

MISSION NEWS

Foundation for His Ministry - Transforming communities in Mexico starting with kids.



Miracle in the Mountains

In Oaxaca, we support five different missionaries who are serving in the mountains of Oaxaca. They are supervised by Esteban and Yadira Valdez, who visit them to make sure they have everything they need. This month, we want to share a story from Manuel and Glenda Cruz (pictured above with their children) serving in the town of Huajuapán.

This is Fernando (pictured right). He is 40 years old. When he was just three weeks old, he had an embolism

that caused paralysis in half of his body. He still remains paralyzed today. In addition, he suffers from epilepsy. For these reasons, he wasn't accepted by the schools when he was a boy.

When it came time for him to start school, his mother decided to send him anyway, but the teachers said that because of his condition, he could not go to a "normal" school.



When we met him about a year ago, he would not talk to anyone. He was very quiet and introverted and did not express his needs. He was aggressive and didn't accept help from anyone.

We met his mom and heard his story and we offered to give them literacy classes since she hadn't been to school either.

We give glory to God because, today Fernando can read and write and memorize Bible verses. He has been able to understand the basics of the gospel message also.

We have seen other changes in his life as well. He is more social with other people and is no longer aggressive.

Before the quarantine for coronavirus, he was assigned a Psalm to read at a prayer meeting. We thank God that he was able to do it. What moved us the most was seeing his mom cry tears of joy as she watched her son read the Bible. But above all, she was happy because even with his condition, Fernando is being accepted and now Fernando feels that he is capable of serving the Lord.

Glenda Cruz
Oaxaca Missionary

Please pray for spiritual and physical protection of our missionaries serving in the mountains of Oaxaca. They are serving in a dark place and need us to intercede for them

Quarantine: Adapting and Learning



Quarantine at the mission at first glance looks like a relatively normal time within the walls of our home – devotions in the morning, meals in the kitchen, kids playing outside in the evenings. But one marked difference is that our teenagers have been home all day. I have the privilege of spending Fridays with the teenage girls and I've gotten to witness firsthand how they are taking advantage of this extra time at home.

While it might be tempting for them to binge watch another Korean TV series, they have been incredibly motivated in doing their schoolwork and finding countless ways to entertain themselves or learn new skills. Drawing, doing puzzles, entering song-writing competitions, hair braiding, writing encouraging notes to their sponsors,



learning how to sew, giving the substitute housemother a manicure – these girls are certainly not wasting their time at home.

A clear example of their initiative and innovation was when they decided to make potato chips, but they didn't have any potatoes nor had they ever made chips before. But that wasn't about to stop them. They went door-to-door around the mission asking to borrow or buy potatoes from other staff members and to my surprise they came back with a big bagful. They set to work washing, peeling, slicing, frying and salting. And their potato chips actually turned out awesome!

What a blessing it is to see our kids developing their interests – taking an idea and making it happen. While right now it's on a small scale, the motivation, innovation and perseverance they are developing will no doubt take them far.

Annie Schmidt
Oaxaca Sponsorship



Birthday Greetings from Friends of the Ministry

July 4th has come and gone many times since the inception of FFHM. The lesser known celebration on this day is my birthday. For several years, I believed what my father had told me as we watched the fireworks explode, "Charla, they are celebrating your birthday!"

On July 4, I turned 88 and was blessed with many cards and notes. Following are excerpts:

"What a beautiful creation of God you are!! I praise God for your life, your love, your obedience to His call. I am so grateful to be blessed by all you have given to His little ones and to me." - Mary Ann Judson (pictured above, first photo)

"I am so grateful for your very special call to love and minister to the people in Mexico." - From your old friend (93 years old), Dorothy Bond (pictured above, second photo)

"...we are so thankful for the love you have for JESUS, which has overflowed into our lives...." Wally and Marilyn (pictured above, third photo)

"Those visits you made to Winnipeg [Canada] were so very special." - Anita Hart Henrichs

"I visited Baja with a group in 1998 and Oaxaca in about 2000. They are missions dear to my heart." - Donna Elliot Williss

"We have spent 32 years of our lives in this place. I never imagined the purpose God had in taking me out of my land and from my family and bringing us to the desert. Today I am able to say that God has been extremely good to me. It was all worth it and if I had to do it again, I would. It has been the most wonderful experience of my life. It gave me purpose and meaning. I learned that serving others is my calling. I can see the hand of God working in our lives, producing life in each generation that is born with the purpose of continuing to take the good news of hope and salvation to new generations. We have benefitted greatly from all these years of your preaching the gospel to those in need, not only with words, but with your example." - Mario Cordoba

We give thanks to God for your life. You are a blessing to many people and to my family specifically. We wish you a Happy Birthday! - Mario Cordoba, Baja Mission Pastor, & Family

"My hunting buddies and I stumbled across FFHM while on a quail hunting trip many years ago. It has been a privilege to support FFHM monthly since that beginning." - David Cox

"We find joy in FFHM's progress across many ministries now in multiple places." - Dave & Cathie Roohk

"We love you sister Charla and we thank God for your life. May God bless you as you have blessed Mexico." - Minerva Trujillo and Virginia Duarte

"I have always admired your faithfulness to His ministry. I'm grateful I had the privilege of serving under your leadership as it served as a vital learning phase in my young life." - Ron Ramos

Charla Perea
Founder



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IN HONOR OF:

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By Jack & Kim Leighton

SEND A CHILD TO CAMP

Even though the Coronavirus in Mexico will change what camp looks like this summer, we are still committed to creating experiences for our children to get away, create memories together and have an intentional time to hear about Jesus.

If you would like to be a part of making that possible you can contribute towards a campership. Estimated costs are \$75 per child but gifts of any amount are welcome. You can note in the memo of your check that the gift is for camp or go to ffhm.org/support-financially.

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