

# Mission News

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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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## GRATITUDE



*November is a beautiful month when we intentionally take time to be thankful for all of God's blessings in our lives. So I wanted to share a few of the many things we are grateful for:*

- Each child and teenager who is entrusted into our care.
- Sponsors who become family to our children and students by investing in them and praying for them.
- Missionaries we have the privilege of supporting who are taking the Gospel to unreached areas of the mountains of Oaxaca.
- The men at Rancho de Cristo who have made the life changing decision to leave behind lives of addiction and turn their lives over to Jesus.
- Our dedicated staff who lay down their lives to build the Kingdom of God in Mexico.
- Visitors and volunteers who keep this ministry running.
- Generous donors who give out of their little or their abundance to partner with us in this work.
- Students in the Bible Institute who are diligently preparing themselves for lives of ministry and service.
- The power of prayer and how we see God moving at each of our locations.

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*

James 1:17

Janelle Keller  
*Executive Director*

# Missionary Spotlight: Modesto Valesco



Modesto

*We support eight missionaries who are serving and ministering in the mountains of Oaxaca among people who have still not heard the Gospel. Over the next several months we want to use the newsletter to introduce you to these amazing people so you can be praying for them:*

My name is Modesto Velasco Yescas. I was born and raised in a community called Las Cuevas, which is in the region of Santiago Amoltepec. It is considered the most violent area of Oaxaca by the government. Also there is extreme poverty because of how far it is from the capital city.

I didn't have the opportunity to grow up with my parents because I was abandoned by them. But God in His great love gave me grandparents who adopted me as their son. Starting when I was young I had problems with my vision and even though my grandparents did everything possible, the sickness in my eyes advanced quickly and I was diagnosed with congenital cataracts when I was 10 years old.

When I was young I started to hear about Jesus Christ, but it wasn't until my adolescence when I decided to surrender my life to the Lord as my Savior, and I knew that God didn't only want to save me, but He wanted something more from me. So that is how I started to walk with a group of brothers who went from town to town with the message of salvation.

That is when I realized I needed more preparation to be more effective in what God was calling me to do. Despite my almost total loss of vision, I decided to go to the Bible Institute in Baja. Even now, I am very grateful that sister Lude accepted me as a student despite the fact that I was almost blind.

Thanks to God, I was able to finish school and return to my town to continue with my calling: take to my people, in their own language (Mixteco), the Gospel of Christ to the lost and to encourage my brothers and sisters in the faith.

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# Our Board President: Matt Juarez



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## WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND WITH FOUNDATION FOR HIS MINISTRY?

Our church did a short term missions trip to Oaxaca in 1998. We helped host the annual

conference for pastors in the mountains. In this same trip, we also visited the children's home when it was still based in Etla. Since then, we did short term trips each year to Oaxaca.

In 2002 at another pastors' conference, we felt strongly that the Lord was calling us to serve the mission full time. In 2004 we visited the Baja mission for 2.5 weeks with our three boys as a discovery trip. It was there we received confirmation to move forward. We submitted our application and we were accepted in Oaxaca where we served for two years.

I was the Mission Administrator for most of this time, while my wife Rachael served as one of our cooks. I reported directly to Peter Bianchini and learned a lot through his leadership and deep knowledge of the ministry. We established close relationships with the entire staff and children. It was a very special time in our lives, where our dependency on the Lord was at its highest. It was also during this time that we met and served with Janelle Keller and Jill Adams.

We returned home in 2007, but we've remained connected to many of the staff members and children ever since.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND ROLE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

The board's main function is to assist with stewarding the ministry at a strategic level and make decisions that have a high impact to the ministry. We also preserve and protect the Foundation's vision and core values as well as administrate corporate policy. We are committed to supporting the Executive Director and the mission leadership teams with resources to move the ministry forward.

## HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED ON THE BOARD?

I was interviewed by the board and asked by Peter Bianchini to join in November of 2016.

## WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ROLE ON THE BOARD AND HOW DID YOU END UP IN THAT ROLE?

I currently serve as the President/Chair and was encouraged by Peter to serve in this capacity starting July 2017.

