

# Mission News

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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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## A Tribute to our Housemothers

In both Baja and Oaxaca there are a set of women who are heroes to us all – the housemothers.

They take abandoned and abused children with deep spiritual and emotional wounds and they love them as if they were their own children.

These women create safe homes and create beautiful memories for their families. They pray with the children for their needs, cry with them over their pain, and rejoice with them in their victories.

Please join us in celebrating and praying for these amazing women as we celebrate Mother's Day this month.



# Graduate Gives Back

## *Yulissa Brought to the Home at age Three*

Over the next several months we want to share the stories with you of our graduating university students. We are so proud of them and we want to share with you the amazing ways God is at work:



Yulissa

I arrived at the children's home in Baja when I was three years old. I grew and met incredible people: people full of love for their job and for Jesus.

This spring I will graduate from the university, and I will miss a lot of things about the TJ House. I will miss knowing that when I get home there will be someone to chat with, eat with, and spend time as a family with.

I'll miss playing soccer and volleyball, going to the beach, and getting ice cream. But I also know that I am part of a family that loves me and accepts me just how I am.

After I graduate this May I plan on staying in Tijuana and finding a job as a teacher while I also look for opportunities to use my sign language, continue going to church, and serving my community in any way I can.

I am so thankful to Foundation for His Ministry and all the people who have helped to give me the incredible opportunities I have been blessed with.

*I'm so thankful.*

These people loved me and taught me my value, my gifts, my talents, and most of all, the love of God. Today, thanks to their time invested in me, I am who I am.

Now I am studying languages with the goal of teaching English as a second language.

I am also studying French and Mexican Sign Language. I hope to continue studying Sign Language and be an interpreter one day.



TJ House family



# Bringing Hope to Oaxaca

“Come and see.” Oaxaca already is an amazing corner of this world, and it’s amazing to see how the Holy Spirit has been working and moving in the Mission here

over the past year. Under the leadership and direction of our pastor, Edgar Rivera Aguilar, we are experiencing spiritual healing and growth in the lives of the children and staff, along with members of the community who have begun congregating with us.



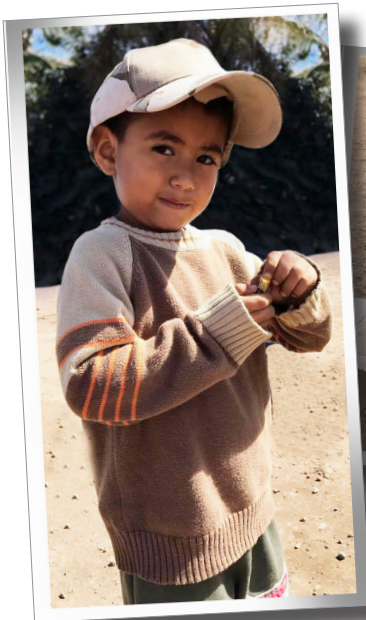
Children

I personally feel flooded with gratitude when I look around to see the people I serve alongside with their hands raised in worship and

adoration to our Lord.

Joy springs up in my heart to witness children and youth feeling the freedom to dance before the King. Truth is being spoken in love, deep wounds are beginning to heal, and relationships are slowly being restored. We hear reports of how God is working through outreach efforts as well.

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His little one



His little one



Children praying



# Bringing Hope to Oaxaca Continued



*Oaxaca Mission*

We have discovered new ways to share God's bounty with those in need around us, through supplying rehabilitation centers and local Bible schools with food staples that they sorely lack. God has produced blessings from the earthquakes last September, opening up connections with new communities from the valley to the isthmus, and even in Chiapas.

The mountain missionaries continue to enter new communities with their ministry teams. They join us once a month so we can learn more about them, the work they are doing, and the ways they see God moving.

And the teenagers here are shining so brightly that other churches are beginning to invite them to their events, in an effort to inspire their own youth. God truly works in wonderful ways.

