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