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Our Purpose:

To glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ. To this end, we share and demonstrate God's love through the power of the Holy Spirit by meeting basic spiritual, emotional, physical, and educational needs of those in Mexico and beyond.

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With Love, from the Nursery



Sara Petersen writes —
The call came from Ensenada.
“Please pick up three super cute
girls, His little ones.”

Denisse is 14 months, Itzel is 6
months, and Victoria is 4 months
old.

All three girls are adjusting to life
in the *cuna*, which is Spanish for
nursery. Each one has suffered
abandonment. We are giving them

lots of love. I have seen the
effects. Denisse was very leery
of all people. She didn't smile or
want to be moved. She is coming
alive right before our eyes.

We pray that each one of us will
be the light of Jesus brightening
the darkness that has been in
their lives.

God bless you for being their
Valentine.

A Love Story in Oaxaca

Here's a sweet love story about two of our faithful servants—Eunice and Pablo—laying their lives down for ministering to the least of these.

It all started in Oaxaca in the '90s. Frank Ticknor and Raul Garcia were our ambassadors to Oaxaca sent to spy out the land. They found the beautiful property in Tlacolula, Oaxaca. After the purchase was made and construction began, they met a man wanting to give away five acres of land with a building and 39 dissolute children on the opposite side of Oaxaca.

Frank took Corrine and me to see this orphanage and left us there. Conditions were deplorable. Two young women were caring for the 39 children. They had little or no food and were trying to cook beans over an open fire. There was no propane for the stove. The buildings were infested with every creepy

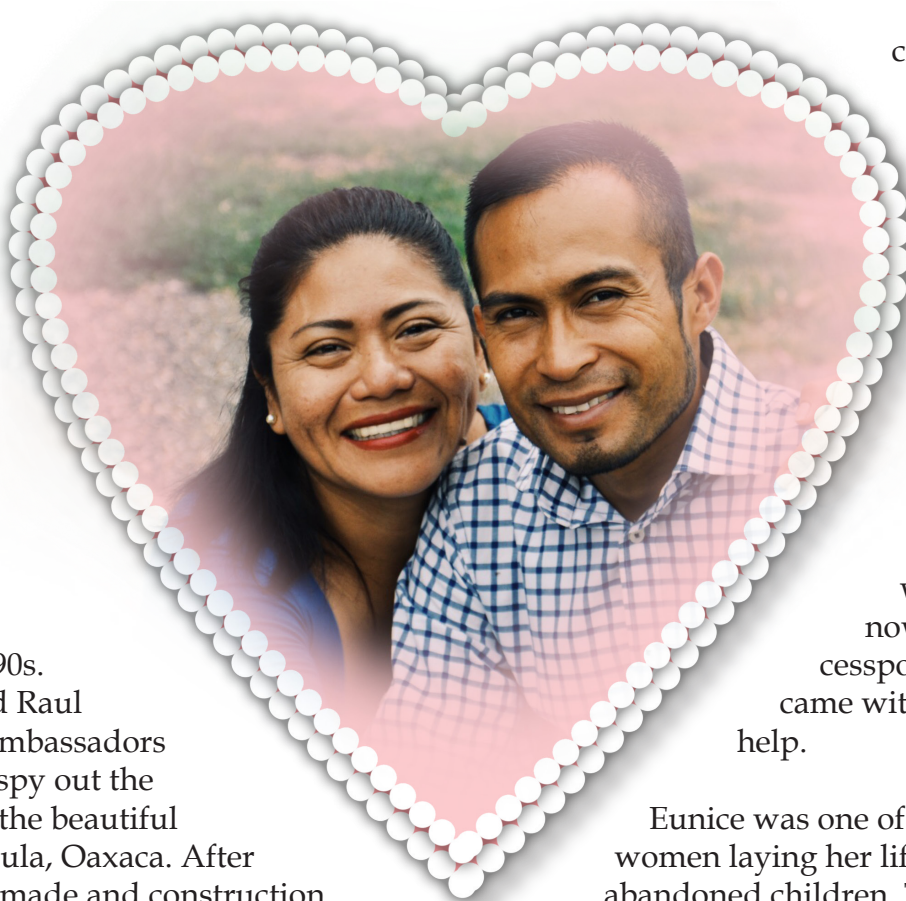
crawlers and flying insects. The sewage system had failed and the ground was spongy from raw sewage.