One of our staff members often says, "We are not a children's home. We are a family." As with many families, life is not all sunshine and roses.



*Outreach*

We continue to have struggles, misunderstandings, and disappointments. But this family has an amazing Father who unites us and we are eternally grateful for His mercy and grace, and for the ways He is moving among us, even now.

# *A Vision Realized*

## *The Bible Institute*



*Students with Charla Pereau, Janelle Keller and Sharon Muñoz-Flores*

**R**ecently I had the special privilege of teaching at our Bible Institute. We began by walking from the Mission to the Bible Institute. There are 106 tiles embedded in the concrete, giving the history from creation to Christ's return. The students enthusiastically shared events. It took two hours to walk the 700 feet...the benediction, "even so come quickly Lord Jesus."

I gave the history of the Bible Institute from its inception, on our very first visit to Vicente Guerrero. I said "someday there will be a Bible Institute here like Lutheran Bible Institute, where our lives were changed forever." "Though the vision tarries, wait for it."

In 1988, I was the speaker at Christian Renewal Center, Silver Falls State Park, OR. The founding Pastor Alan Hansen asked, "Didn't your vision include establishing a Bible Institute?" "Well yes but..." Pastor Hansen said, "Terry Yarbrough and I want to help you."

We were given property near the Mission by the river, which had a number of substantial buildings, including a three bedroom house.

Chuck Pereau warned, "**Don't build by that dry river bed.** It is only a matter of time until the flood of the century will wash the buildings into the Pacific." But the buildings were ¼ mile from the river and rock barriers were constructed. In January 1989, all buildings were refurbished and dedicated for the Bible Institute.

In January 1993, the flood of the century came. The massive bridge connecting the north from the south was washed away, as were all Bible Institute buildings. Chuck, who could have said "I told you so," said "We'll rebuild at the Mission."

All but five students returned to their homes; they had no homes to go to. Minerva Trujillo was recruited as dean, under protest, and Jon Cowpersmith was professor. Now 25 years later, all students are in full time service of the Lord Jesus. Glory to God!

Beautiful new buildings were divinely inspired and built by our faithful donors at the Mission.

***You can support a Bible Institute student for \$30/month. Your investment has eternal rewards.***





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### IN MEMORY OF

#### Betty Brookshire

By Patricia Melvin  
By Mary Saunders  
By George & Mary Ruth Mach  
By Bruce Christenson  
By Natania Bradley  
By William Melvin

#### Claire Vomhof, father of Dawn Vomhof Halvorsen

By Grant & Rebecca Petersen  
Clayton & Mary Peterson  
By Henry & Becky Bunch

#### Karin Unnerud

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#### Jeff Geboy

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#### Claire Vomhof

By Grant Petersen

#### Nina Neibgerken

By Judy Lepley

#### Reverend Bredesen

By Gen Bredesen

#### Merle Ashley

By Donald & Janet Skudlarek

#### Will & Helen Calnan - volunteers in Oaxaca

By Berniece Delbrouck-Burton

#### Craig Pereau

By Kenneth Liskum

#### Alana Caudillo

By Donald Skudlarek

### IN HONOR OF

#### Jim & Lonna Kowalski's faithful service to the Baja Mission

By David Crawford

#### Margie Moran

By Keeley Hamilton

#### Sharon Muñoz-Flores' Birthday

By Michael Rogers

#### Lynda & Sieg Fast's

#### 25th Wedding Anniversary

By Ann Maas

#### Sara Petersen & Jessica Brown for all that you do

By Marilyn Rudd

#### Christian Freeman's 1st Birthday

By Brittany Murphy

#### Betsy Robinson Balts, for Literacy

By Jacqueline Robinson



This year you have the opportunity again to invest in a child's and/or teen's life by providing a "campership" and an unforgettable experience for a young boy or girl. For \$75 you can provide a week of fun-packed fellowship, worship, and more! Many decisions for Christ are made by young people at camp.

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