

MISSION NEWS

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



Yair Changed My Life Forever

In the spring of 2013, I traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico, on a vision trip for my church. The morning after I arrived, I sat in the dining room with Jill Smith, the Oaxaca Administrator at the time, our mission pastor, and my daughter.

As we began to visit with Jill, I sensed the presence of someone standing behind me. I turned to find a nine-year-old boy with a smile bigger than his face could hold, and arms that quickly wrapped themselves around my neck. His name was Yair, and six years later he still holds my heart.



Stacy with Yair

When I went to Oaxaca, I didn't find an orphanage or a center for underprivileged children; I found a home. This is not a place you visit, take a few pictures for friends to view a week later, and check off a

mission wish list. It's a home with a family (a family that grows the more I return with friends and church members who are also finding arms that wrap around their necks and welcome the kind of relationship that lasts longer than a photograph).

Over the years, I have led many national and international mission trips. As a high school Bible teacher, I lead a trip to Ecuador each spring where my students work with an indigenous Quichua pastor and the 30+ churches he has planted in the mountains of Riobamba and Cajabamba.

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Meet Abby and Pablo

Abby Martin



Job at the Oaxaca Mission: Oasis School Principal

Where are you from?: Idaho and Montana, USA

When did you start working in Oaxaca?
March 2017

How did you end up in Oaxaca? I visited Baja Mission a few times with my church. I came to Oaxaca one summer as a volunteer. I kept coming back until I finally didn't leave.

What is the favorite part of your job? I love watching the kids grow into their person. As they gain confidence in their abilities, in their identity in Christ, and in the fact that they are loved and safe here, they blossom. It's a beautiful thing to witness.

What is a memory you have of your time in Oaxaca? My favorite times here are when we eat outside for a party or a BBQ. Everyone is laughing and playing with one another. For me it is a picture of what heaven will be like.

What is a dream that you have for the future? I want every classroom in the school to be full and buzzing with kids learning. I want the school to be a refuge for kids who don't fit in other schools where they can be accepted and can excel.

Pablo Mendez Rios



Job at the Oaxaca Mission:
Supervisor of Local Outreach

Where are you from? The beautiful state of Oaxaca

When did you start working in Oaxaca?
Almost 4 years ago

How did you end up in Oaxaca? I studied in the Bible Institute in Baja. When I finished they sent me for my 7 month internship to be a housefather to the teenage boys here in Oaxaca. When I finished my internship they gave me the opportunity to formally be a part of the staff.

What is your favorite part of your job? Continuing to minister the Gospel to these lives our Heavenly Father has brought us to show his love and to be transformed in the power of his Gospel.

What is a memory you have of your time in Oaxaca? Seeing the love of God in the care He has for everyone here in this family. Seeing the wonderful details of how he cares for His little ones. Seeing growth in the children and teens in different ways is gratifying.

What is a dream you have for the future? To carry out an "Adulam Conference" every year ministering to men in rehabilitation centers in the area.

Please pray for Abby and Pablo as they serve in Oaxaca.

Bible Institute Students Make a Difference in the 10/40 Window - Mountains of Nayarit

According to Luis Busch, the 10/40 Window is a term that identifies a section in the world map with the least evangelized, most unreached people groups in terms of Christian missions. The people in this area have limited knowledge of the gospel, minimal access to Bibles and Christian materials, and extremely restricted opportunities in many areas of their lives (including the opportunity to follow the Christian faith).

Talking about Mexico, we also find a section on the map that has been identified as the 10/40 window of Mexico (el Bajío de Mexico). There are many socioeconomic challenges: great poverty and low quality of life, combined with lack of access to Christian resources and unreached non-Christians.

The Bible Institute had the opportunity to reach out to the native Huichol Indian people in Mexico's Sierra Madre Mountains in Nayarit. These people are unique due to their culture, traditions, and way of life. We were told that, within their cultural practices, just a few weeks before our visit, they sacrificed a mountain lion and as part of a ritual they drank the blood and ate the meat asking their gods for rain. It hadn't rained there for many weeks and they needed to plant corn in order to have food for their families.

WE THANK GOD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT TO THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS

1. La Guinea de Guadalupe- in order to reach them we had to walk for three hours up the mountain. It was a great challenge, but it was worth it. Once we reached the top, we were informed that the last Christian group to visit them was three years prior. We found out that the pastor of their local church had



been shot by a man from a rival tribe, and since then the pastor left. The Christians who are left rarely gather for prayer anymore, so you can imagine how excited they were to have someone come to visit, worship and study the Word.

