

September 2023

Foundation For  
**HIS MINISTRY**  
*A life changing experience*



**By Kathy Hale**  
FFM Sponsor

**M**y husband Greg and I had no idea what to expect when we went with a small church group to visit Foundation For His Ministry's children's home in Tlacolula, Oaxaca, Mexico; It was July of 2018, our first visit, and to be honest, I was quite nervous about it. I kept thinking, "I can't even speak Spanish; what

difference will I make in these children's lives? I can't even communicate with them." In hindsight, I knew the enemy was trying to steal a life-changing experience away from me.

All week, we prayed that the Lord would impress upon our hearts whether we needed to sponsor a child, what that would look like, and how we would ever decide on one child over another. We had no clue what we were supposed to do.




@ffhmorg



@ffhmORG



ffhm.org



By the end of the week, through a series of encounters, there was no doubt in either of our minds. Greg had bonded with a young boy named Angel. We knew he had been put in our path for that reason. I connected with a smiley, chatty teenage girl named Veronica.

The evening before heading back to the States, our group took all the teenagers to a nearby market. I was walking around looking at all of the wares when out of the blue, I felt a hand reach out and cling to mine. I turned and saw a young, sheepish-looking teenage girl named Norma smiling up at me. I felt the Holy Spirit speak to me and say, "This is the one. She needs you, and you need her."

And so our story began. Greg and I started regularly corresponding with our "three kids" through hand-written letters and emails. With every letter, we grew to love them more and more. In many of their letters, they would include special pictures or artwork they had created themselves. We came to understand what circumstances had brought them to the home, and knowing those things made an even deeper bond between us. Special occasions such as birthdays, graduations, and Christmases find us searching for the perfect gift, the right word to say, or a card to send to express our deep love for each of them. Our prayers and concern for them grow deeper and deeper with each passing year and each passing visit to Mexico. We are convinced that God has a sense of humor as we see more and more how Vero is much like our younger daughter Brooke; outgoing, loves to laugh, with a beautiful smile that warms everyone around her. And Norma is a mirror image of our older daughter Whitney; she is more reserved, reflective, and sensitive. Our experiences raising our daughters have better helped us know how to respond to their needs. As for Angel, he and his siblings have been adopted by a Christian couple





that has been part of the children's home for many years. They communicate how he's doing in school, his newfound interests, and day-to-day life. We enjoy getting to be a part of his journey as well.

We are so excited to watch them grow in the Lord, and it's fulfilling to know we can be a part of their lives when they transition to college and any subsequent endeavors they may choose. We pray that one day, now that the two girls are older, they will be able to obtain visas which would allow them to come and visit our home in the U.S. and that our two daughters can meet them and come to understand what these relationships have meant to us. We are so excited to watch them grow in the Lord and to be a part of their lives as they move on to college and beyond.

Reflecting on what sponsorship means to us, it's hard to know where to begin. We are reminded of God's principle of sowing and reaping. We went into it thinking mainly of the sowing - what it might mean for each of these kids to have a sponsor—someone to send them letters and photographs and take a personal interest in them. But three years later, we see that what we have reaped because of these sponsorships is far greater. We have reaped joy and genuine loving relationships with kids from a different part of the world and experienced fulfillment that would not have otherwise been experienced. Our hearts have unknowingly been expanded and blessed by them. And so we thank God for this opportunity and that we were obedient to God's calling and purpose for us.

## Sponsorship & Support

For more information about sponsorship and how you can support a child please contact us:

[www.ffhm.org/sponsorships](http://www.ffhm.org/sponsorships)  
[sponsorship@ffhm.org](mailto:sponsorship@ffhm.org)



Foundation for His Ministry

P.O. Box 74000 | San Clemente, CA 92673 | [info@ffhm.org](mailto:info@ffhm.org)

# Foundation for His Ministry

P.O. Box 74000

San Clemente, CA 92673

**Return Service Requested**

non-Profit Org

U.S. Postage  
PAID

Santa Ana, CA  
Permit #1208

Would you like to receive our newsletter by email? Email us at [info@ffhm.org](mailto:info@ffhm.org) for the requested change.

Foundation for His Ministry is a 501(C)(3) non-profit mission organization, dependent on God, prayer, donors and volunteers. Tax-deductible receipts are provided for all contributions, including: gifts-in-kind, living trusts, wills, life-insurance, real estate or retirement designations, and stocks or securities.

## In Memory Of...

### **Pastor Joyce Okert**

By Karen and William Pride

### **Mary Coleman Mayo**

By Dina and Hans Lindemann

### **Pastor Gerald A. Fosen**

By Bradley and Liz Miller

### **Daniel Swiggum**

By George and Sharon Lopez

### **Mary Fisher**

By Kenneth and Beverly Liskum

### **Gloria Howe Teibel**

- my wife

By Thomas Teibel

### **Marilyn Smith**

By Yasuko Yamauchi

### **Abby-Jill Brauhn**

By Hans and Dina Lindemann

### **Jeffrey Turner**

- our husband and father

By Darlene Turner and daughters, Crystal Turner and Deanna Uribe

### **Sally Beaumont**

By Leighton, Sheridan, Bohn and Beaumont families

### **Ruth Meyer**

By Lynette Kedrowski

## In Honor Of...

### **Charla Perea's Birthday**

By Mildred Graham

### **Don Skudlarek's**

### **86th Birthday**

By his wife, Jan Skudlarek

# Month of Prayer

We are moving our annual month of prayer to October.  
Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter.

**WAYS  
TO GIVE:**



**ONLINE**  
[www.ffhm.org/donate](http://www.ffhm.org/donate)



**TEXT "GIVE"**  
(949) 569-5101



**CALL**  
(949) 492-2200



**MAIL**  
P.O. Box 74000  
San Clemente, CA  
92673