

## Too Many to Count = Many blessed Children

On June 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> of this year, the Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) held its biannual convention in San Diego. I was invited to give a presentation on behalf of LBCM. What a pleasure to see all the ladies that for years have been supporting our ministry physically, financially and spiritually!

For the convention, the women choose a recipient of their ingathering. This year they chose LBCM to be the recipient! They brought an estimated (too many to count!) 600+ pairs of athletic shoes to be distributed in Mexico among children in churches, orphanages and in the most disadvantaged communities.



I want to take the time to thank president Keren, pictured with me in the photo above, and all the ladies of the LWML who helped during

the ingathering and with moving all those athletic shoes. It took more than four pickup truck-loads and two van-loads full of shoe boxes to move them all!



I have started taking the shoes across the border. In the photo above, a boy at Puerta de Fe (Door of Faith), a home for children (similar to an orphanage), was blessed with a pair of the athletic shoes.

Thank you LWML for your help and support to share the Gospel of love with many people on both sides of the border, with those that share and those that receive.

## School Supplies

We are very low on school supplies and would like to ask you for help with these important items to help children be able to continue their education. Please see the needs box on page 4 for more information.      -R.C.

## Angel Scholarship Program

Pictured below is Jonathan with his mother and two sisters. He is a recipient of an Angel Scholarship. He attends church at El Divino Salvador (Divine Savior) Lutheran Church in Tijuana.



Jonathan is a young man who has grown up in the church since his mom, Laura, brought him to church when he was a baby. Today Jonathan is serving with the youth group and leading in others areas of the church. He is very faithful to God and wants to keep growing in his fellowship with Christ. As a high school student, he is very enthusiastic about participating in robotics and photo contests with his classmates and people he knows from neighborhood. His parents, Laura and Fernando are very proud of him and try to give him all the economic stability he needs even though they have trouble finding long term employment. The scholarship he receives makes going to school a possibility for him. He is sure to continue to make his family proud!

(Shared by Jesus Valderrama, Youth Leader)

## A New Home for Rosa

Rosa is a widow who lives with two of her daughters, her son and a granddaughter in Colonia 3 de Octubre. She is a member of Lirio del Valle (Lily of the Valley) Lutheran Church. Her average income is only around \$80 a week.

Her former home was a structure that was poorly built with a lot of safety issues. The door wasn't secure; the windows weren't properly

installed; the roof was falling apart; the electrical system was unsafe.

Rosa had been waiting for a new home for about three years. Finally in May, Dennis (pictured below, in the center) and Rose from Memorial Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Washington, along with volunteers from the local congregation, built Rosa a brand new beautiful home!



## Learning God's Word And How to Share It

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Bible Institute students at the Tijuana campus met with Pastor Jan Ruud from St Mark's by the Narrows Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington. Pastor Ruud shared with the students a workshop on Liturgy. During the workshop the students learned that they can share God's love not only during worship but also in every aspect of their lives as part of their adoration and praises to God. Pictured below is the class with Pastor Ruud, who is standing on the far left.



- R.C.



## A Young Man in Training



Guillermo, from Mexicali, is a Bible Institute student at the San Luis Campus. Here he is giving his first sermon at San Mateo (St Matthew) Lutheran Church as part of his training.

## Music Classes



Pastor Enrique from Lirio del Valle (Lily of the Valley) Lutheran Church practices music with some children from the church and community. Gema, from Faith Lutheran Church, San Diego, also visits every week and teaches music to the children. The church is in need of guitars and a piano. If you can help, please contact our office.

We have many plans for the future, including expanding the music classes to all the churches in Mexico. Many youth will be able to share their love of music in the church with praises to God!

## A Tasty and Healthy Meal



A little girl from San Mateo enjoys a banana as part of a healthy breakfast. We believe the Breakfast Program is helping families by feeding children a nutritious breakfast. If you would like to help, we accept donations to support this program; donations can be earmarked for the 'Breakfast Program'. –R.C.

## A Note from the Youth Center

By Legna Lanza

During the first week of July, we had the blessing of receiving a group of visitors from St Mark's by the Narrows Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington. This group helped to build the youth center last summer. On this trip, the group of volunteers built three houses in El Maclovio, Tijuana, and they were also able to do some improvements at the youth center like adding closets for school and art materials. They also installed new windows in the second floor of the youth center and finished some of the interiors.

But the most important part of this group visit is that some of the members of this team spent some time having fellowship and activities with the children and families that are part of the youth center. The children and families had the opportunity to hear more about Christ.

Many thanks to LBCM for the support they provide and with making connections with mission teams and groups of volunteers that help and support this important ministry of bringing the youth to Christ.

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