At the same time, we had only brought food for 16 of us and for the number of days we were going to spend there on the mountain. Our surprise was that every day we were feeding a group of about 50. It was amazing to see how the Lord supplied all our needs. We were able to encourage and challenge a small group of Christians to gather every week and study the Word together as a group/church.

2. Huaynamota - It was hard to reach these people. We traveled by land for about six hours in the mountains just to find out that we did not have access due to poor road conditions caused by rain. We finally reached them by traveling three hours by boat, walking and carrying part of our things with us. To our surprise when we arrived, there was a group of seven Christians there waiting to greet us. Their hunger for the Word was so great, all they kept asking was to sing, pray, and study the Word together. One day we were so tired that we asked them to let us go to sleep at one in the morning. Early the next day they were there to continue with our studies.



3. Mesa de Las Yeguas - After traveling in the rain, by boat for about an hour and a half, then waking up the hill for an hour, we finally reached out to the people at La Mesa de las Yeguas.

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As a church member, I lead a trip each summer to Foundation For His Ministry in Oaxaca. I am passionate about both of these trips because both involve people I love, and both remind me about the importance of taking a relational gospel to the world.

But as much as I love the pastor and his family in Ecuador, nothing compares to stepping off the plane in Oaxaca and seeing the smile of that "once little boy who's now a teenager:" the one who still lets me hug him like he's my own. It's the same feeling I get when I walk through my front door in Arkansas a week later; it's the feeling of being home.

Never would I have imagined that I would find what I did when I stepped off that plane in Oaxaca all those years before. But that's what love does when you open your heart to the possibility of seeing people with compassion as Jesus did in Matthew 9:36. You don't just get a hug and a smile; you get a child to love forever.

Stacy Stagely
Sponsorship



Stacy with Yair

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God is good. We found two Christian ladies in the community that received us, allowed us to stay in their house, shower, cook, and use it as our base of operation. God gave us the opportunity to reach out to most of the community. We visited, prayed and shared the Gospel of Christ with them.

God is good. From the beginning He provided for the plane tickets, money for the trip, new and comfortable 4x4 trucks, and plenty of food not only for us, but also for the people in each community. Coming down from Huaynamota a scorpion bit one of our students. We thank God that Marco, one of our Bible Institute students, is a nurse and was able to assist her.

God guided us to the Mexican army and they provided the help we needed. We were able to communicate with people from another community by radio and they provided us with four antidotes, just enough to give a shot to the student that needed it.



Carlos Quijada

We have many stories we could share of how we were able to see God's hands work in the midst of all we did. Our experience was worth all the investment, prayer, risk, and hard work. God took us to an area where the people are so hungry for the Gospel and He gave us the opportunity to be His instrument and bless these people. The sad part is that they need constant help, someone to visit and disciple them. Someone to help

them build the church and to be a light for Christ in the mountains. May God guide us to see in what ways we can help them grow in the Lord. Please help us to pray for the Huichol Indian people.

Carlos Quijada
Bible Institute Supervisor

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All God's Children Got Shoes



Do you remember when we received 41,000 new Nike shoes?

In 1998, the FFHM Office and warehouse was located at Osborne Neighborhood Church in Arleta, California.

That year, Lynn Davenport, our Administrative Assistant, was notified about merchandise that was free for the taking. 41,000 tennis shoes!

I prayed, "Oh, that the children in the migrant camps would have shoes!"

The shoes had to be picked up from the San Francisco Bay Area. God always knows what we need before we do, and Jody Blessum from Danville, CA, knew a trucker who was traveling

down to LA in a 40-foot EMPTY truck. She said he could pick up the tennies from Vallejo and bring them south to our office.

We had no idea the volume of 41,000 shoes and called for volunteers to help with unloading the truck. Tons of gigantic black plastic bags were ripping at the seams revealing the precious cargo. As they split open, shoes were flying everywhere. The FFHM warehouse was filled to the rafters and there were mountains of shoes in the parking lot.

The pastor of the church was infuriated and said, "These shoes will have to be removed by Saturday morning!"

It took three roundtrips of 675 miles to get all those shoes to the Baja Mission.

And then we realized the greatest of challenges ... the shoes were not paired! Can you imagine 41,000 individual tennis shoes of all colors and sizes that had to be paired up?

Perhaps you were part of the Volunteer Shoe Brigade in Baja in 1998? Every time a pair of shoes was matched, we rang a bell.

Charla Pereau
Founding Director

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