



Kits, Food, & Health Packs



Some of the many who were able to attend school this year

A Future and Hope

“For I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

The Lord never ceases to amaze us! Over 2300 school supply kits went to 41 different communities—the most we’ve ever sent! It’s a real miracle, as last year we were short of what was needed. This time we sent out over 500 more than the pastors asked for. Every pastor said they had been praying and hoping we would have “extra.” We all send you a big *Muchas Gracias* for your part in giving all these students a future and a hope!

In Mexico, the level of education you’re able to achieve determines your future. Where we’re blessed with public schools, the system in Mexico is much different. To attend school requires school supplies, tuition, uniforms, NEW shoes, sometimes bus fare, and the list goes on. It’s nearly impossible for poorer families to see their children even through 6th grade (highest grade required by law.) This is among the many reasons the Lord led us to begin our annual school supplies drive.

As important as school is, however, making sure food is on the table is more so. A core value of our vision statement reads: “We envision widows, orphans, and homeless having their needs met by Christian brothers and sisters, and that no one should ever go to bed hungry.” Right now we find ourselves in the dilemma that other ministries are struggling with. Funds are being stretched to their limit. Food prices are rising drastically even as our contributions are in decline. This isn’t something we usually like to talk about, yet we felt it’s something you would want to know about.

In the last few years, precious friends who were part of the backbone of CBM have passed into the Presence of our Lord. Some saw the calling of God in our lives before we did! We are making the most of what resources we have, but we have had to cut back to absolute essentials. We are grateful for your faithfulness, and ask you to keep our financial crunch in your prayers and on your church prayer list. We absolutely trust our God has an answer! He supplied those “extra” school kits, after all. Amen!

Over 2300 School Supply Kits!



Kits arrived from all parts of TX & NM

More News & Prayer Requests

- ◆ The 2023 school supply kit video will be on the website in a few weeks. We are still waiting for photos from some of the pastors.
- ◆ CBM has partnered for years with Omar & Luly's Lara in their ministry in Delicias. Recently, they had an opportunity to minister in a rehab center there. In July, they went with other pastors to teach and preach to a men's group. Many have given their lives to Jesus Christ! Keep these new believers and their families in prayer.
- ◆ Special thank you to Lamesa Baptist Association for donating craft supplies & lots of decorations for our VBS at Fabens FBC. Many happy children learned more about Jesus.
- ◆ We want to give a special thanks for our NM ranchers for their continuing to supply frozen beef for our food pantry. Pray for them and their ranching community, as all their livelihoods are being threatened.
- ◆ Please pray for Pastor Andy Olsen of Mountain of the Lord Faith Fellowship in Cloudcroft, NM. He has had multiple eye surgeries & is still not able to see well out of his right eye. We continue to join our faith with his that his sight will be restored.
- ◆ Pray for Omar & Luly's granddaughter, Sophia. This little kindergartener continues to have severe bouts of kidney infection that ends with her being hospitalized. There's concern this could lead to kidney failure, so they are asking us to join them in fervent prayer.
- ◆ We are also asking special prayer for mission pastor Eliseo Pena. He is suffering from a serious liver disease that has wreaked havoc in his body and threatens his life. We've known this gentle *hermano* for many years, and ask you join us in praying for a miracle for him.

Dates to Remember

- ◆ Our Birthdays: Elfi is Oct. 7. Joan is Oct. 18
- ◆ Christmas Shoeboxes due here Monday, November 27

FBC Fabens 100th Anniversary Events:

- ◆ Saturday Nov. 25 3:00 pm
Mexico pastors & CBM celebration, meal follows
- ◆ Sunday Nov. 26 11:00 am
Churchwide celebration, meal follows



Pastor Antonio Perea preaching at the Delicias Rehab center

VBS time at Fabens FBC. Pastors Omar & Luly's are on the far left.



Christmas Shoebox Gift Drive

Since 2001, CBM has partnered with pastors in Mexico so that children & their families who truly need these gifts will be blessed. You can find detailed instructions on how we make these shoebox gifts on our website listed below. There are important "do's & don'ts" so that there isn't any problem for the pastors to cross them.

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

Shoeboxes need to be in Fabens by **November 27**

No one is at the church all the time so if you are delivering boxes to us, **call ahead before delivering:**
915-491-7528

If shipping boxes by **US Post Office:**
PO Box 35
Fabens, TX 79838

If shipping by **UPS:**
408 Mike Maros St (a home)
Fabens, TX 79838

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PO Box 35 · Fabens, Texas 79838

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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.

