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To glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ. To this end, we share and demonstrate God's love through the power of the Holy Spirit by meeting basic spiritual, emotional, physical, and educational needs of those in Mexico and beyond.

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"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 10:38
Over the years, I have proved this to be a truth.



Chuck and Dale hard at work

Our warehouse man retired. The warehouse had just been painted and the contents were in the parking lot. Shelving had to be reconstructed and bolted; everything from the outside had to be brought in. Chuck and I faced the dilemma alone.

Then Dale Forsee, a retired cross country trucker who logged two million miles, dropped by our San Clemente office to say hello. We had a wonderful plan for Dale's life. If ever there was an answer to one of those instant prayers, Dale was it. He is now serving as a volunteer.

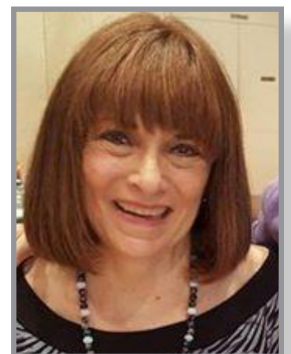


Cindi Fink came as a volunteer, sorting clothes in the warehouse.

In a casual conversation, I found that her father was an accountant and she could type. That was the end of her clothes sorting.

After nine years filling both positions in accounting and as an administrative assistant, a former insurance agent offered her employment at a higher salary.

She would leave us in a week. I told her she was free and an instant prayer went up.



Cindi Fink

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Janelle

Janelle Keller served in Oaxaca as administrator. She tendered her resignation and returned to Chicago and wandered in the wilderness for six months.

Janelle called from Chicago and said, “Is there any place for me with FFHM?” I replied, “Can you come tomorrow?” She said, “I’ll be there Wednesday in time for Cindi to train me.”



Bill and Harriett Brabham, retired Master Electrician, purchased a trailer and planned to tour the U.S. with no time schedule.

They left Oregon and traveled south. “Perhaps we’ll visit the orphanage in Mexico”. They heard Charla Pereau speak at the Assemblies of God in Portland. That stop changed the Brabham’s lives forever.

They spent a few days and drove back to the U.S...Bill spent a restless night, and then he heard an audible voice saying, “They need your help.”

Their brief visit turned into seven years. In truth, without this Master Electrician we couldn’t have completed our construction projects. Harriett supervised the kitchen sanitation.

Sam Greenberg, a carpenter, and Nell, his wife, an R.N. just showed up at the Mission.

They took four Sunday school rooms in the back of the old chapel and transformed them into a primitive urgent care facility. Nell saw the need of our children and the vast needs of our neighboring field workers from Oaxaca.

A Mixteco mother brought her little girl, suffering from chronic dysentery, to the medical center. She left Antonia. We guessed the child to be four or five. “She just couldn’t care for the malnourished child.”



Antonia as a child

The Greenbergs returned to Indiana, but became faithful sponsors of Antonia. Five years later Antonia’s mother showed up. “The girl was now old enough to be a field worker.” We pleaded, but could do nothing to dissuade her.

Antonia didn’t remember the Mixteco language. She slept on a mat with other family members in a shack or a tin shed. They moved from camp to camp.

The Greenbergs were notified. They flew to San Diego and rented a car to drive to the Mission. There were 50,000 field workers in the ‘80s. Sam and Nell went from camp to camp. It was like trying to find a grain of sand on the sea shore. At sunset, 25 miles south of the Mission, Antonia recognized Sam and Nell and ran to them. They wept uncontrollably. Sam literally bought the child from her mother.

Antonia went on to the University and studied accounting. Today she serves at the Baja Mission.



We Can't Always Tell By Looking



Our Children's Home in Oaxaca

The beautiful children's home in Tlacolula, Oaxaca, is located on the Pan American Highway about 50 miles south of Oaxaca, Oaxaca. When it was completed a huge prison was built on the other side of the highway.

It is not uncommon in Mexico to have a child or children accompany their parents into the prison. Recently, there has been an effort to find a relative or a children's home to take custody of the children.



Laura

Laura Rodriguez, administrator of the Oaxaca Mission, shared this story: "An older man caring for three inmates' children brought them to the home. As the boys tried on school uniforms (required in Mexico) in the adjoining room, I asked the man if I had their names written correctly. He glanced at the paper

and made a non-committal noise. I realized he couldn't read.

I tried to overcome our mutual embarrassment with busy work. The man left... but the children remained.

