

# MISSION NEWS

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



## *A Home in Sinaloa*

A few years ago, we felt God moving on our hearts to expand the work we are doing in Sinaloa to include a children's home. We already have a house in the capital city of Culiacán. The family living there has been building a team to minister in the migrant camps surrounding the area.

Over 250,000 field workers come from all over Mexico every year for nine months to harvest tomatoes, corn, and every kind of vegetable you can think of. The team's goal is to share the Gospel and make disciples so that when these workers return to their homes we are sending out missionaries all over the country. We knew we wanted this work to

continue, but we also wanted to begin rescuing children who had been abused or abandoned.

So we began sharing our vision and what God had put on our hearts and He began providing funding through various sources to buy land to build our children's home. Through a series of miracles and sacrificial giving, we found we had enough money to be able to purchase property.

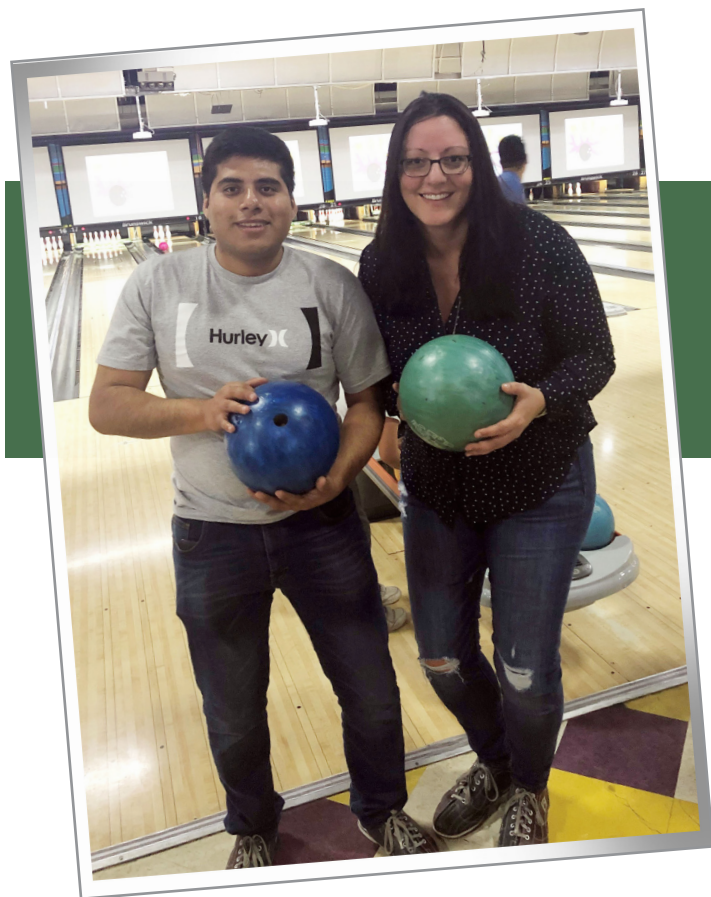
But then we couldn't find the right piece of property. We would think we had found the perfect piece and for one reason or another, it would fall through. Usually when

someone has a dream from God they have the property and they are praying for the money. But we have found ourselves in the opposite situation – we have the money and we are praying for the property.

And that is still where we are today. We are confident that God has called us to this important work. We are praying He will show us exactly what piece of property we should buy to begin making this dream a reality. And we are trusting that His timing is perfect.

**Janelle Keller**  
*Executive Director*

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## *A Family Who Prays: Sponsorship Changes Lives*

In years to follow I would visit Pio once to twice a year and bring missions teams and groups of friends down to Oaxaca. Most of the people that joined me ended up sponsoring children they met in Oaxaca as well. So we have this special piece to our friendships knowing we are all praying for and investing in the children at FFHM.

My first trip to the mission was as part of a team Janelle was leading from Chicago to the Baja in 2005. So when Janelle was handling sponsorship in Oaxaca a few years later, I wanted to help by sponsoring one of the children. A little over 10 years ago, Janelle matched me with a 12-year-old boy named Pio and my life, as well as the lives of my friends and family, have been impacted greatly.

One of the things that drew me to sponsorship with FFHM, is that I had the option of not only writing letters back and forth with Pio, but I knew I could visit the home and get to know the child I would sponsor personally. The Christmas following my sponsorship match to Pio, I flew down to Oaxaca to meet him for the Christmas holiday. Although Pio didn't know any English at the time and my Spanish fluency is terrible, there was a bond with him that began to build on my first trip. There is something about praying for a child consistently and using your time, talent, and treasures to support them that allows your heart to open in ways you could have never expected.

In addition to Pio and I emailing and messaging each other on Facebook, we have also FaceTimed with my friends and family. So Pio has my mother praying for him, asking for updates about him, and caring for him from Texas even though they have not yet met. Pio knows that he has not only me as his Tia (the word for Aunt) in Texas, but also another extended family who cares for him. I also have had colleagues write him letters, pray for him, and send him gifts as well.

