



CROSSING BORDERS NEWS

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Assembled School Kits



Our crew from Weatherford, TX & Farmington, NM



Schedules, Summer & School Supplies

It's hard to believe how quickly the summer has flown! And we can't believe we haven't put out a newsletter since April! Where do we begin? In May we shipped a warehouse full of food donations, and got the building ready for school kits to come in. By mid-August we had sent out **2200 school supply kits** —a new record! They went out through our network of pastors to **45 different locations**. Some we've shipped to for years, others were newly added, but all had children in need of school supplies.

We couldn't have accomplished such a huge undertaking without the help of many willing hands behind the scenes. There were the churches that collected supplies and assembled kits, then delivered them to our warehouse here in Fabens. Next came the volunteers who drove hundreds of miles to camp out at the FBC dorm and process the pastors' requests for children in each of their communities. Where we came up short in numbers, we had volunteers who went shopping with special offerings that were given in order to assemble even more kits, so that every request was filled to order. Many great memories were made through it all. One was when we heard about a girl in San Angelo who, for her birthday party, asked her friends to give school supplies instead of gifts, and they **filled a big tub** full! "Thank you" doesn't even begin to cover how greatly we appreciate OUR many friends who helped to make 2200 dreams come true!

We're thrilled when we hear the stories from the pastors, of kids who are in school right now because of those Ziploc bags full of supplies! What's an even bigger blessing is to learn just how many have gone on to university because we've been helping them all these years! Just yesterday, we received a note from "our" graduated medical student, Joel. He just obtained his credentials as a **surgeon**! How many other young lives have we helped, only the Lord knows!

Now we turn around, and it's already time to prepare for the Christmas Shoebox Drive! We have some work teams scheduled on the Nov/Dec calendar already! We kick things off at **FBC Cloudcroft on September 18**. It's Elfi's home church where she grew up, and it's the church where the bean donations began. They were with us from the start of CBM, and have faithfully supported us ever since! Then, we speak at both **Friendship Baptist in Lamesa, TX and Lamesa Baptist Association annual meeting on October 16**. These great friends are major supporters of the Shoebox Drive, as well as the other ministries of CBM, logging in lots of time & miles for Mexico's kids. Hope to see you at one of these events if you're in the area! We love you all!



Our crew from Eastland, TX



A little student ready for school



Happy students in Mexico



Our crew from Mayhill, NM

**2200
School kits**

Just in June & July

We started the summer at La Luz Bible Church camp meeting in the mountains surrounding Cloudcroft, NM & ended June by singing with Joan's dad at Mayhill Baptist, sharing about CBM all along the way.



Then we jumped into July with summer mission



teams staying at the dorm & delivering lots of needed things for those along the border. By the end of July, we had collected decorations & materials from several churches & were able to host Pittsburg Association from Oklahoma as they put on a fabulous

VBS for kids in Fabens. It was a real cooperative effort. The final night we had 130 kids at FBC Fabens! Whew!



Big Blessings from a Small Warehouse

If you know us, you know "numbers" are not our focus. Even though people think of us as a "food" ministry, we are & have always been a ministry to "the least of these." While this manifests itself in lots of goods being distributed, it's the people behind the "things" that matter to us—and to the Lord Jesus as well. So the following is just an opportunity to demonstrate **how big HIS heart is for the poor**. There's so much that flows through here in any given week that it can be overwhelming! Thank you, dear friends, for partnering with us to make an eternal difference in the lives of so many.

In the past 12 months we have:

- Distributed over **60,000 pounds of beans & rice**
- Helped feed as many as **400 families every week** in **32 communities**
- Worked alongside a network of **20 border pastors and missionaries** along the **50 mile El Paso/Juarez Lower Valley**
- Distributed **800 grocery sacks** for our pastoral families, one each week, filled with everything from powdered milk to coffee, flour, canned meats, and much more
- Empowered pastors in their ministries with **100 cases of Bibles & New Testaments in Spanish**, as well as evangelistic tracts & teaching materials
- Shipped out **30 pallets of additional food items**, from peanut butter to baby food, hot & cold cereals, canned fruits & vegetables, pasta, and more
- Sent out **hundreds of boxes of Pedia-care & other meds for sick children**
- Sent out **hundreds of nice coats & blankets** during cold weather
- Sent **2500 Christmas shoebox gifts** to kids who this was their only gift in 2015
- Sent **2200 school supply kits** to needy children & youth in 2016
- Supplied **5 feeding stations (comedors)** for needy school children. Pastors & their churches have started preparing meals in their communities for kids who would only have one meal a day otherwise, children who have lost loved ones to the drug violence.

Mercy to the needy is a loan to God, and God pays back those loans in full! Proverbs 19:17 - The Message

Christmas Shoebox Deadline to be in Fabens is November 28th

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.

In the CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX GIFT DRIVE box, click on "more information" and 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!

Have more questions? Give us a call at 915-491-7528.

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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

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