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## Our Purpose:

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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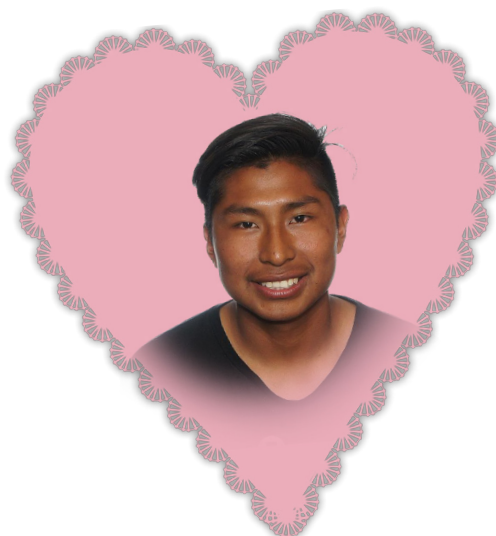
## ♥ Children of Promise ♥

In **1989** there was no opportunity for higher education in Vicente Guerrero, until construction of the University of Tijuana began later that year. Our children had promise!

We purchased an unfinished building near the proposed university which became the "**TJ House**", a home for our students. Hannah and Mark Larson were the first house parents for 20 students. Almost 300 children have now had the privilege of living at the students' home while attending trade schools or the university.

**Franco Vazquez** came from the coastal state of Guerrero (not to be confused with Vicente Guerrero). The little boy saw his father murdered and a stray bullet struck Franco's elbow. Because of threats to the family they fled to "Los Pinos", just south of the **Baja Mission**.

The mother, an alcoholic, was mistreating her children so Franco was brought to our children's home. He had elbow surgery at Shriner's Hospital in Los Angeles. Today, 15 years later, he is enrolled at the university in Tijuana.



**Magai Arguelles'** mother was abandoned by her husband leaving her with four children to provide for. She was desperate! She worked two jobs and did washing and ironing for others. The children were left alone while she was working.

A security guard at the local hospital told her about our children's home. She needed help. The **Baja Mission** provided a sanctuary, a safe place for her children. Magai is now attending the University of Tijuana and is studying to be an orthodontist.

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# Children of Promise

Today, **Ricardo** and **Andrea Bolanos** are house parents to 20 students of promise at the TJ House.



*TJ House Students and house parents*

*You can sponsor a student going on to higher education.*

*Call our office (949) 492-2200  
or visit [www.ffhm.org](http://www.ffhm.org)  
to set up your sponsorship.*

## Letters from the Heart

In 1973, Chuck and I were invited to speak at Bethlehem Lutheran Church surrounded by the bean and cornfields of Morris, IL. **For 44 years they have faithfully supported FFHM**

*Dear Charla & Chuck,  
I am enclosing a check from our Mission Outreach Community here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The committee held a bake sale and a kringla sale this year to raise funds for missions. Donations of baked goods and also monetary donations enabled us to make this contribution to your ministry.*

*We wish you God's blessings in your work.*



*"Dear FFHM, You are my 'heart' ministry. I read your newsletter and would cry or laugh and pray. May this little bit of money be multiplied greatly to the needs of your community." Donna Williss*

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*The Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church with his family*



# Minerva



Residents of Mexico City, the largest city in North America, are often called chilanga or chilango. Minerva is a chilanga. After graduating from the university, she wandered away from God. In 1989, she recommitted her life to the lordship of Jesus and she thought about spending a year of service at an orphanage.

August 1989 Minerva arrived at the **Baja Mission** and was assigned a small trailer, which she remained in until 2017. At last, she had adequate housing. She became a substitute house mother, worked in the kitchen, the nursery, and the laundry room. Lack of sleep did not matter. She said, "It was a blessing to serve."

After a few years, they realized she was a university graduate. Many of our interned children had no education. She was given the challenge of bringing them all up to grade level! She was responsible for uniforms and ordering school material and supplies. No child was to be left behind.

**Roberto Hughes** was one of those children. He came from a prison where he lived with his incarcerated father. His head was shaved, he was ghastly thin, and he had a broken front tooth.



*Roberto*

He was given the gift of education, learned to play the piano, and is now an engineer and leads the worship in his church.

## *Minerva recalls:*

In **1991**, our Bible Institute was washed into the sea. The administrator and his assistant resigned. **Mario Cordoba** asked me to take over the administration with **Jon Cowpersmith** as the instructor. I said, "No, I know *nothing* about the Bible Institute or the curriculum, etc." But I went against my will.

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*These students still faithfully serve the Lord*

# Minerva Continued

**John Huntley** of Newport Mesa Christian Center took **Charla, Pam Ellis**, and me on a three-week tour of Mexican Bible institutes in a big motor home. I learned a lot about Charla's heart for my people and I could see God working through this reluctant servant.

After a year in the Bible Institute I became Mario's assistant. Then on to accounting - a boring job.

