



A Summer of Sharing God's Love



Back to School!

This young girl is excited to receive school supplies for the start of a new school year!

Although the need for school supplies is ongoing, we managed to give a lot of school supplies to children in Tijuana, Mexicali and San Luis Rio Colorado. If we can help one child at a time to stay in and finish school it will create an impact in the marginal communities in Mexico. Martin Luther stated: "If you want to change the world, pick up your pen and write". Education changes people's lives, as the Gospel

and hearing the Word of God changes our lives in Jesus Christ.



Their very first day of school brings serious faces for these children but they are ready to learn!



These children in Mexicali received school supplies donated by First Lutheran Church in Burbank, California.

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Building Homes

As Jesus dwells in us and we live in Him, he makes His home in our heart. He is our home and we share this with those in need by helping them to have a better place to live on this earth and to share with them Jesus so they may live in His grace, mercy and love. Building houses is an excellent opportunity to share the fellowship we have in God's presence here and in eternity.



This home was built by St Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows, Tacoma, Washington. St Mark's has been coming for many years, building homes and sharing the love of Christ with their brothers and sisters.



This family received their new home from Clairemont Lutheran Church, San Diego. With them is Pastor Nathan; this was his first time building a home.

St Timothy Lutheran Church, San Jose, California built six houses during their mission trip this year! What a blessing!



Building homes is hard work! Pictured above is Pastor David from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Los Altos, California and his son, Pastor Paul, from Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, North Dakota. This was their first time building a home together.

A Few Other Things, Too



Lots of school supplies, rice and beans were donated by Trinity Lutheran LWML in Santa Ana, California.



Sewing classes continue and many women are learning to make useful items!

¡Fiesta!

Big celebrations remind us of the great feast we have in Jesus every day. A feast because He loves us and shows His mercy and love in every aspect of our lives. By making friends, feeding them, helping them to learn a skill and finding other ways of helping people in disadvantaged social and spiritual situations, lets me know that we are moved by the love of God to bring these people to Him to join 'The feast of victory for our God. Alleluia'.



Sofia, pastor Saul's wife, from San Mateo, took a 'selfie' with the children during their VBS during the summer. What a big fiesta celebrating Jesus in the midst of the community that surrounds the congregation. Children enjoyed the crafts, Bible stories and a delicious meal everyday.



Trinity Lutheran Church, Temecula, California, (a member pictured above) crossed the border and set up in a public park next to a soccer field, two blocks away from the new LBCM Center, and celebrated Jesus! They shared hot dogs (over 500!), chips and juice with children and adults. They distributed more than 100 backpacks filled with school supplies to

help children to stay in school. What a fiesta, where the language barrier between Americans and Mexicans wasn't an obstacle to celebrating together the grace, love and mercy of Jesus Christ!



At San Marcos Lutheran Mission in Mesa Rica, Sonora, children come to eat breakfast every week in the churches and centers, every time they come there is a party, a fiesta, full of God's joy. The children feel loved by the volunteers helping them and by the God who cares for them.



Pictured above is Pastor Josafat from Rey de Gloria Lutheran Church in Independencia handing out a flat of eggs to a boy. One day, flats of eggs were on special and Pastor Josafat's daughter, Eunice, bought a lot of them to feed families in Fronterizo, Sonora. Children need protein and this was an excellent opportunity to provide nutritious food for them. Feed them with food and God's Word and this world will know about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I wish I could share all that we do in Mexico. Your support makes it all possible! - R.C



Steve from St Paul's Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach, dropping off a donation. LBCM is lucky to have Steve on our Board.

NEEDS

School Supplies:

Backpacks, pencils, pens, erasers, 70-page notebooks, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, markers, scissors, rulers

Rice & Beans

New Children's Socks and Undies

Passenger Van

We also accept monetary donations for purchase of these items.

Thank you for your donation!

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