

MISSION NEWS

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



God is Working in Mexico

Easter is an amazing time to be reminded of God's grace and goodness as we focus on the gift of new life we receive through Christ.

Your partnership is vital to our ability to serve in Mexico, and we couldn't complete the mission of His Ministry without your prayers, faithfulness and resources.

Having recently completed a strategic plan for FFHM and given much prayer and thought to what God has for His Ministry, we are excited about how we will see God work this year and in the years ahead to bring new life to San Quintin, the students at TJ House, the men at the Rancho, indigenous people in the mountains of Oaxaca, displaced workers and children in Sinaloa, and of course the many lives represented by our Missions. There is lots to

be done in 2019, and we want to encourage you to continue praying and serving with us. Consider how you can visit one of our missions with your immediate or church family.

Pray as we move forward on our plans for Sinaloa and our outreach to this area with thousands of displaced field workers, and consider monthly support for the children in our new daycare in San Quintin.

We value your prayers for His Ministry. We've listed a few ideas how you can partner with us financially this year by giving online through our website at ffhm.org, or sending a check referencing the purpose of the gift.

- Monthly sponsorship of a child in our San Quintin daycare - \$70.00
- Monthly sponsorship of new

Missionaries in Mountains of Oaxaca - \$50.00

- A Playground in San Quintin at the site of the new daycare - \$8,000
- New Roof at the student home in Tijuana- \$10,000
- Completion of the Outreach Center at Sinaloa - \$10,000

We welcome the opportunity to discuss our strategic plan and how you can partner with us to accomplish the goals we have to make disciples in Mexico and bring transformation to communities. Contact Janelle or Kristi at our San Clemente office at (949) 492-2200 or janelle@ffhm.org or kristi@ffhm.org

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Outreach Base in Sinaloa

The base is located in the town of San Pedro, Novalato, very close to the city of Culiacán.

Culiacán has become the bread basket of Mexico and is surrounded by more than 90 agricultural camps that every year between September and May, receive thousands and thousands of indigenous migrant workers.

FFHM started to send small groups from outreach to Sinaloa at the beginning of the '90s. These groups helped a ministry called "Good News" which would go every year during the month of February to do evangelistic outreaches in the migrant worker camps around Culiacán.

In the spring of 2011, we sent a couple, Hugo and Lizette Maldonado (pictured right), who were set up in a rented house to begin a permanent work doing outreach in the camps around San Pedro and Villa Juarez.



The mission is to reach and disciple the migrant workers who come every year to work in the agricultural fields with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These people are transported from the south of Mexico, from states like Oaxaca, Guerrero, Chiapas and Veracruz, as well as a few other states. All of these people belong to indigenous groups and generally are from the mountain areas of their states. Thousands and thousands of people come every year to the camps. Many travel with their families so there are always many children to work with and many women are also reached. The men also have the opportunity to hear the Gospel. The camp is white and ready for harvest.

VISION: to show the love and mercy of God through the testimony and preaching of the Word to all the migrant and non-migrants who year after year, arrive to the Valley of Culiacán.

MISSION: To share the Gospel and disciple every person who lives in the work camps

PURPOSE: That the people will know the love of God and be able to take the Gospel to people in their own communities.

The high season of work in the camps begins in September and finishes at the end of April or beginning of May. The temperature increases considerably in the months of June, July, and August and the people return to the towns. The only ones who remain in the camps are the few who live there permanently.

The base was established on property now owned by FFHM, and includes a house where the missionaries who lead the ministry live, and where short term missionaries and small groups of Americans have stayed. There is also space to store their work materials and for an office. There was a lack of adequate space to receive missionaries and visitors which has limited the work.

That is why last year the construction was begun for a two-story building with the purpose of having space to host long term missionaries and short term volunteer groups. When completed, this building will have five dorms with the capacity for 20 visitors and a multi-use space for the missionaries and volunteer groups.

Funds are still needed for the construction of this building. If you are interested in donating, you can donate online at www.ffhm.org or write Sinaloa in the memo line of your check.

