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Blessings That Bring Smiles to the Heart

A brighter day is shown by a smile from those that receive help and for those who give help as well. After seeing Monica's old home and then her new home that was built for her, I can tell you that changes like this make people's smiles larger and brighter! I'm guessing that Monica's smile will live long in her heart as well.



You can help us make more families smile from the blessing of a new home like Monica's, pictured above.



Here is a happy family with a new home,

thanks to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Washington.

Isaiah 58:10 reads: "and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday".



At this Breakfast Program, in Ojo de Agua, Tijuana, they are eating outside because there is no building at this site. Pastor Enrique feeds children in an open space, and teaches them the Word of God. Recently we received a donation of Bibles and children's garden stories books from Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Children and adults as well, really enjoyed the stories so much that they didn't mind that even on a very hot day, the only thing protecting them from the sun was the shade from Pastor Enrique's van.

Your church, group or you, as an individual, can help by keeping this ministry in your prayers and by partnering with us if you are able to help these children. As the weather changes, there will be a need for a structure for this group to meet in; possibly a covered patio area to keep them in the shade or out of the rain or possibly a multi-purpose room with an area to play outside.

It would be a big project! A multi-purpose room would cost at least \$40,000. That is a very large number, but with many people helping a little, it could be done and this ministry in Ojo de Agua can continue and grow!

What a privilege to baptize children; but when an adult decides to be part of God's family it makes a big impact on their family and neighbors. I was privileged to baptize a woman (over 55 years old) in the ocean, at Golfo de Cortez (Gulf of Cortez) in Mexico. In the picture below, the woman is smiling as I help her



of the water after the baptism. It makes me think how happy we are in receiving Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's grace and love.

Singing, praising God and sharing with the little ones God's love, pictured below is Joe from St Timothy Lutheran Church, San Jose, California. Joe was helping the children with



crafts at San Pablo Lutheran Church (St Paul), in El Maclovio, Tijuana, with a big smile, even after working hard all morning. The mission

team from St Timothy built eight new homes for families, who are now praising God for His favor!

We appreciate very much your contributions to Angel Scholarships. We are able to give \$150 per semester to children in junior high school and \$160 to students in high school. These amounts are just enough to cover costs for buying uniforms, shoes, a backpack and school tuition for one semester of school. A typical family in Mexico makes about \$2,500 a year and having to send two or three children to school can be rough for a family. These scholarships can be a big blessing to a family! Pictured below are several of the students that have received a scholarship.



School supplies and backpacks are donated to LBCM throughout the year and we always need more! Sometimes we do not have enough to cover the needs of so many children.



Here I am with ladies from Stchin' for Missions, picking up a donation of quilts and backpacks loaded with school supplies. What a blessing! If you haven't helped with school supplies or scholarships in the past, please

consider this vital need, either as a one time donation or on an ongoing basis.



Many ladies groups have blessed us, and many girls across the border in Mexico, with the donation of handmade pillowcase dresses, like the one pictured above. The girls in Mexico, especially in Sonora, love the lightweight dresses during summer. What a clever and useful way to repurposed pillowcases!

These examples, along with collecting beans, rice and other foods, making quilts and of course financial support, are how you can bring smiles to people's faces and hearts. Thank you!

- R. C.

Angels Wings Sponsors DO Make a Difference

The school year has recently ended. It is a time of change and of looking forward. For too many children south of our border, it is a time of struggling to look toward the future.

By being an Angels Wings sponsor, you bring hope to a child who otherwise might not have been able to hope. Angels Wings funds are first and foremost used toward the child's education. Your regular, monthly support gives

them assurance that they will be able to cover the cost of school on an ongoing basis. With your support, they can attend school, achieve and excel, and are able to proceed to the next level.

The help with educational expenses for a child is actually beneficial to the entire family as well. Funds that might have had to be sacrificed from some other needs of the family can be freed up to be used as originally needed (for food, clothing, healthcare, etc.)

Along with the financial aspect of a sponsorship, wonderful personal connections are formed. Sponsors and children communicate back and forth, continuous encouragement is provided, and a child really knows that someone cares for them; it's a real 'heart-to-heart' connection!



You can be the reason a child can dream and thrive! Jose, who is pictured above, has an Angels Wings sponsor. He just 'graduated' from grade school to middle school. Because of his sponsor, he has the hope and assurance of going to school next year. He has thanked his sponsor and continues to keep in touch through letters and pictures. This is the ongoing blessing of a continuous sponsorship.

Become an Angels Wings sponsor! Contact me, Janet Grosser, at 619-286-2445 or AngelsWingsLBCM@gmail.com and find out how.

A New Website!

We've been working hard and are excited to share our new website:

lutheranborderconcernsministry.org

The address is the same as the old one but things have changed!

Have a look around, hope you enjoy!

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