



What Donations Accomplish Big & Small

What \$1,850.00 is doing for a family in Mexico.

It builds a new, small home. It is a 12' x 12' house, with a locking door, a window and a nice roof. With this money, materials can be purchased for the cement slab, the lumber for the walls and roof, the window, the door, the door knob, the nails and the paint. The house can be built by a mission team from a church or group. There are times when a family or individual want to bless a family with a new home. Sometimes the church or group cannot go to Mexico but they still want the house to be built. In this case, we look for volunteers, both from the USA and Mexico that want to help build a home.

What .97¢ is doing.

Every time I go out with my family for dinner I spend a lot of money. Buying food for my table in the San Diego area is the same. In our Breakfast Programs south of the border in Baja California and Sonora, we can feed a child a meal for 97¢. It is not a fancy breakfast, but it is nutritious and delicious. Sometimes the ladies at the center treat the children with the local food specialties like tamales, burritos, tacos, etc.

Beside a nutritious meal, what else happens here? A little boy may come for the first time; then he brings his brothers and sisters. Most children walk themselves to the center to have breakfast. Some of them invite friends they find on their way. Others may be brought by their mothers. While the children are having breakfast or playing with the other children, the

mothers are watching what is going on. Soon they join in to eat and help clean up. Next time they may help by serving or preparing food. A few weeks later, the husbands, out of curiosity, will show up. Sometimes the family dog even stops by, hoping for a bite of something good. Soon after the whole family is attending church services! The Breakfast Program helps provide food for those in need, but it creates the opportunity for the whole family to hear God's Word.

How about \$140.00 or \$160.00?

These amounts are what the students receive as a scholarship, \$140.00 for Elementary and Jr. High School or \$160.00 for High School. The students receive the funds twice a year at the beginning of each semester. The scholarship provides just enough for uniforms, school & athletic shoes, books and school fees. In Mexico, public education is not free; Elementary and Jr. High school students need to pay an entry fee every year and High School students pay an entry fee every semester. For families that make about \$2500.00 a year, it becomes difficult to cover all the expenses for the family for food, water, electricity, etc. and sending children to school becomes difficult.

We also receive and distribute school supplies and backpacks to help children stay in school. These supplies are not just for scholarship recipients but also for students in the churches and missions, breakfast centers and neighborhoods in Tijuana, Tecate, Mexicali and San Luis Rio Colorado. As much as we want the children to come to church and know Jesus, we also want them to stay in school and get a good education.

Pictures of God's Gifts to Enjoy



A young boy from San Luis Rio Colorado enjoying his new socks and backpack before going to school.



Alana, from Terrazas, wrapped herself in a quilt while a new home was being built for her and her family, thanks to Memorial Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Washington.



Friends from First Lutheran Church, San Diego, dropping items at our office. They brought beans, rice and sewing machines for the ladies groups at the churches that are learning how to make dresses and uniforms.

We give thanks to the many groups and individuals that bring donations and gifts to our office in San Diego to later be distributed in Mexico.



A Concordia University student ready to start to work cutting lumber. They built a home for two young boys and their mom in El Maclovio Rojas, Baja California.



A Concordia University DCE student having fun helping children paint materials that were used to build a new home next to Lirio del Valle.

The team from Concordia University also distributed a lot of rice and beans, groceries and produce to more than 50 families in 3 de Octubre Colonia, Tijuana. Thanks CUI! Go Eagles!



Clothes, blankets, quilts and food were delivered to Santo Tomas Lutheran Church in Mesa Rica, Sonora where Pastor Josafat and his wife, Armandina serve. Special thanks to Orphan Grain Train and to Steve!



Girls from Rey de Gloria, Independencia, enjoyed marshmallows after breakfast. Orphan Grain Train donated sundresses made from pillowcases for them. The dresses are perfect for the desert weather.



Yajaira, on the right, here with her mom and brother, attends San Mateo church. She is enrolled in the Angel Scholarship Program and she also receives school supplies.



Here I am, celebrating my birthday in La Grulla, San Luis Rio Colorado at San Marcos Breakfast program. The kids and neighbors baked a cake for me!
- R. C.

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NEEDS

**Rice & Beans
Blankets & Quilts
School Supplies & Backpacks
Socks & Underwear –
all sizes for all ages**

We also accept monetary donations for purchase of these items.

Thank you for your donation!

As LBCM starts another year of ministry, we would like to a moment to thank everyone who has donated, volunteered their time and talent, served as a Board Member or worked tirelessly to share our abundant blessings with those in need in Mexico.

We would like to thank those who started this ministry, those who made it grow and those who continue and are serving now. The names are too many to mention!!!

We give glory to God for their time and service to expand the Kingdom of God.

LUTHERAN BORDER CONCERNS MINISTRY (formerly The Lutheran Baja California Mission) is an independent, inter-Lutheran, non-profit incorporated in California in 1967 to supplement ongoing Lutheran efforts with Latin Americans on both sides of the border. All programs are supported solely through voluntary contributions. Initially the work centered in two of the fastest growing and economically depressed areas in the Americas, in the border cities of Tijuana and Mexicali, today we include San Luis Rio Colorado. LBCM continues to provide religious Spanish literature to all areas we are currently working in. ALL GIFTS TO LBCM ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. With a dollar or more contribution, one becomes an LBCM member.