

MISSION NEWS

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San Quintin Families: Daycare Update

Over a year ago FFHM was asked if they would be interested in supervising a government run daycare center. They had constructed a building to hold 120 kids. This daycare is to serve the parents who are working in the fields and other low-income families. We have seen many children and families be served by this ministry and each of them has held a special place in our lives.

I am constantly reminded that God has been more than faithful. Even when we are presented with difficult circumstances, He has never stopped showing His love, mercy and kindness for each of the families we are serving. I am convinced that God is doing great things in San Quintin. From the first day the daycare opened until today, we see God working in each child through their hugs, their smiles when they see their caregivers or through interactions with their parents. He continues to work in each of the families. They are all so different, but all special, they have different stories but a grateful heart for this essential part of our ministry. We understand that we have a great responsibility

and know how hard it is for a parent to leave their child for ten hours a day while they go to work. We know this takes a lot of trust and so it is with this same trust that we daily give these little ones back to God and know that He supports everything we are doing in this place. Our hope is to give the best gift that can be offered by praying with the staff and children. The children often pray for their families and their community. Thank you to each person who contributes to this place. The daycare is a blessing that continues to spread the love of God so that He may continue to be glorified

Keila Maresa
Daycare Supervisor



The Power in the Pause

“And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith” . Hebrews 12:1-2

COVID19 may have stopped the world in its tracks, but in Baja we have used this “pause” as an opportunity. Our future soccer stadium may have been put on hold but what better way to keep the faith in what will be than by hosting the 2020 Summer Olympics! Our “field of dreams” was transformed into the Olympic Village over spring break. Children enjoyed learning the history of the Olympics and scanning the globe to find the 200 participating nations. They learned what the flag represented and raised their hands to recite the Olympic Creed stressing effort and participation over triumph.

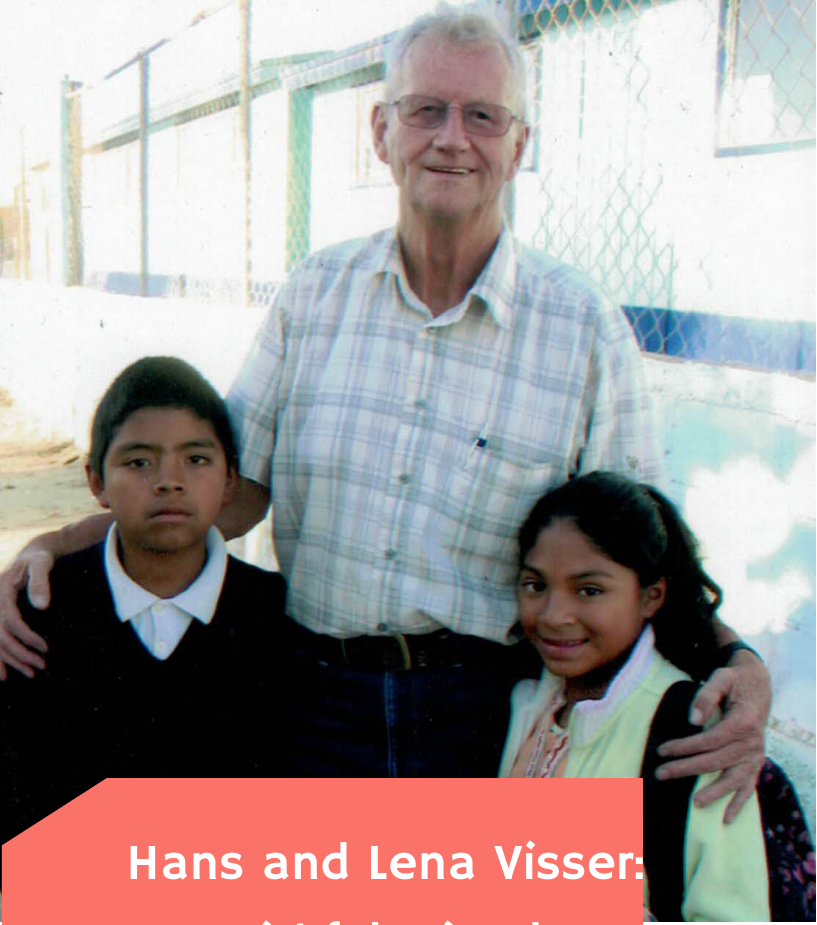
When the children watched footage of track and field events, the possibilities for our new field became real. For many, this was a first frame of reference for the games. Hoots and hollers were reminiscent of Fourth of July fireworks as kids watched long jumpers take flight, lightening fast relay races, and Usain Bolt run for gold.