Mario Cordoba
Mission Church Pastor

Learning Center for Children with Disabilities



A few years ago, some of the students of the Learning Center for children with disabilities and I were studying the book of Acts during our morning devotion. We read chapter 3, where Peter and John healed the crippled man outside of the Temple.

I remember thinking, *"Isn't that wonderful! How powerful is the name of Jesus! With just a little bit of faith, even the lame can walk!"* But then I looked up...

In the room were several kids with wheelchairs and walkers... and what seemed to be a very large elephant. My thoughts quickly shifted and I began asking myself, *"What about these kids? Where's their healing? Don't they have faith? Did they not pray correctly? Why can't THEY leap from their wheelchairs and begin dancing like the man from the story?"* I couldn't answer these questions.

My initial reaction was to flip the page and begin reading the next chapter (and hope that the kids hadn't noticed the miraculous healing we had just read about). But instead of avoiding the issue, I addressed it head on. I asked how they felt reading the passage: How they felt knowing that sometimes God heals people, and sometimes He doesn't; how they felt that God has allowed them to remain with their disabilities?

Cristian (a young man with muscular dystrophy) answered. He explained that it was indeed difficult to read such things. He couldn't explain why God makes the choices that He does. Cristian did say that he knew his disabilities didn't keep God from using him. He could still share God's love and inspire others to push through the hardships of life... and to trust in God.

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I realized that day that the kids of the Learning Center had a strength of character and spiritual maturity that surpassed my own. That would not be the last time these courageous kids would demonstrate such characteristics to me.

Cristian is physically limited to minor movements in his fingers and wrists. But his mind and spirit are strong, active and are constantly pursuing the next level. He paints. He paints well. His talent and attention to detail in his paintings equal those of any artist I've seen.

He has completed INEA (the government's adult education program) and is close to finishing his high school education online. Unable to type with his fingers, he uses two pencils to hit the keys on the computer.

Because of his deep love for God and the Bible, Cristian desires to be a pastor. In fact, he has already had several opportunities to preach. He is hoping to begin a four year theology program this summer to better equip him for the ministry that he believes God has called him to. Cristian is an inspiration. He is proof that God can use each of us despite any limitations we think we have. He is one of about 30 kids at the Learning Center... each of whom are equally inspiring.

In order to help kids like Cristian pursue their dreams, the opportunity exists to donate to the education fund. Please pray and ask God if he is calling you to partner with him and others in this manner. And while you're praying, please ask a special blessing for all the Learning Center kids.

Al Carlson

Learning Center Teacher



Founder's Corner: Corrine Ehrick

If ever there was a "Jewel of the Mission", it was Corrine Ehrick. This elegant woman of God was as comfortable in high heels as she was in work boots. She could charm guests at a luncheon with the Governor's wife and then serve the poorest of the poor in the cardboard shacks of the camps.

Corrine didn't come to the Lord until she was forty, but she committed then to serve Him praying, "*Lord, you are not getting much – just the husks, but they're Yours.*" She had overcome an abusive childhood, but she stepped fully into God's plan for her life and that led her to the mission field.

She arrived in Baja and became the bookkeeper. She thought she would give it three months – but He had bigger plans for her amazing talent and compassionate heart.

Corrine was dedicated to the most desperate and lost in the San Quintin valley. She loved to serve in the camps and poured God's love on the people there. She tended to a blind man (pictured right) whose body and shack she would regularly clean.

But she was also fearless and charming and that enabled her to touch the hardest of hearts – a Rancher who had 1,000 employees in his camp.

With Corrine's unique blend of elegance and determination, she was the catalyst that led that Rancher to tear down the cardboard shanties his workers were living in and provide them stable, block homes. Corrine was someone you just didn't want to say "No" to!

Within four years, the Foundation board asked her to become the Mission Administrator and she was spectacular in that role. Corrine was a force to reckon with and a shining example of God's love in high heels and work boots!

Corrine went to be with the Lord on March 3, 2019. She will always be loved and remembered for the wonderful friend and servant she was.

Charla Pereau
Founding Director





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