



CROSSING BORDERS NEWS

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Learning bluegrass from the pros
of Mayhill & Weed



Shopping Spree for School Supplies -
Look at those sales receipts!



Ready to pray over this truck full of medical
supplies headed for Mexico with these ladies

Blessings Coming In and Going Out

It has been a busy summer! We started it off by playing guitars and singing in the Sacramento Mountains around the Cloudcroft area where Elfi grew up. The great folks of FBC Cloudcroft were the first to support Crossing Borders Ministries when we began in 2001. The Lord used us in many ways while we were there, opening doors to lead worship at a number of churches, an RV park, and a campground church retreat. Believe it or not, we even had the opportunity to play with a bluegrass group every week! We added to their mix with some old gospel songs, and were stretched musically by following them in true bluegrass fashion - playing on the 'fly' without written words or music. We even joined them to sing and play at a benefit for the Cloudcroft Pioneer Museum. Not sure they'd ever had gospel music there before!

We returned to Fabens in mid-July in time to meet with the mission teams working in our area, who were here to help conduct Vacation Bible Schools and work on building projects. Once again our friends from Lamesa helped two Spanish speaking churches with their VBS and supplied 3 churches in Mexico with crafts, decorations, and materials for their VBS as well. Next came the team from Oklahoma, who put together a wonderful VBS here in Fabens. Over 100 kids and adults were in 5 classes learning about how much God loves them! They also took a group into Mexico to help a VBS there and finish a construction project. In their 'spare time' they even changed some fluorescent fixtures for us in the church hall.

In the midst of that VBS week, we went to work on receiving school supply kits and collecting the names of needy children from the pastors. We were blessed to have the Keiths and Joani from Tri-County Association join us for the week following VBS. They worked at helping us sort, count, box up, re-count, & stage for shipping each day. They brought with them a load of donated medicines for a clinic in Mexico and new clothes purchased for distributing through our pastor network. They also helped us make lists of items needed to make more school kits with monies that were donated - then even shopped for all those supplies and helped us assemble them into kits!

After the last of the school kits left for Mexico, we tallied the numbers: **2100 kits** in all went to help children and teens go to school! Every year it's a miracle to watch how the lists of names the pastors give us are always filled. Many people don't realize that in Mexico, to buy all that's in one kit would take a working parent's paycheck for a week. Can you imagine trying to afford supplies for three or four children? We've learned over the years that these kits actually help families not have to choose which of their kids will

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2100 School Kits



School Days are here!

CBM News & Updates

Elfi and Joan will be travelling once again in October. Please keep them in prayer as they share what God is doing on the border. Here's the dates:

- **Sunday Oct. 14, South Park Baptist, Lubbock**
10:45AM Worship Service
- **Week of Oct. 15, San Angelo area—TBA**
- **Sunday Oct. 21, Friendship Baptist, Lamesa**
10:00AM Worship Service

October Birthdays

Oct. 7 Elfi Register

Oct. 18 Joan Wilson

Special Prayer

As this letter was printed, Hurricane Florence slammed the East Coast. Our thoughts & prayers are with all those affected, especially our friends living in the storm zone.

Christmas Shoebox Deadline to be in Fabens is Tuesday, November 27th

This is our 18th Gift Drive!

We will need work crews to help us with sorting & staging for shipment after Nov. 27. Call us to be included in our work schedule.

Complete details on how to make a box & how to get it to us are on our website at:
crossingbordersministries.com

Instructions and gift tag labels are there to print off. If you don't have internet or need help, please don't hesitate to call us.

We'll be glad to help you.

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.

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get to go to school this year. As a result, many kids have been able to go all the way to university. Praise the Lord!

Finally, we ask you to pray for Grace of Giving ministry. They've delivered rice and groceries to us every month for many years. In July their driver for the summer, Pastor Keith Blanton, had a horrific accident on the way home to Clifton after deliveries. He suffered serious broken bones, but praise the Lord he is home recovering. However, the truck and trailer were totaled and they're praying about what to do for the future. Our good friend John Dalton, who delivers beans every two weeks on behalf of FBC Cloudcroft, is doing double duty by hauling rice and some of the groceries for now. Pray for him, too. He's going above and beyond to help us out of a bind!

Our prayer for all of you is that the Lord would bless you abundantly as you give so generously to help us care for "the least of these."

*Whatever you do
for the
least of these,
you do for Me*

Matthew 25:40



Showers of Blessing

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 **70,000 pounds of beans & rice**
- Fed as many as **350 families every week** in **26 communities**
- Worked alongside a network of **18 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, canned meats, and much more
- Empowered pastors in their ministries with **200 cases of complete Bibles in Spanish** (RVR 1960) as well as evangelistic tracts & teaching materials
- Shipped out **thousands of additional food cases** such as fresh fruits & vegetables, dried beans, rice, flour, hot & cold cereals
- Sent out **hundreds of boxes of medicines for the sick**
- Sent out **hundreds of nice coats & blankets** during cold weather
- Sent over **2800 Christmas shoebox gifts** to kids in Mexico last year
- Sent **2100 school supply kits** to needy children & youth this year
- Supplied **4 feeding stations (comedors)** for needy children