

Mission News

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

Oh The Wonder

Psalm 37:5 – “Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.”

Usually, in December, I would share something that is Christmas-themed. But this month, I feel led to share the miracles that God has been doing in His Ministry.

Last year, in obedience to what we felt God had put on our hearts, we moved towards starting a children's home in Tijuana. Government workers had told us that there was nowhere to send children over the age of 12. We accepted this as a challenge to receive teenage girls. Moving forward, we did everything possible on our end. We moved staff from Baja, renovated the building we would use and submitted all necessary paperwork for certification ... then the waiting game began.

The government dragged its feet on completing our certification. They seemed content to leave the girls in the shelter where they were living. However, given the opportunity, our staff began visiting these girls and learned more about them and their life in the shelter. This is supposed to be a temporary place for children to live until they are placed somewhere else. But some of these girls have been living there their entire life. They never leave the shelter and due to the number of children living there they only have a limited amount of time outside each day. Education stops after eighth grade, and when they turn 18 are required to leave the shelter. Words like “hope” and “future” sound foreign to them.

Once we knew their names, heard their stories, and had their faces in our minds, the need to get the girls into our home became our number one priority – prayer as our greatest weapon.

The month of September was focused on prayer. We had a calendar of daily prayer requests and, each day, our staff and supporters lifted these needs to God. At the end of the month, we had a day of prayer and fasting, where each location joined together to intentionally pray for the ministry's needs -- The very next morning, we found out that we were getting 10 girls from the shelter.

We still hadn't received our certification from the government, and no other circumstances had changed for us – this seemed relatively impossible. But, we know who we serve. We can only attribute it to the impossible God working in His perfect timing.

It is a joy to watch these girls thriving in their new home. They have visited the beach, they have shared their stories as the staff has prayed and cried with them, and each has heard the truth of the Gospel and how much Jesus loves them. I can't wait to see who else God brings into that home and the hope and healing they will also find there.

This is a miracle. And, as I think about this time of year, that's what it is all about – a miracle born into this world so that you and I could have a “hope” and a “future” – that we would know what it means to have a home. We can move forward knowing Immanuel – God with us. Just as He is with the girls in Tijuana, He is with each of us who have called on His name.

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Alternative Christmas...



Higher Education

Lude Rodriguez,

Assistant Director of Operations, Tijuana Apartments

"This year 2021, two young ladies and a young man finished their university degrees, achieving their Bachelor's degrees in Education, Nutrition, and Law. The two girls grew up in the Baja Mission in Vicente Guerrero, and the young man is the son of a couple who served as House Parents for several years in Baja.

You might think: what future awaits a two-month-old baby whose parents left her in an orphanage? Or a 7-year-old whose mother could not take care of her due to mental health issues and a lack of resources?

Well, they found a home full of love where they grew up and learned to dream. They learned consistency and perseverance. They discovered that nothing is impossible for those who believe. They knew they could achieve what they set out to do. Through loyal Sponsors who support FFHM, they finished all academic benchmarks and graduated college! With odds stacked against them, God remained faithful in His love, providing everything they needed to succeed.

Now they are ready to contribute to society, prepared to be agents of change and positive influences for those around them. They are prepared to start a new stage in their lives and continue writing their story with God – a story that, at one point, they couldn't imagine ... but, God could."



Breakfast Club | Sinaloa

Zenaida Ambrosio

Sinaloa Outreach Team

"There are so many stories of the children that come to Breakfast Club each week. The program has become a place of security for these kids. One child is Aida – we know that her home life is terrible. She struggles with abandonment from her mother. Her uncle has been the one taking care of her and bringing her to the Breakfast Club. We are continually praying for her and her uncle – that she would be safe and that he would continue to make wise decisions in caring for her. We are truly grateful that her uncle sends her with her aunt to Breakfast Club consistently and that we have supporters that ensure this program continues within the community."



Tijuana Children's Home

Jill Smith

Director of Mexico Operations

When we started planning to expand the ministry of FFHM to Tijuana, we were moved from one of our visits to the local government shelter. There were over 200 kids that needed our help, so we decided to start by focusing on the teenagers living there. We started visiting and getting to know the girls as we worked on the certification process and finished the renovation of their new home. During a conversation with Maria, one of the girls in the shelter, I asked her about her story and how she ended up there. I was shocked when she told me that she had spent most of her life living in the shelter. She then pointed out other girls that had also spent as much time there. My heart was broken as I tried to imagine life only inside the walls of a place only meant to be temporary, waiting for a place to call "home."

Maria is just one of the girls now living with us at the Tijuana Children's Home. When we opened our doors in October, we prioritized taking the girls that had been in the shelter the longest. We are filled with joy and are excited to watch Maria and the others learn how to function in a "family." Our prayer is that they will know more about their Heavenly Father, who has great plans for them.



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Mission Needs

FFHM Leadership Team

"To be honest, this is the most important thing that anyone could fund. This is how we do everything at each of our locations. This is how we function. From utilities and drinking water to food and caregivers in our homes, this is all a part of Mission Needs. Likewise, Mission Needs are like those things in our life that come up that we just haven't planned for. Have you ever had something like that? You have your whole budget planned out, and everything is going smoothly, but then life happens. That is mission needs.

As a financially integral organization, the money we receive goes right back into the work we do for His Ministry. Whether it's a leak in the roof forcing kids to shovel water out of a building, medical emergencies, or a way to make an immediate and positive impact in the lives of the children – this is all a part of this fund. Contributions to Mission Needs help to keep food on the tables and to be prepared for when life happens."



Grocery Boxes

Yadira Porras

Oaxaca Outreach Supervisor

"Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter --when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard."

Isaiah 58: 7-8 (NIV)

Sharing bread, helping with roofs, and dressing the naked are actions that our missionaries in the mountains continually carry out in the neediest communities in Oaxaca. Coicoyán de las Flores, where our missionary María serves, has been declared the third municipality in Oaxaca with extreme poverty. It may be forgotten by many, but not by God -- He takes care of them.

Through our missionary, these families in extreme poverty are blessed to receive essential nutrition for a few days. As their faces express in the photo, they show their appreciation for God's provision and help for them with a smile.

Let us continue to faithfully fulfill the desire of God's heart to reach out to the vulnerable."

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