

## Celebrating 50 years!

This year LBCM is celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ministry! **Please join us to celebrate at our Annual Meeting and Fiesta on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.** We will be looking to the past and to the future! We will be gathering at Calvary Lutheran Church, 3060 54<sup>th</sup> St. San Diego. Please RSVP to 619-286-2445 or lbcmsd@gmail.com.

## In Short, But Not All

It is a real pleasure to serve those in need. Many times we have so many obstacles to overcome but the Lord opens the doors and windows when it is His will in order for us to serve those that are in more disadvantaged situations than us.

Children are the future, but they have needs today. Here at LBCM, we help children in different places and ways across the border. We serve breakfast to more than 800 children!



*Here a little girl is enjoying breakfast.*  
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Scholarships are distributed to more than 70 students. We also support children with school supplies, socks, clothes and uniforms for school. We enjoy educating them in God's Word and His eternal love.

Quilts and blankets warm the bodies and hearts of people. This winter we have had a much colder and longer season in the border region of Mexico and the United States.



We wish to have more quilts and blankets to help families keep warm and be able to avoid some of the health issues related to the cold weather. Let's warm them up also with the Love of God and with His Word and church!

It is a blessing to see children going to school and growing healthier and their parents start to join the activities and attend one of the local churches. I have seen a little boy or girl coming to the Breakfast Program with their mother. Soon the mother joins the other ladies to help prepare, serve or clean up. Soon the dad will show up and stays. In a short time the whole family comes to church to worship and praise God for His infinite love and His provision for basic needs.

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*This young girl received a beautiful quilt of her very own.*



*Above is a family in San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora that received a new home, along with the two couples that build the new home for them. What a blessing for all involved!*

Many parents are reached by building them a small 12' x 12' house. The cost of this house is \$1,850.00 (US). We talk about this in almost every newsletter because we believe that a decent house is necessary and needed for so many people in Mexico. I have seen from the outside and inside the house that people build with whatever they can find on the streets or the trash dump. Some of the families have little money and they use the old wooden garage doors as walls. These makeshift homes are not safe, the roof leaks, the doors are not secure and

the windows are broken or nonexistent. At LBCM, we pray to the Lord that many mission teams will make it to this border region to help build a nice, safe and warm new home for many families in need.



We also have given children a little bit of pleasure with toys and gifts at Christmas and other holidays. Nothing beats the feeling of seeing a little boy or girl opening their gifts with a big smile on their faces. We receive shoe boxes filled with small toys, gifts and sometimes candies. The children open these boxes with the expression of happiness on their faces! Toys and gifts remind us how God gave for and to us His most precious belonging, His only Son, Jesus Christ. These gifts and toys also encourage us to share the greatest love ever, the son of God, our Redeemer!



*This very young girl received a shoebox gift that was full of surprises.*



*With a little one, a young girl having fun at Sonrisa de Angeles (Angels Smile) children's home in Tijuana during a visit from a Lutheran Church from Temecula, California.*



*Children gather outdoors on a cold day at Santo Tomas, Mesa Rica, Sonora, to make crafts and then enjoy a nutritious breakfast.*



*Here I get to have fun playing soccer with children at Mexicali where Guillermo and Julia serve the community. I scored three goals!*



*Women continue to learn to sew and make many items for their families and home.*

We continue to provide for everyone the opportunity to hear God's Word and His wonderful gospel of love, grace and mercy in Jesus Christ by building churches, missions and chapels. We train lay leaders to reach many with God's good news. We want as many people as possible to hear the wonderful story of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you for 50 years of support and prayers. We just ask the Lord for another 50 years of serving Him. To God be the Glory!

## **NEEDS**

**Cough & Cold Medicine  
Blankets & Quilts  
School Supplies  
Rice & Beans**

We also accept monetary donations for purchase of these items.

**Thank you for your donation!**

## **Don't Forget!**

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