## FOUNDATION FOR HIS MINISTRY 2019 Annual Report

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Transforming communities in Mexico starting with kids.

### A Letter from our Executive Director



I once read Eugene Peterson's definition of discipleship as a "long obedience in the same direction." That has certainly been true of Foundation For His Ministry. For 53 years we have been faithfully obeying God and persevering in what He has called us to do.

I spent some of the best years of my life living and working at the Oaxaca Mission from 2007 – 2011. I was able to get to know and love the children and teenagers who were living in the home there. On

a recent trip, several of those who had been teenagers then and are now young adults came to visit and I was so encouraged by their lives. Some of them are working in professional jobs. Some are raising godly families. Some are pursuing higher education. Some are leaders in their local church. And all of them were filled with joy at the opportunity to come "home" and be reunited with the family God had created for them at the mission. I was struck by the fruit of this ministry and the life-changing results of years spent investing in the mundane routines and activities of everyday life. Over time God has used these moments to cause true and lasting transformation in so many lives.

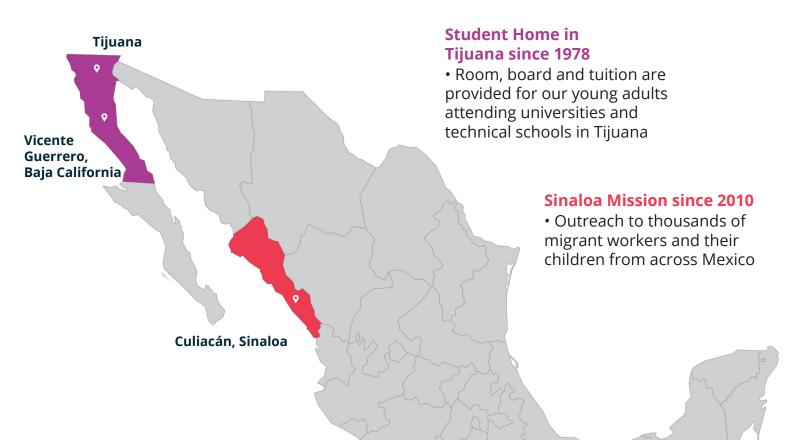
So as I think through 2019 and all the ways God has been at work, I am inspired to see that we have in fact continued a "long obedience in the same direction." We have continued to care for abandoned and abused children in our homes. We have continued to love men who struggle with addiction or are incarcerated. We continue to empower missionaries serving unreached people in remote areas of the mountains of Oaxaca to. And we continue to base all of our ministry in prayer and a deep dependence on God.

In today's culture of high speed internet, same day Amazon deliveries, and smart phones that give us instant access to information, the values of faithfulness, perseverance and patience are often lost. So my hope and prayer as you read through this report is that you will see God's faithfulness, the perseverance of missionaries, volunteers and donors who love this ministry and the fruit that comes when you are investing patiently in a community for many years. Thank you for the role you have played in this. I hope you are encouraged to continue walking this "long obedience in the same direction" with us.

#### Janelle Keller

## **Our Purpose & Where We Serve**

Make disciples of Jesus Christ by rescuing children, reaching the lost and restoring the broken.



#### **BAJA MISSION SINCE 1966**

#### Home for children

- Pre K 6 Christian school
- Special Education Center for children with disabilities
- Two daycares for children of parents with financial need
- Outreach adult and child evangelism and discipleship
- Mercy Ministry soup kitchen; the poor are fed and clothed
- Ministry at the garbage dump
- Medical center medical, dental and optical services provided; equipment furnished; health education and home visitation
- Men's Rehab Center ministering to those struggling with additction
- Fire suppression and rescue services for the community
- Bible Institute three-year program
- Mission Church interdenominational

Tlacolula, Oaxaca

#### **Oaxaca Mission since 1999**

- Home for children
- 3rd 6th grade Christian School
- Missionaries to indigenous people in the mountains of Oaxaca
- Ministries in prisons to prisoners and their families
- Church planting and outreach in the mountain and local communities
- Radio station broadcasting to the mountains and in Mitla on Sundays
- Local outreach in the surrounding community
- Mission Church







Two beautiful homes provide love, shelter, food, clothing, education and, most importantly, Christian discipleship to almost 135 children who have been abandoned, abused or orphaned.

