

Warm Hearts



I always enjoy giving out nice, warm quilts to children and families in Mexico. All the vivid colors of the handmade quilts makes me feel alive and that we are giving warmth and love to those who, due to difficult economic situations, have to go through a cold winter. This might not be bad for us, but they are living in homes that aren't properly insulated.

Whenever we help people in need, it is a blessing for them and for us. It could be a new house or home, warm quilts, food and hot meals, socks, shoes, school supplies, scholarships, etc. It could be the Gospel, the comforting words of our Lord and Savior Jesus, or even a place to worship and learn about God's Word. When we get in touch with people from different cultures, it makes their hearts

warm as well as ours. There are a lot of hearts to help and be helped.

In late January, Concordia University Campus Church, lead by Pastor Jonathan, from Irvine, California, built a new home for Angel and his mom, who helps at the children's home.



Here is the group, pictured in front of the house they built. After the house was built, we headed to one of the local churches where Pastor Jonathan preached on a nice, warm day filled with joy, love and mercy from God.

Before Christmas, we were blessed to receive many toys and shoebox gifts for children. The shoebox gifts hold small items and gifts for children. During Christmas, we were able to distribute the toys and shoebox gifts to children in Mexico. The children get so excited to open their presents and to see what is inside of the boxes. I enjoy thinking of the times when Christ Lutheran Church, La Mesa, California,

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came and distributed gifts in two different places in Tijuana. Those gifts in a shoebox are like the blessings we receive in Jesus Christ that makes our lives happy and filled with excitement to keep living in Christ to serve those in need.



These little girls loved their shoebox gifts!



You can help us to keep feeding children like this girl having breakfast at Lirio del Valle with food and God's Word and love. The Breakfast Program is an effective and efficient way to help children; we expend about 97¢ per child a week.



Two happy boys in Mexicali after having breakfast and each received a warm quilt.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Temecula, California, came and celebrated Jesus birthday at Sonrisa de Angeles children's home. It was a blast and everyone had a good time remembering Jesus birthday. At the same time, they gave three families solar panels to help light their homes. They continue putting their hands and hearts on a mission to reach as many as we can with the warming light of Jesus.



Not only did the children in Mexico receive blessings, but also the elderly, they

received the blessing of quilts thanks to Orphan Grain Train and Stichin' for Missions from Burbank, California. It is always an explosion of joy to visit this group of older people with warm and joyful hearts, praising God for His many expressions of love to us.





I had the privilege to ride on the Lutheran Hour float in the Rose Parade. What an exciting day!
-R.C.

Angels Wings is Taking Off in 2018 By Janet Grosser

January is here and the New Year has begun! The latter part of 2017 found us getting everything in place for our Angels Wings Child Sponsorship program. We have wonderful people across the border in Mexico who are our

partners in serving the children. Many children have been identified, information has been gathered and we are ready!

These children are in need of and are looking for a helping hand to be able to continue in school. This is the key to the future for them. So many, for all sorts of reasons, are not able to afford the tuition, books, uniforms and the like that are required for school. They are smart and eager and lack only the opportunity.

One of the best gifts one can give a child is that of love. By becoming an Angels Wings sponsor you can develop a personal relationship with your child (or children) while providing them with a gift that can last a lifetime.

Sponsor a child (for about a dollar a day/\$35 per month) and begin a very personal relationship. We encourage each child and sponsor to write letters back and forth, send pictures, greeting cards, and the like (all channeling through the LBCM office). It's a good thing, too, for sponsors to want to see their child's grades (keeping them task oriented as well as being able to provide lots of praise and acknowledgement for a job well done and encouragement for improvement.)

Resolve to 'spread your wings and help an angel soar' this New Year. Contact me at angelswingslbcm@gmail.com or at the LBCM office. Please like, follow and share Angels Wings new Facebook page: Angels Wings-Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry. Help us spread the word. A child is waiting for you.

Pictured below is Janet Grosser with a little girl from Tijuana.



NEEDS

Rice & Beans
Socks & Underwear (all sizes)
Blankets & Quilts
School Supplies
Used Vehicle in Good Condition

We also accept monetary donations for purchase of these items.

Thank you for your donation!

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Angels Wings-Lutheran
Border Concerns Ministry**

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Save the Date!

LBCM Annual Meeting & Dinner
Saturday March 10, 2018
4:30 p.m.

Calvary Lutheran Church
3060 54th St
San Diego CA 92105

Please RSVP – 619-286-2445
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