

## Little Julio Gets a New Home



Julio Sr., Kenia and little Julio Jr. (pictured above) live in El Maclovio area, on the east side of Tijuana. Julio Sr. and Kenia work in a factory that assembles furniture, about 2 miles from their home. Together they earn less than \$5000 a year as factory workers. Pastor JT and Mt Cross Lutheran Church, from Washington state, raised the funds for the building materials, about \$1850, and came over the summer and built the family a new house. This new house makes a big difference in their lives.

Little Julio is still a baby under a year old. His Grandmom and Aunt take care of him while his parents are at work; this helps his parents stretch their paycheck. This new home will help them financially, too. They don't have to worry about saving to build a home; they can save money instead for the little Julio for his healthcare and education.

During the home build, the children from the neighborhood came and they received school supplies and the girls received new dresses. It was a party for all during the dedication of the new home. What a blessing, all rejoicing in God's joy!

## Many Needs

Jesus sends us where there is a need to share His love, mercy and peace.

Over the summer, while groups were sharing God's love by building homes for families in need, I had the privilege to be invited to visit Mexican organizations in Tijuana. All of them have many needs. Pequeno Mundo Especial (Special Little World) takes care of about 1000 children with disabilities. We were able to provide rice, beans and hygiene kits, thanks to Orphan Grain Train.

I also helped Mujeres con Cancer (Women with Cancer) that helps women with the resources to get them into treatment when these women have no medical insurance. I also noticed that they also help men to get treatment, too. We gave them blankets, medical supplies, walkers and a few other items. During one of the visits, I accidentally brought school supplies. They happily took the school supplies and now they are giving school supplies to the children

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of the women who are receiving treatments. Many ways to help and many blessings!



Here I am with a boy from Pequeno Mundo Especial. It is a privilege to be able to meet so many wonderful people. Many thanks to these organizations in Tijuana for letting me pray and share God's news!

I also was invited to share with a group of more than 80 seniors; they mostly live on what they earn from tips at supermarkets bagging groceries. We hope to help them with blankets and quilts for the winter.

### **Gladness and Joy**



Pictured are women from Trinity Lutheran Church, Temecula, California, with

some children from the children's home, Sonrisa de Angeles. Trinity members have been able to come to Tijuana several times this year to build homes for families, distribute school supplies and visit the children's home. We know that they will bring gladness and joy when they come to help! How wonderful that their hearts are led by Jesus to give a portion of their material blessings from God to those that are less fortunate. May God keep being praised!

### **A New Site for a Mission**

Here is pastor Josafat, Maria and Eunice presenting the signed documentation to a property that was purchased to build a new mission in El Fronterizo, Sonora.



For some time, El Fronterizo mission has been using a person's property to conduct services and activities like the Breakfast Program, children's activities and community programs. But this summer the Lord gave us a wonderful location that belongs to the mission.

El Fronterizo is located about 20 miles south of the Arizona-Sonora, Mexico border. It is the last town before entering the Sonora desert in the state of Sonora.

The Gospel has been shared there for years, but finally the Lord has blessed us with a property where a mission, San Pedro (St Peter) Lutheran church, can be built for God's glory.

### **Here and There**

Thank you to the Lutheran Mission Attic ladies, Stitchin' for Missions and many others for their donations of homemade book bags filled with school supplies. Many children, like the little girl below, were ready to start school.



Below are children at the Breakfast Center, San Marcos, before enjoying a nutritious breakfast. San Marcos (St Marks) is six miles south of the Arizona Border in the south area of San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora.



Feeding and educating children in both material and spiritual matters in a key for a brighter future for them. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

R.C.

**‘Let the little children come to me...’  
Matthew 19:14 (NIV)**

This is the command from our Lord. His love and concern for the children is unmistakable.

At LBCM, we care very much about the needs of children. Many times it is incumbent upon us to identify those needs and look for various ways to meet those needs. We have been blessed to provide scholarships to enable children to attend school. This is one of the best gifts one can give to a child to secure their future and enable them to pursue God’s plan for their life. We have also been helping them with school supplies and breakfast programs.

We are now embarking upon a new project that will expand our efforts to help secure the future for more children across the border in Mexico. We feel called to do two things at once – consistently help more individual children stay in school and provide those of us on this side of the border the opportunity and blessing of helping an individual child. This new program will be called Angels Wings. We are hoping to help people spread their wings and help a child soar. As Child Services Coordinator, Janet Grosser, will be heading up this new program.

These new efforts will be focused on allowing an individual, family, class, congregation or group the means and privilege of supporting/sponsoring a child. A specific child can become your blessing and you can become their blessing. For about \$1 a day donation, you can become an answer to a child’s prayer.

The support contributed to each child will be used for their school tuition, for items they need for school like books, uniforms and bus fare, as well as for feeding programs and the like.

All our other programs, including the Angel Scholarship Program and the Breakfast Program will continue as usual. Expect to hear more about this new program in the next newsletter. We will be asking you to share this new opportunity with anyone you know, as well as for opportunities you can offer for us to come and share. For more information, please email Janet at [AngelsWingsLBCM@gmail.com](mailto:AngelsWingsLBCM@gmail.com)



Miguel and his family (on the right) came with Pastor Bob from St Luke's Lutheran Church, Sunnyvale to build a house; it was his first time building a home and they did a great job!

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## **NEEDS**

**Rice & Beans**  
**Blankets & Quilts**  
**A good, used Vehicle**  
**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!**

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