MISSION NEWS

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



This year we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of our ministry in Oaxaca. The whole mission began with a vision to reach the unreached people in the mountains.



It is now a multi-faceted Mission with a children's home, prison ministries, church and missionaries who live and minister to the indigenous people in the mountains.



God has worked and is working in amazing ways and we want Him to receive all the glory.



So I asked some of the staff in Oaxaca to share how they see God at work in the Mission and in their areas of ministry.

This month we want to share some of these stories with you as we celebrate our anniversary.

Janelle Keller, Executive Director

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Come and See



Getting a front-row view to the workings and movements of God is one of those experiences that fills your spirit and gives you the hope that one needs to continue forward with confidence.

I see God working when the child who arrived at our home with a vocabulary smaller than his hands learns to speak in a safe space. I see it when children with heavy hearts learn to forgive the ones who were supposed to protect them and didn't. I see God when families reunite and learn to live in the shared grace that Christ offers us.

I see God at work when we step outside of the walls of our home and boldly walk into the darkness, being faithful to an indigenous community, a restoring man, or even a prisoner who needs the gospel message. I see God working every single sunrise as this home stands tall.

Rachel Little
Oaxaca Groups Coordinator



Outreach Ministry

I'm thankful to God because He allows me to be part of His work in this place, and I really love to serve Him and people.

During the last six months I have been working in different areas of ministry, helping and supporting other churches and ministries. Recently we had a successful three days event, where many non-Christian and Christian people were encouraged through the message of the Gospel of Jesus and also through incredible worship sessions and some other activities with the youth.





By the grace of God, some months ago I became part of the leadership team of this Youth Movement called 'Jovenes Unidos TNT,' (Transformando Nuestra Tierra), and I have seen God's guidance and support through past years. I can remember the beginning when there was only one church involved in this project: ours!

But now there are 13 churches involved and all of them are working and supporting this movement that I am sure was born in God's heart. I'm also working in a small new congregation located in the mountains of Oaxaca



David

(Monte Rosa, Mixes).

There is a team from the Children's Home in Tlacolula that goes with me every fifteen days to encourage the people of this community, sharing the Word of God with them also through worship and kids ministry. There are projects that we would like to start in this community next year.

Finally, I am helping Hermano Enrique in the prison ministry. We go from Monday to Friday to visit those persons in prison to share the Word of God, to worship, and to pray with them. We are sure God is working in their lives. He is renewing their hearts and minds.

In reference to our church, God is also moving and working among us during every service through the Word shared and times of prayer and worship. God is healing people and calling them to ministry.

David Herrera Oaxaca Mission

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Educational Needs in Oaxaca



Three years ago they completed construction on our beautiful new school building, and since then our school enrollment dwindled from twenty students to nine and from three teachers to one, plus me as the principal. Things continue to change, so we began the year 2018 praying for a renewed and clear vision for our school Instituto Oasis.

As 2018 (our year of prayer) closes, I would say in one word that the Lord's response is NEED – students with greater and more diverse needs, such as Yanderi who arrived at the children's home in April. At the age of 14 (now 15), she had never attended school and had not yet learned to read.



She began one-on-one classes with me shortly after her arrival, and is now a full-time student in Oasis quickly making advances in her studies. I have never met a student as eager to learn as Yanderi.

Since Yanderi's arrival, more children in similar situations have arrived: two brothers ages 9 and 11 who have never attended school, others very behind in basic math, and others with developmental disabilities.

All of this leads to another need: for more well-trained and passionate teachers. We continue to pray for the teachers to come and work with our kids.

I see God working as He pushes us to adapt and grow to meet new challenges. God is building something new in our school and in Oaxaca, and He is building it by meeting the needs of our students one by one.

Abby Martin
Oaxaca Oasis School Principal

Founder's Corner: An Unforgetable Trip



From left to right: Twila, Janelle and Charla

Twila Belk will write the sequel to *Charla's Children*. There have been several attempts, but to no avail. Janelle and I took Twila to Oaxaca and Baja so she could experience the ministry. She interviewed a number of missionaries, including Juan Merino, who worked with John Moore.

This leather-skinned Trique man swung heavy sacks of pineapples on his back. Sweat soaked his torn shirt but at least he had work. (For three years, illness prevented him from supporting his family.) Juan followed the seasonal work: pineapples then tomatoes. Rumors told of work in Baja, so Juan and his family migrated there in 1981. They discovered a more bitter reality there: a tiny room for his family of ten that stunk of raw sewage and stale smoke.

Unattended, sickly children sat in the dirt. Juan had to accept what he could not change; he had no money to return to Oaxaca. They fought despair and both turned to alcohol and native witchcraft for escape.

Their son, Felix, came to visit from Tijuana. He spoke to them about God and His Son, Jesus, and their need to repent. He took his father to the Mission church and Juan and Maria were converted to Christianity.



From left to right: Juan Merino, Charla, Antonio Merino Juan's son, Antonio, also trained by John Moore, currently works in the macadamia nut orchard

Juan was given a job in the macadamia nut orchard where John Moore had covered the cost of five employees anonymously until he graduated to Heaven. "There he would eat of the Tree of Life in paradise." Genesis 2:7

Please pray for Twila as she takes on this project. It is a heart-wrenching story of faith in God and miraculous answers to prayer.

Charla Pereau
Founding Director

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