

COUNTINGS BLESSINGS

New Chapel/Multipurpose Facility

Rey de Gloria Lutheran Church was blessed, thanks to Connecting Generations and Pastor Don from Phoenix, Arizona, with a new chapel/multipurpose facility! In one weekend we were able to build the exterior of the facility. The second stage will be the electrical and paneling of the walls.

This facility, pictured below, will serve a community located 17 miles south of the Arizona border. The building will be used as a chapel with worship to our Lord and Savior. Breakfast will be served for children, sewing classes will be held in the future, as well as ESL classes. Such a blessing!



In the next column is a picture of the ladies from San Mateo Lutheran Church, displaying some of the clothing they have been learning to make during sewing classes there. Their sewing skills are growing!



Some students from Concordia University's campus chapel, Irvine, California, came to Tijuana to spend some time at Sonrisas de Angel orphanage. Spending some time with these children makes such a difference, making them feel happy and loved by Jesus.



Above is Itzel, teaching a Bible lesson and a song to children during the Breakfast Program in Fronterizo, Sonora, a community south of the Arizona border. In the near future, we would like to build a new chapel/multipurpose facility for this community, like the one in Independencia.



Children in Mexicali meet in a park for breakfast and activities. These children's parents have limited resources to feed them or send them to school. We want to provide for them a place to have a nourishing meal and receive school supplies and scholarships.

We want to serve food from heaven, the Gospel, but if their attention is away and their energy is low, retaining God's Word could be hard for these little ones.

Life is not easy for them, but we can help to overcome this unjust situation with God's love, food and education.



Concordia University DCE students came to distribute food to more than 55 families in 3 de Octubre. What a blessing that with a few dollars a lot of people were fed!



Nailing a cross on a house built in San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora. This home was built for a single mother with five children.



The San Mateo soccer team, a new activity in this congregation, ready to kick the ball! Before a game they pray and after they share water, food or whatever they have with the other team to show them the love of Christ. May the Lord keep blessing these little children.



Socks and undies were distributed in several places, from churches to parks. Here is Teresa giving out socks and undies to 300 youth in a public middle school in El Maclovio Rojas, Tijuana. These students walk to school on unpaved streets. Their feet get a lot of dust and dirt. New socks are a great help for them to keep their feet healthy. A big thank you to Orphan Grain Train for all the socks and undies!



Pictured above are children from an orphanage getting ready to go to an activity. They are in great need of a new passenger van.



The last picture is of Lena and Butch from Hope Lutheran Church, San Diego,

bringing food, clothes, and other donations to the LBCM office. We always enjoy seeing them.

New LBCM Center in Tijuana

As I write these articles, a mission team from Memorial Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Washington, is building a new multipurpose facility in Tijuana on the east side of the city, in an area called El Maclovio. This new building will serve not only to accommodate mission teams coming from the United States to Tijuana to build houses, but it will also serve the community.

The building has dorms to stay overnight, bathrooms, showers, a kitchen, an area to serve meals and a hall to host meetings for the mission teams.

Some of the activities that are planned for the new building including serving breakfast to more than 150 children every day, music lessons, sewing classes, and ESL classes. In the near future worship services will be held as well. This will provide opportunities to hear God's Word.



When groups or mission teams from the United States stay overnight at this new facility, they will have the opportunity to meet with children from an orphanage that is next door. This orphanage has been receiving help and support from LBCM.

We are planning to host the first mission team at the new center the first weekend of June. We want to get involved with and in the community for the Gospel and Love of Jesus Christ to be shared. We are very excited about the new possibilities for this new center. –R.C

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