It is so easy to get wrapped up in the day to day and forget from where these children come. The girl who is never quiet in class has a mother with cancer. The 14 year old fifth grader used to live at the dump. The boy who cries before taking the test has a mother in prison. I would like to be better at keeping these things in mind when I work with 'His little ones'.

But it's not just these children who have a challenging history. Everyone who has ever shared their story with me has shown me how little I can tell by just looking at someone. The quiet man who was punished as a child because he was dyslexic in a time when that wasn't recognized. The boisterous young woman who carries the burden of knowing her dad has suicidal thoughts.

Experience teaches me that human nature causes me to judge by what I see. I hope I can learn to look at others as God sees them."

I wanted to be a Teacher



DCLC teachers in Baja

Paola Sandoval's heart's desire was to be a social worker, especially helping children. But her mother died and that was the end of her pursuit of higher education. She returned to Vicente Guerrero to support her family...there was an opening in the Disabled Children's Learning Center. She applied and was accepted.

Marisol Carino really wanted to be a teacher but her education ended at high school with the death of her father. She studied at any and every opportunity. Then the door opened to teach at the Mission D.C.L.C.

Teresa Guevara also wanted to be a teacher, but to receive higher education you needed money or influence. Teresa had neither. She didn't even have bus fare to get to and from high school. Then she had a true conversion experience, surrendered her life to Christ, and wanted to serve Him as a teacher.



After spending a year in the third grade, wearing a dunce cap, the little girl could neither read, write nor spell. Her father told her, "You had better learn to work hard because you are not very smart."

A fifth grade teacher took an interest in this child, disregarding her grade point average and taught her to read.

Twenty years later, Dr. Henrietta Mears from Hollywood Presbyterian Church, spoke into her life and Charla became a Sunday school teacher.



Oaxaca Oasis School

They'll Know We're Christians by our Love



Mountains of Oaxaca

Teresa Tello, one of our FFHM missionaries and a Bible Institute graduate, is serving in the mountains of Juxtlahuaca, Oaxaca. Tere is making disciples of others.

She found Francisca, a woman, alone and blind. Tere prayed for laborers to help Francisca plant corn and beans so she could eat. They also fixed railings to help guide her to the outhouse. Thank you for supporting Teresa and our other missionaries in Oaxaca



Tere (left) fixing the rail



An answer to prayer



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Thank you, Father, for those who care!

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

Because we believe education is one of the tools God uses to break the cycle of poverty in the lives of our children, we work hard to make sure they have an excellent Christian education.

We have elementary schools in Baja and Oaxaca where we are educating over 70 children. You can be a part of this by providing uniforms, shoes and school supplies. *The estimated cost per child is \$75.*



A student in Oaxaca

PLANNED GIVING TIPS

Avoiding Probate

Most people want to leave their estate to their children. Presuming that you have given tithes and offerings throughout your lifetime, you set a good example for your children by leaving 10% of your estate to your church or favorite charity at the time of your death.

There are three simple ways to avoid having your estate end up in probate:

- Name your spouse as a joint tenant with the right of survivorship for your real property, your bank accounts and your vehicles. This allows the property to pass directly to your spouse without having to go through probate.
- Use a living trust. Place your property into a trust and this will allow you to avoid probate entirely for those assets that are inside of the trust.
- Name beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. This allows the beneficiaries to collect or rollover the funds after you have passed on. Life insurance policies do not need to be probated or placed within a living trust. You may name individuals as beneficiaries or you may consider naming Foundation for His Ministry as a beneficiary.

IN MEMORY OF

Judy Wineroth

By Marc Zancanella

By Neil Sorger

Eckhard Lange

By Karl & Bright Horst

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By Richard & Bea Peterson

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By Sylvia Nash

By Yasuko Yamauchi

By Mildred Graham

John & Ellen Britt

By Cindy Schultz

By Donald & Janet Skudlarek

Bert Rogers

By Kim Beck

Chuck Mills

By George Smith

By Russ Mills

Nora O'Leary

By Rory McCarthy

Cara Wah

By Lois Burgess

Curly Henrich

By Mark Larson

IN HONOR OF

Margie Moran

By Keeley Hamilton

Carl & Jan Holter

By Bob & Alice Hunt

Marjorie Struss's 85th Birthday

By Lisa Denis

Keith & Mary Iwen's 90th birthdays

By Wally & Marilyn Riese

Our daughter Ketta's high school graduation

By Steve & Sherry Vandenbos

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