## Mission News

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## Congratulations Graduates

Every year, the Bible Institute graduation in Baja is special, as we watch these men and women take the next step in dedicating their lives to ministry and serving God.

This year I was especially touched by the graduation because two of the graduates had been a part of Rancho de Cristo, our men's drug and alcohol rehabilitation. I was deeply touched to think about the amazing grace of Jesus at work in their lives and how much they had overcome to arrive at this event.

God is faithful and He still is in the business of doing miracles and transforming lives.

By Janelle Keller, Executive Director



Would you like to partner with us in renovating the Bible Institute?

See page six for more details.



## Answering the Call

My first exposure to Foundation for His Ministry was a week long visit in March 2017. Like many others, I was changed by my afternoons in outreach, serving the children and staff but most of all, by the overt presence of God in this place.

On the flight home to Chicago, I read "Charla's

Children" and was even more eager to recount my experience to family and friends. I was in awe of how one woman's vision was the catalyst to sharing God's love and grace with the people of Mexico. With each conversation, God kept growing my heart for the ministry, to the point He finally said, "Don't wait for a next time. Go now."

Instead of watering the seed He planted, I did my best to strangle it with weeds. "God, You know I own my own business serving Parkinsons patients. I own a house. I love my church, my friends, my Bible Study group and teaching exercise classes. Furthermore, I don't speak Spanish and I don't like Mexican food."

And God said, "But what about THEM?". The question knocked the wind out of me.

God was asking me to choose between good and good; serving the Parkinson's community or serving in Mexico. It was a sunrise service on Easter morning when the answer became clear. God used one lone guitar and the voice of an angel to call me again.....

"Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders

Let me walk upon the waters Wherever You would call me...."

He's right. God always is. I have now been serving at the Baja Mission for seven months with an end date yet to be determined. My "skill set" is far greater than I ever imagined. I have a servant's heart, being raised in a loving family who modeled grace and forgiveness. I recognize the gift of an education as a means for changing a future and surrender each day to an almighty God; these are among my "skills" for serving. God does not always call the equipped but He does



equip the called.

I invite you to listen. Is He calling you? If so, prayerfully consider your response. I look forward to serving with you.

By Susan Eichensehr, Baja Mission

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## Missionary Spotlight: Teresa Rodriguez



We support eight missionaries who are serving and ministering in the mountains of Oaxaca among people who have still not heard the Gospel. Over the next several months we want to use the newsletter to introduce you to these amazing people so you can be praying for them:

My name is **Teresa Tello Rodriguez**. I was born in the community of Yucuyi, which is part of San Sebastian Tecomaxtlahuaca, in the Mixteca region. Currently, I live in Juxtlahuaca with my family (grandmother, mother and my brother and sister).

We heard the good news of Jesus through a missionary: **Maria Villa**, who not only presented us with the Gospel, but also guided us in the first steps of the faith. Some time after, I felt that God was calling me to serve him and doors were opened for me to study in the Bible Institute in Baja. When I finished the Institute, I returned to my town to be a light to my own people.

#### PLACES AND MINISTRY ACTIVITIES:

#### **RIO DE HIELO:**

<u>Cafeteria for children</u>: Every weekend we have about 30 children attend. We share with them a Bible class, we serve them food and we spend time playing with them. My greatest wish is that the children know the truth, and the truth is Jesus. I desire for God to use them to share with their families.

**Embroidery workshop**: Around 40 women attend an embroidery workshop every Saturday. While they embroider, we put on music that has a salvation message. They are also able to hear Bible advice about the family and at the end we have a small Bible reflection. We hand out cookies and juice.

We want to start this workshop in other towns where God will open doors, above all else, in communities that do not have the Gospel yet.

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#### SAN MARTIN DURAZNOS AND YUCUNDIVI:

Even though this year we were told we are no longer allowed to continue the work with the children of San Martin Duraznos, we continue visiting house by house the sisters there, primarily Sister Francisca who is completely blind. We take groceries, clothes and medicine according to her needs.

