

Warm Quilts from Kalispell, Montana



Pastor Enrique and children from Santo Tomas Lutheran mission receiving warm quilts. From Montana to Tijuana is a long way. However, quilts from Trinity Lutheran, Kalispell Montana were a gift of love from Trinity's members. It is still a little warm in Tijuana, but winter is coming and these quilts will be a warm hug from a Montana church to children in Mexico who say "muchas gracias".

Mission Team House-builders



Here is part of the mission team from St Mark's by the Narrows Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington. They built four houses.

New homes connect people on both sides of the border. Over the years I have seen mission teams come to build houses and develop relationships with the families who are blessed with the new home. Some mission teams are able to renew their friendships when they return to build more houses.

Breakfast Program



Children from Rey de Gloria Lutheran mission, in Independencia, Sonora eating breakfast. This place is located about 20 miles south of the Arizona border in the Sonora desert on the Mexican side.

Feeding children and their single moms at the breakfast programs can connect them to God's Word. Filling the belly each day is important. Filling the soul will last for eternity. Many moms who bring their children to the breakfast program are curious and ask questions about the Bible. The ladies and pastors who staff the program sites are more than happy to share God's Word with the moms, then some songs, and eventually a little devotional with prayers. The hunger that families have to know the love of God keeps developing, and a new mission church is born.

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Ladies from San Pablo Lutheran Church, Maclovio Rojas, Tijuana proudly showing their new dresses while taking sewing classes.

Sewing skills are being learned in our missions with the donated sewing machines and the teachers who share their experience. It is wonderful to see how the ladies can learn a skill which can lead to a job which can help support the family. When the father is the only source of income, perhaps less than \$3,000 dls a year, the chance of the mother to add income to the family is a blessing. Also, the ability to sew and have access to a machine can save money. What if a clothing repair is needed; perhaps a zipper for the pants, no need to spend a couple of bucks to hire it done.



Children and youth from Mission de Angel colonia, in Mexicali, where breakfast is served, receive new back packs and school supplies.

Education is huge. Books, notebooks,

etc. are big; but more important is the weight they can have when it comes to the future of the child. A child without an education will face difficult situations in life (reading and math skills are essential!). These days it is hard to imagine someone who does not have these abilities. For little birds learning to fly on their own is not easy. For children in disadvantaged situations it is difficult to achieve a lot without an education.



We have the privilege to help more children than ever from the state of Sonora by giving them blessings through back packs and school supplies.

Angels Wings

One at a time, that's what we say. But how about those who have not been helped?

For instance, Andrea Marlene came to Tijuana from Puebla (2,000 miles to the south) to live with her aunt Alicia. Andrea's mother couldn't afford to send her to school. Once Andrea came to Tijuana we were able to find a sponsor for her to continue with her education.

Another case was Mario Emmanuel from Mexicali. Both Mario's grandmother and grandfather were ill. The cost of the care for the grandparents meant Mario would not have a uniform for school (and could not attend). Thanks to his sponsor the family got him his uniform and he now attends school.

Another blessing of Angels Wings is the relationships made with those who make the several LBCM programs work. Both children are very active in their churches and help with the breakfast program in their respective place.

Please sponsor a child. They need your help for a better future. You can make a difference in the life of a young boy or girl with a monthly gift of \$35.

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Here, pictured above, is a little boy who caught a teddy bear all the way from Wellington, England. Ladies from the church in Wellington hand-made the teddy bears and dresses, then mailed them to the LBCM office in San Diego. The little boys and girls were so grateful to receive the gifts all the way from England. .



How important it is to eat a healthy meal to perform well in school - like these children from Villa del Campo at the breakfast center. The Word of God is also shared with them to keep them healthy spiritually. God is good, all the time!

WE ARE ASKING FOR AND STARTING TO COLLECT TOYS, PRESENTS, SOCKS, BLANKETS AND QUILTS FOR CHRISTMAS. THANK YOU!



San Marcos Lutheran mission and breakfast center is located in the south of San Luis Rio Colorado. These children have a long way to walk to school. We are looking for a vehicle to be donated so these children don't have to walk in the desert heat – often 110 degrees.



Pictured is me, my friend Jack, and his daughter after visiting his church in Gardena, CA. We filled my truck with so many good things to bless the many in need south of the border.



Another ministry is Stichin' for Missions in Burbank, CA. Cheryl and her husband helped me load my truck with lots of backpacks, quilts and hygiene items for the children who we can see in the other pictures in this newsletter.

NEEDS

School Supplies

Socks

Rice & Beans

TWO VEHICLES in good working order – one for a mission church, and a second one for a breakfast center.

We also accept monetary donations for purchase of these items.

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