The icing on the cake was footage of Mexico beating Brazil in soccer after 10 failed attempts.

Monday morning excitement was palpable as four teams had to create an identity and flag. Strategy was involved as the “best” athletes could not participate in all individual events and for the team sports, each member had to rotate into the match. Participants were reminded to clothe themselves as Paul describes in Colossians and to strike a balance between the desire to win and extending compassion and patience to their team mates. Humility was stressed in the victories and kindness extended in defeats. Medalists bowed with pride to accept their chocolate coins and the week ended with a barbecue celebrating all the participants.

We look forward to next year and another week of fun, fitness, fellowship and God willing, a new venue in which to host the 2021 event.

Susan Eichensehr
Baja Mission Staff



Hans and Lena Visser: Faithful Friends and Volunteers

After 54 years of ministry with FFHM we can say with confidence that we are “surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.” There have been so many amazing staff and visitors who have come together to see the Kingdom of God expanded in Mexico. This month we want to share the story of just one of those witnesses:

At the time of this writing, April 18, 2020, it has been seven months since my dear wife, Lena, passed into glory. Now I want to share our story. It was David Yeadon, a former board member, who got us involved with FFHM. Lena and I were snowbirds from Alberta, Canada, in a campground in California called Skyvalley. In February 2004, we joined a group for a trip to serve and what a blessing that was as we had a really purposeful week.

2006 was the first of many donated trailers that Lena and I took to the Baja Mission. After that first one it became a passion for us and over the years we brought 12 more down. At Skyvalley we received much help to make the trailers road worthy. They were loaded with quilts made at Skyvalley and other donated stuff, which was all very appreciated at the Mission.

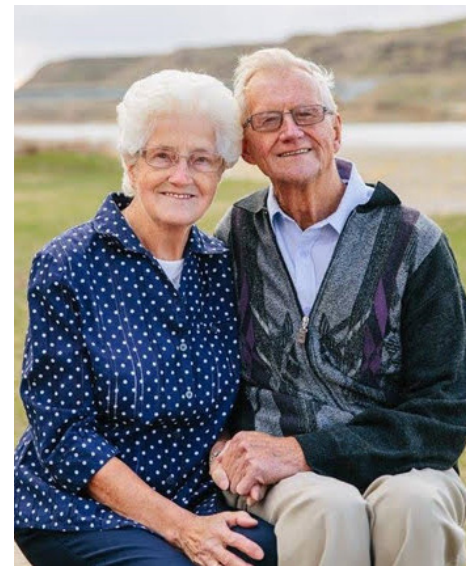
While we were there Lena was always busy with serving, cleaning, working in the kitchen and the nuthouse and hugging precious kids.

Some of my favorite memories are with Rafa, who also passed into glory. One time Rafa, another staff member, Marlo, and myself drove out to Rancho de Cristo at 6AM. Hans Benning had already beat us there to share the Lord Jesus with the men. Rancho de Cristo has godly men leading – Hans Benning, Pastor Jose Luis and others. They are leading an awesome program of pointing broken men to the only solution, which is Jesus and His redeeming love.

Then I remember Lena and I were involved in digging the well at the Rancho. We were very disappointed with the minimal supply of water. Why Lord? His answer was that the main task is to help spiritual water flow.

Then some years ago while I was visiting the Rancho I met Miguel, a broken newcomer sitting with his head down. I, a redeemed sinner, was sitting beside a young man in need of redemption. Upon encouraging him, he took me to his room and showed me a picture of his two little girls, his eyes teared and broken. A year and a half later, Lena and I attended the Bible Institute chicken dinner fundraiser. One of the student servers said to Lena and me, “remember me?” It was Miguel. He had enrolled in the Bible Institute. God’s grace is amazing.

And so yes, the Mission became very precious to me and Lena and our five children also have enjoyed visiting there. And there are so many special connections with people – the founders Chuck and Charla, Pastor Mario and Graciela, Hans and Nancy Benning, Dirk and Mary Kos, the new leaders Janelle and Jill, and many more. You all have a warm place in our hearts.



I miss Lena so much. She was an awesome wife, mom, grandma and great grandma. Her passion was her family and to share the love of Jesus.

Hans Visser
Faithful Friend and Volunteer



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SUMMER 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.