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Happy Mother's Day Loving Others



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May is a month of honoring our mothers and serves as an opportunity for us to honor Judi Wineroth, who was an absolute joy to His Ministry

and to the countless lives she touched.

Her love for God shone so brightly and she held a special place in our hearts. We first met the Wineroths when they came to our home in 1990 and shared their experience at the Baja Mission and the need for the house parents to have a time of refreshing.

Judi had been a foster parent and knew how critical R &R was when serving day-in and day-out. They purchased a lot at Costa Brava for a beach house that could serve that purpose for the house parents at the mission.

In 1992, Barry took a group of Youth With a Mission and 14 of our teenagers to the Barcelona Olympics. This provided an unforgettable opportunity

> for the teenagers at the Mission to experience ministry and travel to Spain!

> In the decades that followed they gave sacrificially to His Ministry. They served thousands of meals in the migrant camps, washed little bare feet, and provided shoes. The poorest of the poor were blessed with loving care.

For many years Judi and Barry were the heart of Mexico's Independence Day celebrations. The YWAM team served thousands

of hot dogs wrapped in tortillas with of course a little hot salsa.

Judi leaves a legacy of unconditional love. "Well done, good and faithful servant"



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Grandparents' Day



Every Spring migrant workers' children are invited to the Mission for a day of games, food and ministry. Thousands of children have attended this special event, and God has always provided food, and even little gifts for the children.

This year the outreach team hosted a special celebration for grandparents. Mario Cordoba's daughter, Dulce, writes: "Grandparents' Dayhow boring. When they arrived, they looked so weak and fragile, but the opposite was true. There were games and singing and dancing. It was fun! A hardy Mexican dish was served; pozole (pork and hominy, topped with raw cabbage). Could these old people eat it? They came for seconds."

The old taught the young to worship and praise God together. All were united, joined in spirit, and enjoyed the blessing of God. The grandparents are an example and an inspiration to all of us.

80 Year-Old Biker



Dirk and cycle

Dirk Kos, who has a great vision for our ministry to those with special needs writes: "I have many tasks consisting of wheelchair repairs, overhauling of electric wheelchair control, fixing the ever-returning flat tires and rusted solid brake cables of the orphanage bikes, but a special opportunity crossed my path...

I met a gentlemen, 80-plus years, walking with a food pack under his one arm and grasping a walking stick in the other. A first for me...to teach a person that age to ride the three-wheeled bike I built. And I shared God's love with him.

He went home zig zagging down the road with a double blessing!"

The Angel Ministry has a constant need for diapers, all sizes but especially adult, and disposable underpads.



"I was a Prisoner and You Visited Me"

By Charla Pereau



Everyone knows that old people tell the same stories over and over, but won't you indulge me? It was 1973, and I was invited to speak at a Women's Aglow meeting in Santa Maria, CA. I arrived at my hotel lobby and was greeted by a gentleman who introduced himself and said, "I saw your picture on the religious page. I pray for the special events and those who are ministering in our city. When I saw your picture, God revealed to me that you would be going to prison." He saw the panic on my face and said, "Oh, not as an inmate, but to minister." Either way his statement was outlandish. I was polite, but he interjected, "I felt so strongly about this, I brought you a box of books for distribution to inmates." I thanked him, took the books and excused myself.

On my return home, my son asked, "What are all these books, Mother? They're all the same and they're about prisoners." "Yes," I said, "Some nut in Santa Maria gave them to me. I'll call Art Reardon and see if he can give them out at L.A. County Jail." The prophet and the prophecy were all but forgotten- until 17 years

later. Rev. Percy Gutteridge scheduled an itinerary for me in British Columbia. "What's this," I asked, "You've scheduled me at Matsqui Prison? I'm not going to a prison." He quipped back, "It's scheduled and you've been cleared to minister there." One did not say no to Pastor Gutteridge!

The guards who searched me were not happy about a woman coming to minister in their prison. As gate after gate closed behind me, fear engulfed me. Then God gave me a word: "This is that." I thought of Acts 2, following Pentecost, where Peter said, "This is that." But the word came to me again: "This is that" and I remembered the man in Santa Maria- this was preordained. The auditorium was filled and many were Native Americans. I shared the story of how God had led us to adopt an infant from Oaxaca, resulting in our ministry to the indigenous people of Mexico. I invited the men to come forward for prayer, and at least 40 received Jesus as their Savior.

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"I was a Prisoner and You Visited Me"

But the story did not end there. Some years later our son was incarcerated, and we spent the next 18 years visiting him in California prisons. Needless to say, I was not surprised when they built a prison right across the street from the new Mission in Oaxaca, or that some of our precious children's parents are incarcerated behind those walls.



Elvira and Enrique

Enrique and Elvira Perez and their team go across that road every day in Oaxaca to bring the love of God. Enrique shares:

"Roberto-Muñoz Flores came down and we prayed for a man who was miraculously healed. He has been released and is now working at a Christian retreat center.

Noe, a Columbian drug dealer, was carrying \$15 million when arrested. He met Jesus behind bars and even carried the Good News to the prison director. His sentence was reduced from 20 years to 2-1/2. Today he's free and ministering as an evangelist."

When inmates are released, Enrique and Elvira make arrangements with local pastors for them to be welcomed into God's family.

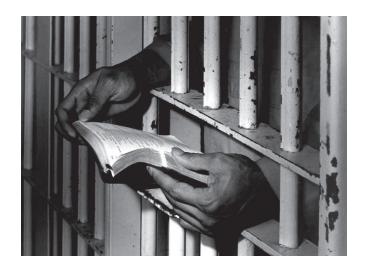
Enrique and the team make frequent visits to even the remote areas to bring encouragement. Edmundo, a man Craig Pereau led to the Lord

while in prison, is now part of our team in Oaxaca.

Pray with us as they will be going to Mazatlán in Sinaloa to obtain credentials, which will open the doors to federal prisons and the infamous Marias Island Prison.



Edmundo in Oaxaca





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Medical Ministry



Teaching dental hygiene

two weeks.

will send us a doctor.

Report from Angelina Garcia in the medical center: In January our medical team of 12 went to the mountains of Oaxaca. Many patients received medical and dental care, and the Gospel. We also ministered in the prison and at the children's home.

We were blessed with a new dental chair and dental equipment.

Nurses Lynda Vanson and Jessica Brown came to serve and many patients were attended to. The homebound were bathed and received wound care.

with many others from the community.

We still wait, pray and believe that God

Dentist, Rick Powell and his wife, Linda Powell,

children, staff, Bible Institute students, and men from Rancho de Cristo all received care, along

hygienist, came to serve for one month. The

Pediatrician, Carey Molberg, came for



Angelina, Dentist Richard and Linda Powell



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