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MISSION NEWS

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RANCHO DE CRISTO

Rancho de Cristo, our men's drug and alcohol rehab, is an oasis of peace and hope in the desert of the Baja peninsula. To get there you must travel down a dusty, bumpy dirt road while apologizing to your car the whole way for all

the damage you are doing to it driving over stones and through potholes. And then just when you think you are driving into the middle of nowhere, you come over a hill and see all these beautiful yellow buildings that were built by men who have gone through this program.

Hans Benning and Jose Luis Gonzalez lovingly care for men who have no other options, men who have burned bridges with their family and friends and now have nowhere to go, men who are overlooked by most people in our world.

The staff there see some victories and a lot of heartaches. And yet they continue on, knowing that if Jesus were here on earth, He would probably love hanging out at the Rancho.

During their time at the Rancho, the men work hard and seek God even harder. We all believe that Jesus is the key to true life transformation, and He is the only one who can offer us true hope and purpose. Please pray that each man who crosses the gates into the Rancho would experience and believe without a shadow of a doubt the love that Jesus has for them.

Janelle Keller
Executive Director



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Getting Out of My Comfort Zone



I work in the US Office for FFHM and I live in beautiful San Clemente, California. When my boss, Janelle Keller, asked me to travel to our children's home in Oaxaca, Mexico, all I could think of were excuses not to go. I hate flying, I don't speak Spanish, what will I eat and drink, etc. Then just before I was scheduled to leave, I found out there were 180 fires burning in southern Mexico and there is water rationing at our Mission.

When I arrived at the airport, our wonderful Mission Director, Laura Rodriguez, was there to greet me. However, the sky was orange from the fires, the air was filled with smoke, and all I could think of was getting out of there. When we arrived at the Mission Visitor Center, there was this awful, loud piercing noise and I thought I was in the Twilight Zone. I found out the sound was coming from bugs called cicadas and I knew then it was going to be the longest week of my life. The Cicadas bugs finally quieted down, and I was able to get a good night's rest.

The next morning, I was able to see the beautiful architecture and cleanliness of our children's home. It made me so proud and honored to be a part of God's work in this distant land.

I remember my first dinner in the dining room. I was eating by myself and a beautiful, smiling girl came up to me and said something in Spanish and then she picked up my plate and took it to the girls' table. I joined these sweet girls and they did their best to talk to me and make me feel welcome.



Over the next few days, my thoughts changed from thinking about the comforts of home to the joy of serving others that have so little and love so much. I decided to look for opportunities to help and I ended up in the kitchen making taquitos. I made dozens of taquitos and I thought I was doing a good job until the kitchen supervisor told me I was using the wrong side of the tortilla (who knew?) I learned what it's really like to be in the mission field and my thoughts are now consumed with what beautiful godly people we have serving at our children's homes.

When I returned from my trip, I felt empty about my so-called comforts of home. Now, I shed a tear every time I think about being with these faithful servants whose sole purpose is depending on God and serving others. I have seen and experienced another country of wonderful people that I will never forget! I can hardly wait until my next visit. I also learned how meaningful it is to our children to be loved through sponsorship. I am now the proud sponsor of a teenage girl.

Gregg McNelley
US Office Staff

Baja: Reflections from our Principal

This has been a year of great growth at the school. The kids in the English Immersion program are flourishing and getting more confident with the English Language. At the beginning of the school year, God gave us the opportunity to work with nine students between the ages of 8 and 12 who had never been to school before. They have worked very hard this year and all nine of them have learned to read. It has been delightful to watch them fall in love with learning!



We are thankful for God's wonderful provision of very gifted staff who have come alongside of our students to show them they are capable of doing great things. We are thankful for the gift of an amazing library that has turned into a place where children can enjoy books and discover the world through reading.

I personally am thankful for the way God worked in the lives of our students, helping them grow in self-confidence, and using the school staff to help heal some of their wounds. The school is a place of great joy, discovery and growth, and I thank God for allowing us to work with these kids in such a life-changing way.

Cheryl Trevor
Baja Oasis School Principal

Oaxaca: Reflections from our Principal

"You crown the year with Your bounty ..."

Psalm 65:11a

I found this verse in August at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year and immediately knew this verse was for us. I knew God would give us an abundance for our labors this school year. As anyone who has worked on a farm or planted a garden knows, abundant harvests do not sprout only on good intentions. It requires sweat and sometimes a few tears.

This school year has been absolutely wild. We started the 2018-2019 school year with eleven students, one teacher, and myself as the principal and teacher; we are ending the year with eight students, three teachers, and myself. In between, we have seen six students leave the school, have gained 3 more students, and have seen the comings and goings of numerous teachers and volunteers in the classrooms. As much as I tried to maintain consistency, we've changed classrooms and teachers and room arrangements at least twice in order to adjust to our changing students and teachers. As we are winding down the school year, we are all a little change-fatigued.



That said, I see the fruit of the seeds planted. A girl, who last year arrived every morning cranky and ready to fight now comes to class early, smiling and laughing. A twelve year-old boy who had never attended school before, who battled to read or to even stay seated more than 15 minutes at a time, is now excited to find and read a book on his own. God is working in the hearts and minds of our students. I am grateful that God has used this year of changes to teach us how to adapt to what our students need.

Abby Martin

Oaxaca Oasis School Principal

A Mother's Counsel to Newlyweds



You know time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that we were young, just married and embarking on our new life. And yet, in a way, it seems like eons ago. We wonder where all the years went. We know that we lived them all.

We have glimpses of them

when we write Throwback Thursday.

We were married at 17 and 19 (very young). The only marriage counseling we had was from my mother:

- Stay married.
- I was to “feed the man.”
- Stay in the same bed (our mattress sags towards the middle).
- Keep short accounts.
- At the end of each day, pray the Lord’s prayer together.

Not part of my mother’s counsel but Chuck has read the word to me each morning for years.

On July 21st, we will have been married 70 years. Through it all we’ve learned to trust in Jesus - we’ve learned to depend upon His Word.

Charla Pereau
Founding Director

Sponsor a Child Today

It would be wonderful if every child grew up in a stable, happy, godly home with their physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual needs met.

Sadly, that is not the case. Too often children experience traumatic and painful childhoods which leave scars on their souls and cripple them emotionally and spiritually.

They pay the price beyond their childhood years ... wounds of their hearts which never seem to heal.

Like the three-year-old girl brought to our Day Care Center in San Quintin. Social Services re-assigned the little girl to be placed in the Children’s Home at the Baja Mission.



Part of the job description as followers of Jesus is the capacity to “love others as if they were their own.” You can sponsor a child – be an aunt or an uncle to one of the least of these.

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Founding Director



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