

Helping Those in Need

Many are in need just across our border in Mexico. How can you help? Here are a few ways you can make a difference in a life and share God's love with someone in need.

A new home can be built for a family like Julieta, a single mom with two children, Joselyn (pictured with Julieta below) and Juan.



You can organize a mission team, a group or come as individuals. Think about when you would like to go, give us a call to set up a time, and with a donation of \$1,950 a new home can be built. If you are unable to go to Mexico to build a house, you can contribute funds toward a house, either a little or the full amount. You can imagine how you can change the lives of people by giving them a new chance in life, just like Jesus did for us on the cross and the empty tomb.

The Breakfast Programs are always growing. To help feed children, you can donate

to or become a sponsor of a Breakfast Center. We are able to help each center with \$150-\$200 each month. The ladies at the centers stretch the money well! Some of them get help from local markets with groceries and fresh produce. In the last three years, the Breakfast Programs have helped to establish three missions, revive two churches and are helping four communities that have the possibility for future mission/church work, like this community service below.



Donations of food or funds to buy food are another way to help. You can collect rice, beans, ramen and canned foods to help the families in Mexico. We accept the donations at our office and distribute them in the border region. You and your group or church can also go to Mexico to distribute the donation to some of the poorest areas in Baja and Sonora state. It is a great way of sharing the love of Christ with those in need. Of course we can also pick up donations if needed. Either way, you can be a blessing by giving food to fight hunger and the share the living food of Jesus to those hungry to hear God's Word.



Above we have Martha and Dick from St Luke's Lutheran, La Mesa, dropping off a donation of food and below we have John and Sandy from First Lutheran, El Cajon.



Building new missions to share the love and word of our Lord and Savior Jesus can be a wonderful way to help. You can help a lot or a little, but make a new mission your mission! You, your church or group can be a sponsor of a mission, helping on a regular basis. Or you can make a donation to a new mission, or help with a building project. Not only can you help financially, but you can be a partner with a new mission you can pray for each other through the whole year.

Children are always in our sights to help in Mexico. You can help a boy or girl to stay in school to receive a valuable education by contributing to the Angel Scholarship Program.



The boy on the left in this photo, Mauricio, receives an Angel Scholarship. Some teenagers cannot stay in school because of the lack of family funds to pay the entry fee for school. Public schools in Mexico are not entirely free. \$150 for junior high and \$160 for high school makes it possible for a student to stay in school. We help them once or twice a year, as needed. We especially want to help the pastor's and mission worker's children with this kind of support. Education is so important; we believe it can change a life forever!



These children are enjoying a nutritious breakfast at El Fronterizo.

There is yet another way to help, by donating items. School supplies (pencils, pens, notebooks, glue sticks, erasers, rulers and backpacks) are given to children to help with school costs. Rice, beans and other food items are taken to Breakfast Programs and given out to families in need through the missions and

churches we support. New socks and undies (in all sizes) are needed throughout the year. Gifts for children are needed for Christmas. Quilts and blankets are so appreciated. We love the beautiful quilts that the ladies spend so much time and love putting together. They are pieces of art that show how much they love our sisters and brothers in Mexico. Sewing machines, fabric and sewing supplies are needed by the sewing classes to learn a valuable skill and make items for homes and families. These are just some of the items we distribute during the year.

One more great way to help and make a long lasting change in a child's life is to sponsor a child through the Angels Wings program which you can read more about in the next article.



The LBCM Board of Directors is a great help! Pictured below are members of the LBCM Board of Directors and me. I'd like to thank all former and present board members that help make it possible to support so many churches, missions, clinics, schools, community centers, cancer centers and senior programs that help so many south of the border. We are looking forward to accomplishing more to expand God's Kingdom on earth!

You can help our brothers and sisters in Christ just a few miles across the border in Mexico. Help can come in many small and some very large ways. Please consider reaching out to those in need, and please keep LBCM in your prayers.

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Angels Wings

By Janet Grosser, Child Services Coordinator

Being an Angels Wings sponsor can mean so much!



Here is Andrea. She has just turned 11, and just recently was blessed with an Angels Wings sponsor!

Born in Mexico City, she and her Mother had to go live with her Grandparents in Puebla. Unfortunately, her father takes no responsibility for the family. Andrea's Mother had to go away due to some serious problems, and Andrea came to Tijuana to live with her Aunt and cousins.

Sadly, Andrea's story is one repeated far too often. Her Aunt's family has welcomed her most lovingly and are there to help and support her as much as they possibly can. Andrea is a conscientious student. (She also says she is happy!)

With support and encouragement from her sponsor, Andrea will be able to stay in school, continue her studies and become all that she was meant to be. Children like her need a helping hand to have a chance at fulfilling their dreams and potential.

There are many "Andreas" out there. You are only one phone call or email away from helping one (or more) of them toward a much better life.

Be the reason a child can thrive! Please call or write me at: (619) 286-2445 or AngelsWingsLBCM@gmail.com



I was blessed to share in the celebration of Dia del Nino, (The Day of the Child), with many children!

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