

Blessings That Change Peoples Lives



Diana lives in San Luis Rio Colorado. The first time I met her, her father was ill (he is still not well). Her mother, despite having problems with her eyes, was working for minimal wages in a bakery store. Diana was thinking of leaving school due to the cost. I offered her help with a scholarship from the Angel Scholarship Program. She has been able to finish school! She is so grateful for the help that can make a difference in someone without too many opportunities. She gives thanks to the Lord for all the help! Your support of the Angel Scholarship Program makes a difference in lives! Thank you!

Pastor Josafat is lay pastor at Rey de Gloria (King of Glory) Lutheran Church as well as two more mission sites, El Fronterizo and Mesa Rica. He and his wife have been experiencing a life change as they have decided to dedicate more time to ministering to the

people. Pictured below is Josafat and his wife Armandina, they received some Spanish bibles.



Pictured below is Josafat with pastor Isaac, president of the Lutheran Mexican Synod.



They were helping to build a shade for one of the houses that were built during the weekend that Josafat was officially installed as the pastor of the church and missions. Josafat's life changed when we talked about him dedicating more time to share the Gospel of Jesus. He went from driving a taxi to sharing the Good News! He continues to be part of the Bible Institute. Please keep this dedicated pastor in your prayers!



Pictured above is pastor Enrique from Oaxaca, Mexico. He has always been interested in serving the Lord, but the opportunity never came until one day we met. He was excited when we talked and he enrolled in the Bible Institute and is now serving at Lirio del Valley (Lily of the Valley) Lutheran Church.

Nahum, pictured on the top of the next column, is practicing music notes on a keyboard at Lirio del Valley. He lives in the neighborhood called 3 de Octubre. He goes to church activities and services, enjoys the breakfast program and receives help for school. Children in the community have a disadvantage to finishing school; most don't even think about the extra curricular activities like music. Thanks to Gema from Faith Lutheran Church in San Diego, and to pastor Enrique's ministry to children like Nahum, children have opportunities to learn about music and about our Savior, Jesus Christ.





When Sofia and Saul began serving at San Mateo, Sofia was very excited about the sewing classes. When I first delivered sewing machines and fabric, she decided to have a women's retreat and they could all learn to sew.



The women learned how to make beautiful matching outfits for the event. What a blessing for the women to share fellowship and to learn a skill that will help them in their daily lives!

For many years, Rodney and his crew have been coming to Tijuana to build houses for families in need. Rodney and his crew are a

building machine and they have blessed so many families! LBCM recently received an e-mail that was sent to his supporters after a recent day spent in Tijuana. We enjoyed his e-mail and he graciously agreed to let us share it here.

Hey everyone!

Yesterday we went down to Tijuana to build our first two homes of the year and it was a success! We wanted to thank everyone who came and took on the heat as we built these two homes. Because we didn't have our usual Spanish speakers, Tina and newcomer, Amy, stepped up to the plate and got us right through the border without us having to pull around to secondary. We had Lupe, newcomer Anthony, Eric, Kyle and Brian in charge of putting up walls and the roof while Cheryl, Janalynn and Loyd helped them build and ran back and forth, helping wherever they were needed. Rodney kept the crew in line throughout the day. Darryl, of course, had the doors and windows installed after helping set up the layout of the house. Kenny and Tina were on saws, making cut after cut. And our glorious paint crew had our houses painted in record time and included Lisa, Marcee, Amy, Mary and Ann. We also had several natives from the area helping and we were so grateful for their help as well! We also wanted to thank Ramon, Carmelo and Lou from LBCM for their continuous help and hard work, putting together letters, setting up our building sites and making sure all the paperwork is complete.

We couldn't have completed these houses without you and we are so glad you came down and spent your Saturday with us! We're hoping to build some more houses throughout the year, so we hope to see the rest of you on future trips!

I like how many people working together makes such a difference to disadvantaged families across the border in Mexico!

Another group that was able to bless a family was Eric and his friends from San Diego. They built a house for a family in Terrazas in Tijuana. The house was built in honor of one of the team members who was about the get

married! What a great idea! The house and group are pictured below.





These kids are from the Breakfast Program who, after enjoying a delicious, healthy meal were playing around the cross in the patio of the church property. Last November, Pastor Don and Wayne from Phoenix, Arizona, brought some plants and seeds and built a small garden around the cross on the patio. This garden included vegetables like radishes and some flowers as well. The children in this picture are collecting radishes after their breakfast and Bible class at San Mateo (St Matthew) Lutheran Church in San Luis Rio Colorado. I have seen the lives of these boys and girls changing as they hear God's Word. Now their parent's lives are being touched because of the help that is given to their children.

As we give to others, we impact their lives and their hearts. I have witnessed this and I hope in the future to see more of how the Lord changes lives for His glory.

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