They needed our help!

Larry Swayze, from Canby, OR, was called. Larry, now a pastor, was a cesspool contractor. He came with his crew eager to help.

Eunice was one of the young women laying her life down for these abandoned children. That was 1999. She has faithfully and selflessly served as a mother of the motherless for 17 years.

Pablo Mendez was born in Oaxaca, like Eunice. He worked in an orphanage in Tamaulipas for four years. He heard about our Bible Institute in Vicente Guerrero and decided to attend. After he graduated, he went to work at our mission in Oaxaca for six months for his internship where he met Eunice. And it was love at first sight. Pablo and Eunice were married at the Mission in Oaxaca in December. Both have given their lives for children.



Pablo and Eunice



**There are children in Oaxaca who need sponsors.
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Eleanor Finished Well

Our precious sister and friend, Eleanor Cowpersmith, has graduated to heaven. She has finished well. She and her late husband, Jon, served in Tijuana, Salamanca, and for the last 25 years at the Mission in Baja. Eleanor served as secretary and ministered to the poorest of the poor, the sick, and dying.

Jon and Eleanor's sons, Benjamin and Daniel, their children and grandchildren, made the long trip to the memorial service.

Testimonies of her life poured in after her homegoing. Here are a few that were shared with us.

"We knew when we were hungry that we could go to Eleanor's house and she would feed us."

"She visited me in prison."

"She brought food to our family when we had none."

"She drove up an all-but-impassable road to minister to a family in need."

Eleanor paid weekly visits to invalids who were house bound.

Her nephew, Mark Cowpersmith, shared these memories of Jon and Eleanor.

"They were, and still are, an inspiration to me of what humility and true Christian service looks like. After Jon died, I was hesitant to visit his grave - somehow it just seemed like such a loss to me.

I finally went with Eleanor to see where he was buried. We found this unmarked grave in the middle of a dusty cemetery. It seemed very unjust at the time - here was a man who lived a selfless life of service and he didn't even have his name on his grave. Later it struck me that he was buried as he lived - in humility. Jon was the most unreligious person I ever knew. Never irreligious, just unreligious. He had the most natural relationship with God I have ever seen. I came up behind him one day as he was walking home. He was in mid-conversation with God. It was like listening to a friend simply talking to a Friend. The key to his holiness was his almost complete lack of self-focus. He was truly a humble man. Eleanor was like him in her humility. They have finally received the recognition and reward that they richly deserve."

Eleanor Ignell Copwersmith



Eleanor and her sons, Benjamin and Daniel

Charla Remembers Eleanor

There was a season when she visited local jails, made sandwiches for the inmates, brought blankets, and she played her accordion and sang to them.

Eleanor wrote weekly letters to our son Craig Pereau, who was in prison for 18 years. She had saved grocery bags full of his letters to her. She gave them to me after his death. She knew how precious the letters would be to me, his mother.

Eleanor was my dear friend. Jon was hospitalized at Saddleback without insurance, or even Medicare. She believed he was going to be miraculously healed. He was in intensive care. Amazingly, they allowed Nancy Benning to bring her violin to play for him. A young Asian man brought his keyboard; he was allowed to give Jon, and of course, everyone in the ward, a concert.

After 11 days Jon was released to Hospice care. Jon's heart's desire was to go home to Mexico. ICU nurses Laurie Carson and Judy Kreig volunteered to go and care for Jon. Joe Vaine, missionary pilot, flew them to the Mission.

A procession of his students went to his bedside for prayer and Jon brought prophetic utterances for each. He went to Glory five days later.



The only home Jon and Eleanor ever owned was built at the Mission by Eleanor's brother, Elmer Ignell. A team came from Juneau, AK, to build it for Jon and Eleanor.