The TJ House is our home in Tijuana where 20 students from our homes in Baja and Oaxaca are studying to receive a university or technical degree.

Our Baja Mission operates two daycares where 150 children come to be cared for and discipled while their parents are working in the fields in the surrounding community.

Our Oasis schools in Oaxaca and Baja provide 60 children with an excellent education while teaching them how to be followers of Jesus.

The special education center in Baja provides schooling for 30 children with special needs who otherwise would not have the same educational opportunities.

## RESCUE CHILDREN

"But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

Generous donations allow all of our children to attend either summer camp or youth conferences.

The children's program at the Mission Church in Baja, OviKids, now has five different locations where they go weekly to share the love of Jesus.









REACH THE LOST

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

We support eight missionaries in the mountains of Oaxaca. These heroes of the faith are living and serving in towns where there are people who have not yet heard about Jesus, or where there is no existing church.

The local ministry teams in Baja, Oaxaca and Sinaloa show Jesus' love to those in their

communities by meeting practical needs and being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Over 3,000 attended the Baja Mission's "Night in Bethlehem" Christmas pageant where they were shown the story of Jesus coming to earth to be our Savior.

Our team in Sinaloa visits the migrant camps surrounding the capital city of Culiacán weekly, where they have the chance to share the Gospel with the 250,000 field workers who come from all over the country of Mexico looking for work. Because we have nearly completed the construction of a two story dorm, they are now able to host Spanish speaking teams at this location.

Mario and Graciela Cordoba and Yadira Porras coordinated a training for pastors in the mountains of Oaxaca. Over 100 were in attendance and they were empowered and encouraged in their work in the ministry.











The nurses who serve in our medical clinic in Baja, Angelina Garcia, Joy Williamson and Jessica Brown, visited and cared for patients in their homes who are bedridden and unable to leave. They were the hands and feet of Jesus to many.

Pablo Mendez heads up our prison ministry in Oaxaca. He regularly visits two prisons and shares with both men and women about the love of Jesus and how their lives can be restored through the Gospel.

Rancho de Cristo is our men's drug and alcohol rehab where 20 men are coming to know the love of Jesus and His power to transform their lives and free them from addiction.

This year in Oaxaca we hosted our first annual "Adulam conference," named after the cave that David fled to for refuge when he was being pursued by Saul. This conference was a place for men living in neighboring rehabs to come and be encouraged and built up in their recovery.

# RESTORE THE BROKEN

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit." **Psalm 34:18** 

Men from the outreach team in Baja visit the local dump to minister to men living there. Most of these men are living paralyzed by drug addiction. Our staff feed them, give them clean water, share the Gospel with them and encourage them to consider entering our men's rehab.











## FUTURE HOPES AND DREAMS

**Rescuing Children**: We are praying and seeking God for how He would have us expand the ministry into Tijuana. We know we need another TJ House to accommodate our increasing number of university students. But we also believe God is calling us to start another children's home there. **Restore the Broken**: We are in the process of renovating a building we own just north of our Baja Mission where we hope to provide a home for men coming out of Rancho de Cristo as well as men who are being deported from the US after serving in prison.

**Reach the Lost**: Our dream is to support a missionary in each of the nine regions of Oaxaca. We currently support missionaries in two of the regions and are researching how to expand this effort.

We also hope to increase the amount of training and equipping that we provide for the pastors and missionaries already serving in Oaxaca. We would love to host more conferences in the different regions.

We have begun fundraising for a soccer field at our Baja Mission that would benefit not only our children but also the community. Our hope is to use this as an evangelistic tool as we host soccer camps and leagues at our Mission.







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- Use all contributions as designated, returning or transferring funds if a project is over-funded.
- Maintain administrative costs below 10%, enabling us to support over 160 missionaries in our multifaceted ministry.
- Never raise more money than is needed for a specific project.
- Promptly send tax-deductible receipts and thank you letters for all contributions including securities and gifts-in-kind.
- An annual outside audit of our books.
- Remain debt free.
- Never employ emotionalism or sensationalism to raise funds.
- Meet or exceed all standards of financial accountability set by the Evangelical Counsel for Financial Accountability (EFCA).

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