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*FFHM Board Members and Leadership*

## Missionary Spotlight: Modesto Valesco

### IN WHAT AREAS AND COMMUNITIES DO I SERVE THE LORD?

The service that I do for the Lord consists of basically two areas:

#### **Evangelism**

#### **Bible teaching through discipleship**

### CURRENTLY I AM VISITING FOUR TOWNS:

1. El Cocal, which is a three hour walk.
2. La Mesilla, which is a three hour walk.
3. Llano Nuevo, which is the farthest and takes four hours to walk to.
4. I also help out with the pastoral work in my church in Las Cuevas (visiting the sick, helping the widows, preaching, leading worship, etc.)

### WHAT DO WE DO IN THE TOWNS?

We meet with the brothers and sisters in someone's house or a church building if it exists. We pray, sing and share a Bible class with them. We try to do everything in their Mixteco language because in almost every group there are seniors who don't speak or understand Spanish well.

When someone else from the church in Las Cuevas goes with me, we have classes for the children.



*Modesto walking with Mario Cordoba*

## Matt Juarez Cont.

### HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD WORK IN THE MINISTRY DURING YOUR TIME ON THE BOARD?

God continues to provide for the ministry in abundance. The thing that stands out the most, is how God has provided people in leadership to help carry the ministry forward. It's been a privilege to work with each member of the board and get to know their individual strengths. I feel a strong sense of unity with this team and a deep care for the ministry.

I've also recently begun helping with Charla's succession plan and refining the process of "passing on the torch" to her successor, Janelle Keller. I've been impressed with Janelle's decisive leadership balanced with her sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as well as her sensitivity to the Mexican culture. I've been equally impressed with Charla's willingness to delegate responsibilities and allow Janelle to lead the ministry as the Executive Director into the future. I am looking forward to see God work in this transition.

### WHAT ARE WAYS PEOPLE CAN BE PRAYING FOR THE BOARD?

The board needs prayer to see clearly what God has in store for the future of FFHM. The needs in each community we serve have changed over the years and continue to evolve.

It's important that we stay highly relevant and in steady step with where God is moving so we can have the greatest impact on the people of these communities and ultimately, His kingdom. If we stay adaptable and go where God is working, we believe He will continue to transform all who come in contact with the ministry so that He continues to be glorified.

Matt Juarez

*President/Chair of the FFHM Board*



# Our Son, Craig



*Prayer Chapel at Rancho de Cristo*

*Craig Pereau*

*His book*

It has been three years since our son Craig graduated to heaven. He left us with an unusual legacy, "The Little Lost Pup", which was written in Chino State Prison.

It is a must read. The book is beautifully illustrated by Wycliffe artist, Bertie Knowlton, who was miraculously healed from crippling arthritis. Craig's testimony, "once lost but now found" and "a mother's grief" are the book's themes.

The book is endorsed by Dr. George O. Wood, President Emeritus of Assemblies of God and Terry Meeuwsen, co-host of the 700 Club. Several thousand have been distributed to prison inmates.

Perhaps you have had the privilege of visiting Rancho de Cristo, our drug rehab center in Baja. Hans Benning built a chapel with funds from the memorial gifts for Craig.

Hans is pouring out his life for these men. Then men constructed a music conservatory in the Ensenada jail (a first). There Tito Quiroz and others are pouring out their lives to those who are incarcerated, bringing restoration through music.

It is not unusual for people to experience the presence of God the Holy Spirit in this chapel.

Charla Pereau  
*Founding Director*



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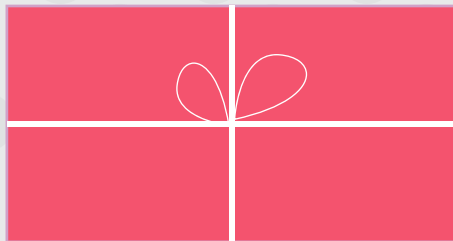
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**Sandy Witt's 80th Birthday**

By Divine Shephard Lutheran

**Bonnie & Paul**

By Jo Herendeen

**The marriage of Lisa Heidel**

**& Brad Douglas**

**The marriage of Wendy Bodt**

**& Marvin Cooney**

**Dan horner's retirement**

**Nancy Cahil's 70th birthday**

**Rob & Darlene McQueen's**

**50th anniversary**

By Jack & Kim Leighton

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