Eleanor had no concept of what the hospital bill would be. She thought it would be several thousand dollars (eleven days in intensive care). She said, "Well I know that God will provide the money to pay for it."

The hospital never sent Jon's bill.

I, Charla, was so in awe and grateful to Saddleback Hospital that I chose to run in their annual 5K fund raiser. One year

Eleanor chose to run with me. She was in her usual dress, not the attire of the other runners. She was given a medal, which was displayed in her home at the Mission.

Eleanor Cowpersmith finished well.



Eleanor and Charla at the Saddleback Hospital 5K

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FFHM
Fiscal year ending
September 30, 2016

Total Income:
\$3,140,401

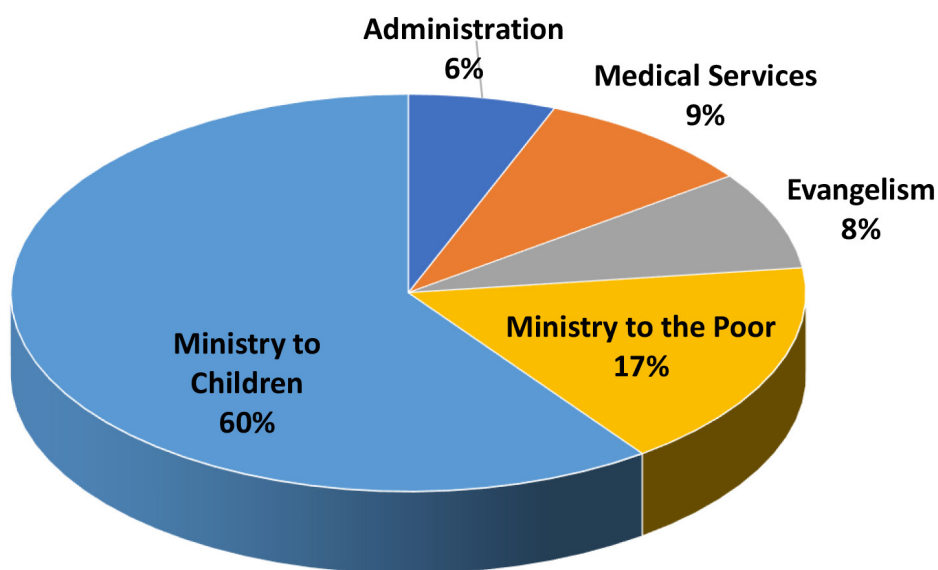
Total Expenses:
\$3,072,117

*Donated Goods:
\$482,980

*Included in total
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Doug Williams,
CPA, Auditor

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Thank you, Father, for those who care!

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By Arlene Bjur

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Eleanor Cowpersmith

By Pastor Dale & Marianne Ray

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By Tom Teibel

In Memory of Loved Ones

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By Bill Kelley

Loraine Brown

By Gaye Benson

Myrna Hurst

By Carrie Shank

Waldo & Dagny Ellickson

By Esther Ellickson

Ray Gerlinger

By Elaine Gerlinger & Family

IN HONOR OF

Jeannette Maerz' 65th Birthday

By the Leighton, Sheridan & Bohn Families

Dan & Sue Rotzoll

By Bobby & Marie Southard

Hans & Nancy Benning

By Richard & Karen Julian

Ina Biorn

By Delbert & Judy Wisdom

Carl Holter's 75th Birthday

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By Mike & Barb Mc Evilly

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By Roger & Kathy Dechamps

Ann Dechamps & Kevin Dorsey

By Roger & Kathy Dechamps

Kathy Nipkow's 60th Birthday

By Sharon Wade

Mark Eanes and Lance Haluka

By Dawn Summers

Penny Sandoz

By Jack & Carole Tobin

Our grandkids: Kian, Ari, & Ben

By Faraneh & Mehran Ghods

Corrine Ehrick

By Bill & Nancy Bryan

Esther Ellickson

By Art & Katherine Ellickson

Chuck & Charla Pereau

By Bonita Hunt

My children, grandchildren, spouses & 23 great grandchildren

Love & blessings, Bernice Linvog

Bertha Nyseth

By Margaret Steidinger