**Dr. Luc Chausse**, a medical doctor, and his wife **Lise**, an educator, arrived at the **Baja Mission**. He said, "*These broken children need music.*"

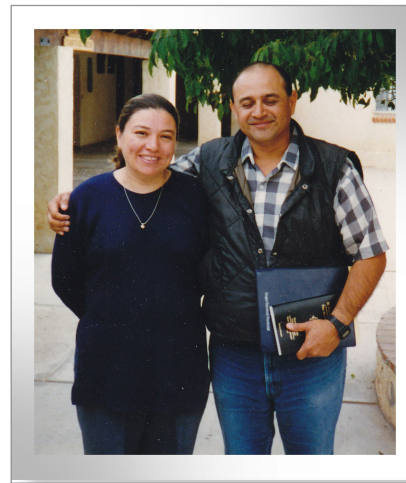


Music Students



Lise and Dr. Luc Chausse

Recorders and other musical instruments were purchased. Soon Luc and Lise had their band. They played in parades and gave concerts followed by testimonies. Then they flew to Quebec, Canada, to bless many with their musical talents; I was their chaperone.



Tito with his wife, Rosario

**Tito Quiroz Sr.**, a godly man, became the administrator. He had a firm hand and a compassionate heart. He asked if I could take the responsibility for sponsorship. Of course, I said, "*no,*"

because I didn't know how to communicate with Americans. But he insisted and I found the most wonderful people in the world: **our sponsors** - people who love God, love children who are not their own in a country not their own, and want to pray and bless them.

As sponsorship secretary I organize the Christmas party and distribution of the stockings with the help of many others. **JoAnn Payne** started this tradition and **Vicki Gravell** took on this large project. I thank God for these very generous people. Mario asked me to be office supervisor and I did that job for a few years. But of all those jobs, the sponsorship program is still my favorite.

I expected to stay a year, but after 28 years of service I am very blessed. He has taught me, He has healed me, and He has blessed me in wonderful ways. He has been Jehovah Jireh, my provider, and I learned not many years ago, HE LOVES ME. No matter what, He loves me! I pray that all our children will experience God's love. Amen.



# Letters from the Heart

*"Your deep and abiding faithfulness to this difficult work transcends any 'human' or natural efforts. The Foundation for His Ministry is most certainly sustained by His own power. I look at what has been accomplished...how this ministry has multiplied and increased under your stewardship and my mind is amazed!"*

*He has inspired you with great vision and enabled you to continue this marvelous work that began with mighty miracles and will certainly continue through His power.*

*After all He is the Lord of the harvest and if we cry out to Him with all our hearts, will He not most assuredly raise up workers for His great harvest. Yes and amen!*

*Does that not include financial supporters, intercessors and replacements for those called away? Yes and amen!*

*Our Lord who has begun this great work, will He not also bring it to conclusion? Keeping it growing? Sustaining it? Let us cry out to Him and call on Him: Faithful. Yes and Amen!*

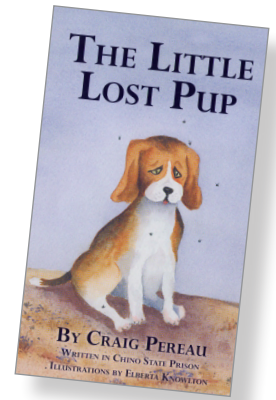
*He will do much more than we can ask or imagine. I have seen the Lord's heart towards His Ministry. You are an amazing steward of His resources. Your heart is filled with love for Him, for these desperate ones He desires to raise up from the ash heap of desolation.*

*This great God, our Savior, the man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. He knows and He will never forsake you. He will continue this great work. Let us pray fervently, hopefully, expectantly for Him to provide for all of FFHM's needs, in ways too mighty, too wonderful to fathom."*

**Linda Griffin, Alabama**

*"Dear Charla, I was moved to tears by your testimony of miracles in your life. I felt the presence of the Lord... I recently got serious with the Him. I was addicted... got into trouble, but God redeemed me and put me on the right course. I got probation and classes.*

*Thank God, He used your testimony to set me free."* **R.B.** (A copy of the **Little Lost Pup** was sent to R.B.)



**Jesus has given you a heart for the poor. The words to a secular tune came to mind.**

*"You gotta' have heart. All you really need is heart. When the odds are sayin' you'll never win. That's when the grin should start. You gotta' have hope. Mustn't sit around and mope. Nothin's half as bad as it may appear...You can open any door, there's nothin' to it but to do it. You've gotta have heart."* **A friend of His Ministry**

**"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God is poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit." Romans 5:5.**

*"I have heard nothing but incredible things about this year's Night in Bethlehem. The production is never done halfway. I hear this year's was*



Carrie

*again an amazing pageant. That much seed going out can't help but produce a harvest of belief in many lives."* **Carrie Irving** (Over 3,000 attended this event in 2017.)



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