



*Children enjoying breakfast at Lirio del Valle
(Lily of the Valley) Lutheran Church*

Feeding and Educating Children

Many families in Mexico have a scarcity of resources to buy food and few opportunities to get help. When there is food available in stores and markets, but not enough resources to purchase nutritious foods or when there is poor education or information on how to eat, malnutrition sets in. Children need calories, energy and food to be able to perform their daily activities at their best. The body needs to be fed properly.

The same for the soul. It needs to be fed by the Word of God and with His love on a regular basis. Children need to receive both physical and spiritual bread of life.

Imagine children that don't have enough food for their bellies. Their attention span is shorter than normal as well as their retention of what they are learning. Try to teach them something and they don't have enough energy

to retain what they are learning, whether it is school work or the Bible. An empty stomach cannot learn or retain.

When we feed a nutritious breakfast to children through the Breakfast Program, we also want to teach them about Christ, His love and mercy and we hope that they will share this with their families. We also hope that they will do well in secular school so their futures will be brighter, that they will have more opportunities in life. We want them to glorify Jesus and be thankful for the blessings of food and school.

We feel strongly about feeding children and preparing them for the future. We support the Breakfast Programs in Tijuana and San Luis Rio Colorado in four places (and one more starting soon) as well as giving out scholarships through the Angel Scholarship Program. We also continually give out school supplies and backpacks so children can be prepared for their classes. These types of programs help children and their families, like the children and their mothers pictured below from San Luis Rio Colorado. These children all receive scholarships.



Thank you for all your help, support and prayers for these important programs!

Many Small Steps to Make Changes



Pictured above is a home in the Sonora Desert that is in need of many repairs, including the roof. A new home is scheduled to be built for the family in the near future.



Pictured above, Pastor Glenn Lucas and me next to the house that was built in Tijuana by Abiding Savior Lutheran Church from Lake Forest, California.

Some mission teams have asked about building a different style of house and recently a bigger house was built in Tijuana. The house is 12' x 16' and has two stories, it's pictured below.



This home was built by Ascension and Gethsemane Lutheran Churches from San Diego.



Above is Pastor Josafat preaching outdoors at Rey de Gloria (King of Glory) Lutheran Church in Colonia Independencia during worship. He has a passion for serving God and the people of Mexico. We hope to

build a multi-purpose facility for Rey de Gloria in the near future.



At San Mateo (St Matthew) Lutheran Church in San Luis, a local woman, Cecilia, studied to be a seamstress, (pictured above on the left, with a student) and now is helping teach the ladies in the community to sew with new techniques.



These students are excited to be able to practice their music lessons on new guitars! Filiberto in San Luis Rio Colorado and Gema in Tijuana are providing opportunities for youth to get engaged in the church by teaching music.

At Lirio del Valle Lutheran Church, many children received backpacks and school supplies, pictured on the top of the next column.

On the right are Pastor Enrique and his wife, Amparo.



Pictured below is a boy from San Pablo (St Paul) Lutheran Church in Tijuana with a backpack filled with school supplies and a New Testament Bible.



We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!
- R.C.

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Christmas Gifts & Socks for Children
(please see next page for more details)

We also accept monetary donations for purchase of these items.

Thank you for your donation!

Save the Date!

**Please join us for the
LBCM Annual Meeting & Dinner**

**Saturday, March 12, 2016
4:30 p.m.**

**Calvary Lutheran Church
3060 54th St. San Diego CA**

**Please RSVP
619-286-2445 or
e-mail: lbcmsd@gmail.com**

Toys & Socks

Christmas is coming and we will again be **collecting toys and socks** for children from newborn to teenagers. Donations can be dropped off at the LBCM office or give us a call to arrange for pick-up. We will take donations anytime from now until Epiphany. Together we can make it a blessed Christmas for disadvantaged children in Mexico!

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