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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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## *A Life Changed*



*Marisol in 2010*

*Marisol today*

**M**y name is Marisol Cervantes and through this letter I want to express my infinite gratitude that I have towards His Ministry for all they have given me over the last nine years.

In 2009 I arrived at the children's home because of difficult circumstances that were outside my control. There really didn't exist many possibilities for me to someday have a good life, until I was an "orphan girl."

Since then I have been blessed with food on my table, warm water, clothes, gifts for Christmas, a secondary, high school, and university education, which have allowed me to be licensed in marketing. That is without mentioning the summer camps, parties, and fun things that we did. In the TJ House, I found friends and the closest thing to a family that I have had.

I am so happy with God for what I have been able to achieve through all of you and that I have been given the opportunity for a better future,

not only economically, but in education, values, and faith.

I have been very blessed through this home. You have given me so much without wanting anything in return and it is obvious that it is because of the love for Jesus that you have.

A few weeks ago, I remembered a verse that says, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded" Luke 12:48; and now I understand what Jesus was saying with those words. He has given me so much and now I need to see what I do with it.

A thousand thank yous.

With love,  
*Marisol Cervantes*

# For 55 Years they met for Prayer

*"I do believe that by intercessory prayer, as Jesus himself has told us, the great power of God works in ways we cannot conceive."* Oswald Chambers.

**I**n 1963 a group of Lutherans met weekly for intercessory prayers, primarily for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

In 1966 that little group unanimously launched on a mission that would change all of their lives and the lives of countless others; the founding of the mission in Vicente Guerrero, Baja, CA, Mexico. (See Charla's Children, chapter 14)

During the '70s, our group grew in numbers and became very interdenominational and remains so. In answer to prayer, we saw tremendous miracles. God worked in ways beyond conception.

In 2000 we moved to San Clemente and to our home in Laguna Woods, CA. We never missed a prayer meeting. The Petersons, Barnes, Schofields, Sanders, Sheltons, Knowltons, Smiths, and precious Pat Durkin was soon to follow.



For over 55 years these intercessors continue to meet weekly for prayer.

We meet at the Pereau's home, 2355 #3H Via Mariposa W., Laguna Woods, 92637. All are welcome; we have a prayer group dinner the first Friday of each month at the Lutheran Church of the Cross. Once again, all are invited.

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face ..."*  
2 Chronicles 7:14.

Want to receive our weekly Prayer and Praise e-newsletter? Send us your email address to: [info@ffhm.org](mailto:info@ffhm.org) or call our office at (949) 492-2200.

*By Charla  
Pereau,  
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# Missionary Spotlight: Maria Villa Pablo



Maria

*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:*

**M**y name is *Maria de Jesus Villa Pablo*. I am 40 years old and for me it is truly a delight to serve our Lord Jesus Christ as a missionary in the Mixteca region of Oaxaca.

I come from a family who was affected by alcoholism. My mother raised four daughters and one son alone; I am the second daughter of five children. Because of a great need of food and care we ended up at FFHM in Vicente Guerrero in 1980.

They took care of me and two of my siblings. Later, after one year and seven months, my mother came for us and took us to Yucuyi in Oaxaca, which is the town where I was born. I grew up there together with my sisters and my brother surrounded by violent and alcoholic family members. Because of sorcery I suffered with very strong spiritual battles for most of my childhood.

However, seven years later, God in His sovereign grace took us back to Baja California. One day, two child evangelism teachers from the outreach ministry of FFHM arrived where I lived. It was during a Bible class that the Holy Spirit revealed to me my sin and showed me Jesus as my Savior. That day I was liberated from spiritual attacks and the extreme terror that had paralyzed me in the nights.

The day I received Christ, I also felt a strong calling to missions. I felt the conviction to return to Oaxaca and to take the good news.

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Maria at 14

At 12 years old, I started to go to the Mission Church. At 13, I was baptized and at 14 I entered the Bible Institute for two years.

When I was 16, I arrived in Oaxaca as a missionary. I have now been serving

for 23 years as a missionary in this region of Oaxaca.

The need continues being enormous, but I am dedicated. Like the child who gave Jesus his five loaves and two fish, I give Jesus my small contribution, trusting that He will multiply it for more people to continue the call to preach the Gospel and make disciples.



## MY MINISTRY IS FOCUSED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

### • EVANGELISM –

To be the arrowhead to enter places that are difficult to access with the good news (evangelism is one of my passions).

### • TRAINING OTHERS

- To stimulate and help in the training of mature believers and to support them in their integration into ministry service according to their gifts.

• DISCIPLESHIP – To strengthen in faith the new believers through Bible studies in homes or public places especially women and children. I love working with children.

• ADMINISTRATION – To support in the administrative area of our church Abundant Grace Family Christian Center

• RADIO – To pray for my work at the radio station as the programmer. Through the transmissions a great diversity of programming is sent to people of different ages with a focus on the restoration of individuals and families. Believers and unbelievers have been deeply and radically impacted.

### HOW CAN YOU PRAY FOR ME?

1. For the radio station. Protection of the equipment, wisdom and discernment for the administration and programming.
2. Protection when I travel to remote towns.





# Oaxaca TJ House Trip



*Fixing a school*



*Tj House Students with their housefather, Ricardo*

**D**ear Foundation for His Ministry and Camano Chapel,

My name is Franco Vazquez and I am 18 years old. I want to thank you all for making our missions trip to the Oaxaca Mission possible and praying for us while we were gone.

I am so thankful that I received the blessing of going to Oaxaca. It blessed my life in so many ways. I learned many new things and experienced things I never thought I would.

I grew up at the children's home in Baja, where missions teams would visit and help for a week. Those missions teams were always working and giving and being a blessing to people. This Oaxaca trip let me be the giver, the worker, the one blessing.

On our trip we visited the city of Huajuapán to help a missionary family. We were able to help them clean up their little facility, paint and fix up their little school.

In Huajuapán I learned about thankfulness and being grateful for all that we have.

I also really saw people who believe that God is always with them, no matter how little they have.

Around the children's home we served by washing dishes, mowing the lawn and pulling weeds.

But what I loved the most and learned from the most was taking care of the little boys and spending time with the youth. The kids at the home are so kind to one another and really accept each other as family.

We also visited the women's prison which really ministered to me. Seeing how the women have faith in God, even while they aren't free and their lives have been and are so hard. It is impressive.

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*Thank you, Father, for those who care!*

### IN MEMORY OF:

**My husband, Richard Cheatum**

By Linda Cheatum

**Wayne Turnbull**

By Pat Durkin

**Mark Spaeth**

By Walter & Marjorie Spaeth

**Genevieve Bredesen**

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### IN HONOR OF:

**The retirement of Dennis Brooks**

By Jack & Kim Leighton

**Mark Larson for his  
volunteer work**

By Rebecca Millar

### ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, you have the opportunity  
to share hope with those who have none.  
Will you participate in our Alternative Giving program?

Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.



*Exploring the city*

Finally, but not most important, we were able to visit and tour the city of Oaxaca. Oaxaca has a rich, artistic culture.

We visited the ruins of Monte Alban, the weavers in Teotitlan, and the black pottery of San Cristobal. Oaxaca is a beautiful city.

Thank you again so much for your support, and making this trip possible for me. I am so thankful for what God did in each area and part of this trip. This trip blessed my life.

Thank you,  
*Franco Vazquez*

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