



Life in the Desert for San Pedro



Mark and his hard working crew at the new building that will give new life in Christ.

Connecting Generations from Phoenix, Arizona made a \$4000.00 donation that became a new chapel/multi-purpose facility in El Fronterizo, Sonora. The new building was built in November and is now the home of San Pedro (St Peter) Lutheran mission. It will be used for worship, breakfast program for children, sewing classes for the ladies, ESL for the youth, tutoring after school and anything that helps the community.

It was a weekend of celebration of life and joy. A goat was sacrificed for our meal and it was a festivity for God's glory. But this building that will serve El Fronterizo well is not yet finished. We still need to add insulation, sheeting, tile, pews, and altar furniture as well as stock it with dishes, tables and food for the people. We would like to have help with this, anything big or small to help finish this important project will bless many, especially children. Please keep them in your prayers as they bless their brothers and sisters

in Christ with social services and the Word of God that gives new life in Christ.

Just a House? NO, It's a Home!

A building is just that, a building. But when a family moves in, then it becomes a home, their home! When a mission team comes to Mexico and builds a house, even though it is small, it becomes a joy and celebration for them. We may not see it right when the keys are given to them; many times people are not as expressive as we might be in the United States. But I can see in their eyes that their heart is happy and they are celebrating a generous gift called a home.



Pictured is a family in front of their old house. In October they received a new home!

One time somebody asked if there is a need for building more houses in Mexico. I replied with a plain NO, but I added that there is a great need for more homes. Over forty homes built in a year is not enough, there is always a need for many more. We wish we could have more and more groups coming to build more homes. If you or your group would like to build a much needed home, please contact our office.

Not an Empty Belly Left Behind



Many things are important for children; if we accomplish these three it is a great accomplishment – food, education and the Word of God. Maria, pictured above, on the left, is from Mexicali. On the first weekend of November she was able to hold the first breakfast for children in the south area of the city. She is interested in helping these children to have a nice meal every weekend, encourage them to stay in school and share with them the Word of God.

Maria is so excited! But there are some things that she needs, like tables, folding chairs, sunshades and dishes as well as craft materials and school supplies. We are looking for these items not only for this Breakfast Program in south Mexicali, but also for another one on the north side of the city, where Julia and Yadirah feed more than 40 children every weekend.

At these two places in Mexicali, they meet on the patios outside their homes because there is no property or building dedicated to these ministries.

We are looking for partners to help us build multi-purpose buildings like the one we did in El Fronterizo for San Pedro Lutheran mission. We don't want any children's bellies to be empty if we can provide for them the physical and spiritual food.



A Few Photos to Share

Sewing at Lirio del Valle



Above is a lady showing a finished product at a recent sewing class. The ladies (and gentleman) meet at Lirio del Valle twice a week to learn to sew and to pray and learn God's Word.

Enjoying Life



Pictured are some girls and ladies cleaning some local corn. It reminds me of God's favor and His Son Jesus. He gave us this life to enjoy it. These girls from Rey de Gloria Lutheran Church in Independencia are preparing the corn to be cooked and enjoyed with the rest of the congregation. I enjoyed two of those ears of corn, delicious!

Quilts

We are very lucky to receive many homemade quilts to be given out to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Mexico. I always admire the incredible artistic work that goes into each of the homemade quilts. It is an American tradition that blesses many.



This girl in Mexicali has a warm quilt and warm heart!

Celebrating 500 Years of Reformation



Pictured above: Pastor Richard Vevia (from Calvary Lutheran Church, San Diego), Martha from El Divino Salvador and me celebrating 500 years of the Reformation on November 5th. This was a well attended service where we gave Glory to God for the privilege and blessings of His gifts of Faith, Grace and Scriptures.

We wish you a very merry, joyous and Christ filled Christmas and the very best in the New Year!
- R. C.

Angels Wings Happenings

By Janet Grosser



In the previous newsletter, we announced our new **Angels Wings Program**. We have been busy putting together the groundwork necessary to create a successful endeavor. This includes appointing the person(s) responsible as our “Point Person” in each sponsorship area in Mexico, creating the necessary promotional forms – as well as case history forms for the children, focusing on promotional plans and media and updating our outreach, etc.

As we move forward in full force now, our focus is more on getting the word out and identifying as many sponsors as possible. This also means we are looking for your help in offering the invitation to make a difference in a child’s life to as many folks as possible!

As the Child Services Coordinator, I am ready and available to meet with individuals, groups, churches, etc. to explain how easy it is to be an Angel to an Angel – for about a dollar a day. There are so many children waiting for a better chance at life, and each and every one of us can make a difference!



Part of our success will be in our ability to communicate with all of you. I want to keep you informed of what is happening in Angels Wings. In this age of easy communication, I would love to be able to email you with developments in our program.

I am asking that you update us with your current email address. You can do this by sending an email (please include your name) to me directly at AngelsWingsLBCM@gmail.com.

There is a child waiting for your help!

Visit our website: lutheranborderconcernsministry.org - where you can find our newsletters in color! Also find us on facebook: Lbcm SanDiego

Thrivent Choice Dollars

LBCM is a qualifying organization for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Choice Dollars Program. For more information go to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice

Save the Date!

**LBCM Annual Meeting & Dinner
Saturday March 10, 2018**

**Calvary Lutheran Church
3060 54th St
San Diego CA 92105**

**Please RSVP – 619-286-2445
or lbcmsd@gmail.com**

NEEDS

**Children's Gifts (all ages)
Socks & Underwear (all
sizes)
Rice & Beans
Blankets & Quilts**

We also accept monetary donations
for purchase of these items.

Thank you for your donation!

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