In praying for Pio, God laid foster care on my heart. So for 18 months, I was the foster parent to a Mexican teenager in the United States. She too came to Oaxaca twice and fell so in love with it that she used half of her allowance for a few months to sponsor a child in the home. Additionally, I now mentor a foster teenage girl in Austin, TX, and recently joined the advisory board of the Settlement Home to advocate for and support teenage foster girls in Austin.

**Erin Arnheim**  
*Sponsor*



# Changing Families One Child at a Time



This past August, Foundation for His Ministry was presented with an incredible opportunity. The local government constructed a new Daycare facility in San Quintin, approximately 15 miles south of the mission. This is an impoverished area with the majority of adults working in the fields leaving many children at home to care for younger siblings.

DIF (social services) recognized the need for a free daycare in this neighborhood and as construction was nearing completion, approached the mission about taking responsibility for the new center in all aspects. This included operating costs of staffing, food, water and maintenance. But, it also afforded the mission the freedom to share Jesus with all the



attending children and their families. As such, the Board of Directors met and discussed the opportunity and asked for prayers of discernment and accepted this exciting challenge and opportunity.

On October 26, 2018, the Baja staff, the governor and his wife, and hundreds from the community joined in celebration to inaugurate the new facility as construction was finally complete. The daycare officially opened and received the first six children the week of October 29. In three short months, we have grown to 91 students with the capacity to care for 120. Children range from one year to 12 years and we provide transportation for the older children to their respective schools.

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We currently have 13 on staff, some of whom transitioned from the Baja Mission and others who are local to San Quintin.

Already we are seeing benefits to this community, specifically with the children we serve. Children who would potentially be alone due to working parent(s) are now being nourished and cared for in a safe Christian environment. Many of the children were bordering on malnutrition when they started attending our program, coming from a diet of rice and beans. We are grateful to USANA True Health for providing the funds for fresh produce and water in San Quintin. The telltale signs of malnutrition, including spots on the face, are clearing.

At 6am, the center opens and before the doors are unlocked, there are families waiting in line. Children are fed a healthy breakfast and lunch and a snack throughout the day. The health and energy levels

have visibly improved with more well-rounded nutrition. With basic needs met, the rest of the day can be spent on activities, crafts, homework help, reading and enjoying the outdoors on our artificial turf. The center currently closes at 4pm.

As the children become more comfortable with our teachers, they are opening up and allowing us to pray with them and minister to them. Our teachers are loving and kind as they not only teach basics of hygiene and manners but more so, letting each child know they have value and are cherished by a loving God.

We thank you for your ongoing prayers as we continue to grow and serve in the San Quintin valley.

*"Little Children, let us not love with word or with tongue but in deed and truth". 1 John 3:18*

**Sara Peterson**  
Daycare Supervisor



## FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO INSTALL A PLAYGROUND AT THIS DAYCARE

We are partnering with the ministry Kids Around the World and need \$8,000 to make this possible. To donate, go to [ffhm.kindful.com/?campaign=351737](https://ffhm.kindful.com/?campaign=351737) or send a check with the word "playground" in the subject. Thank you!





# Founder's Corner: Jean Darnell

Dr. Henrietta Mears mentored me. But Jean Darnell befriended me. My life and His Ministry were forever changed. I had the privilege to be mentored under two titans of the Christian faith. Although different in their approach, both of these Spirit-led women had a profound influence on our lives.

I was mentored by Dr. Henrietta Mears in the late 1950s. At the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, she served as director of Christian Education. Her passion for teaching led her to create the world's largest Sunday School and Gospel Light Press. She influenced the life of Billy Graham and Bill Bright, the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ.

Jean Darnell was a student of the charismatic evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson. Sister Aimee founded the Foursquare Gospel Church and Angelus Temple in Los Angeles. She led the charismatic renewal that swept the world. Jean and I met at St. Mark's Episcopal Prayer Group in Van Nuys, CA. Jean often spoke and ministered there.

In 1966, she resigned from Angelus Temple and formed the Foundation for His Ministry. (Chuck Pereau was one of her seven board members.) Jean was going on an around-the-world trip to share the Good News with others. The Foundation would enable friends to financially support her ministry.



**JEAN VIRGINIA DARNALL**

*April 2, 1922 - January 11, 2019*



So Jean flew to England and I went to Baja, Mexico. We wrote each other throughout the years and she supported our vision for the Mission. (Read Charla's Children for the full story.) Jean led us to Isaiah 58:6-12 which had prophetic significance for us ... "Dividing our bread with the poor. Bringing the homeless into our home. Rebuilding the ancient ruins."

It was Jean who offered us the name "Foundation for His Ministry" to save us the expense and legalities of forming a new corporation. She was with us at the beginning, and fifty years later Jean spoke at our Anniversary celebration for the Baja Mission.

There are many stories I could share about our precious sister Jean. She was a faithful witness to the nations and our beloved friend. While our world may have dimmed; the heavens surely shine brighter with her presence.

**Charla Pereau**  
*Founding Director*



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