God has given me the opportunity to be

discipling the sisters of the faith. The purpose is to encourage them to continue to be faithful in the Lord. Every Sunday the brothers and sisters from these two communities travel to Juxtlahuaca to congregate in our church.

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I work with the church in the following areas:

Directing the brothers and sisters in the cleaning: Together we work to keep the church buildings clean.

<u>Child evangelism:</u> Once a week a group of children attend Bible and value classes. The focus of this group is totally evangelistic. All of the children that come are from non-Christian families. We pray that the families of these children come to repentance.

Ministry of movies: Every Friday we show a movie with a salvation message. At the end of the movie we do a reflection about the theme covered in the movie and above all else what God has to say in His word about the theme. The purpose of this is for more people to know Christ.

<u>Children's teacher:</u> Once a month I have the privilege of giving Bible classes in Sunday School. This is something I really enjoy because

it is a way to connect with the children of our church.

I am so grateful to all of you for your financial and prayer support because I sincerely have been blessed by God through all of you. God has given me the opportunity to take the Gospel of God to people with a great need for

Christ. This includes people who are grateful for the opportunity to hear the message and children who have shown hunger to know more about the Lord.

Brothers and sisters, thank you so much. God will reward you for what you have done. As it says in Revelation 22:12, "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done."

By Teresa Rodriguez, Oaxaca Mission



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# An Interview by Home Schoolers



I've been interviewed by professionals like Terry Meeuwsen, CBN, but this interview was the most thought provoking.

A delightful group of home schoolers asked the questions. "We have read about missionaries from a long time ago, Mother

Teresa, Martin
Luther, William
Tyndale, but are
there any modern day
missionaries?" "I
know one," said Joy,
"and she is living in
our area and she is
a real missionary."
"Could we meet her?"
"I just know she
would say yes."

The meeting was arranged at an appropriate place, Augustin's, a Mexico restaurant in historic San Juan Capistrano.



By Charla Pereau, Foundaing Director

The children gathered around the table.

Each had prepared two questions

for the interview.

**Student:** "What is the main purpose of His Ministry?"

**Charla:** "To make disciples of Jesus in Mexico and beyond."

**Student:** "If you could describe FFHM in a few words, what would it be?" **Charla:** "We provide homes for children with education, preschool to university and evangelism from child to adults."

**Student:** "How did you know the vision was from God?"

**Charla:** "The Holy Spirit promises to lead us and the Bible is our guide."

**Student:** "How does God speak to you in the little things?"

Charla: "If it is doubtful, don't."

Student: "And in the big things?"
Charla: "1) prayer and the Bible
2) advice from others who you respect
3) confirmation from an outside source you don't know."

**Student:** "How do you deal with hard things and not run away and hide from them?"

**Charla:** "It is always too soon to quit and press on, press on."

**Student:** "How do you serve God now?"

**Charla:** "I write lots of letters to encourage others and visit the sick and lonely."

**Student:** "How can we pray for you?" **Charla:** "That I will always trust and obey."



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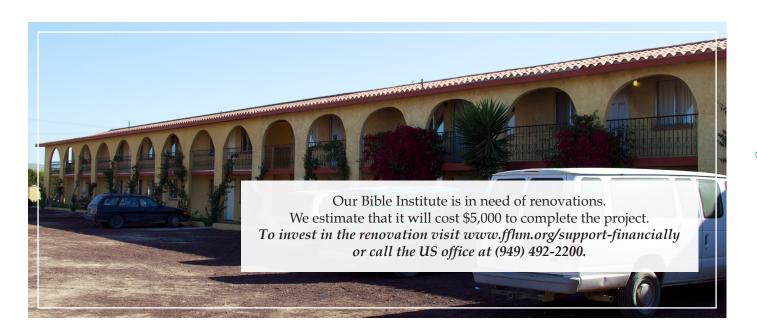
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Charla's Birthday
By Bill & Betty Rogers