

Hola hermanos,

One of the hardest things about being director of a ministry organization is being responsible for all the financial needs. Sometimes it seems every time I am communicating about the awesome things God is doing, I must make a plug for financial support. It's a reality we can't escape. I hope you know we never forget that we wouldn't be here in Juarez if it weren't for God providing support through His people. We are so grateful for His faithfulness through you and we pray for you and your family and your needs also.

All that being said, let me bring you up to date on what's new. Over the last several years we have talked about buying the adjoining property to our ministry facility where all the studies and events take place. We tried twice and each time it failed due to paperwork issues with the owner. We are excited to report that we just signed a contract to purchase the property. PTL. We had \$4000 on account that had been donated for that



property which we paid down. We'll

Pay another \$4000 in January to pay the balance and the various fees when the title is ready. We don't have any specific building plans right now other than to use it for parking and a patio. It was necessary to secure the property before someone else bought it. It will allow us to expand as we are growing. A big praise is that we already have pledges to cover the balance of the purchase.



Our annual Christmas gift box event was awesome. This year God blessed 125 families with a box of household and grocery items, including everything needed to make a traditional Christmas meal of tamales. Our staff and their families really enjoy the shopping and the packing day during which we pack all the boxes in one morning. We divide the list of recipients among the staff and begin to deliver each one and pray with the families. We spend \$55 per box which comes to \$8,360. Through the generosity of many individuals and the effort of supporting churches those funds all came in already. We thank God for how He uses His people everywhere to spread His Love.



The student sponsor program has been well supported this year. Praise God. We still have over 50 students in Junior High, High School, and even college receiving prayer and financial support from individuals and churches. This support pays tuitions and other fees, uniforms and supplies. In many cases even money to pay for the bus and or lunch. Thank you so much those of you who participate in this ministry!

The youth group has been a great way to reach out to the teens in our community. Eli, Lulu, Adrian, and Diana prepare a weekly time with the group which includes games and snacks and stuff like that, but they focus on building community and relationships with them. They have a time during which a few of the youth lead the group in worship after which they have an excellent Bible study. The group continues to grow, and Eli and Lulu have begun a weekly small discipleship group with 4 kids in order to focus even more on their personal spiritual growth. Their vision is that these 4 will be able to be leaders of more small groups. Thank you for your prayers and those who provide designated financial support to provide for expenses.



The general fund has recently been the more difficult to maintain a solid budget in the black. We have many faithful supporters whom have been there with us forever. Some have needed to cut back which happens, and we understand. We need prayer. The general fund pays the financial support for staff, health care, utilities, maintenance of vehicles and facilities, travel to visit supporters, and much more. We currently run over \$1000 below budget. We need prayer for the opportunity to visit new churches and individuals whom God may lead to partner with us.

The effect of the cartel and gang violence continues. After the heightened violence five years ago, we experienced a relative peace in the city. Small businesses reopened. Streets have filled with neighbors and families visiting each other and kids playing. But in recent months we seen the violence escalate and fear is returning. To date we haven't been personally attacked but our community suffers. Moms lose sons and daughters. Families lose their dads and husbands. We have seen an understandable decrease in groups coming down to work with us which hurts our ability to provide some of the mercy ministry we have done over the years. We still believe we can host groups safely and hope you'll pray about participating in this vital piece of the ministry. Still, we understand many are just uncomfortable with it. One way those who cannot come down can help is to provide financial support for projects and mercy ministry. You could organize an event at your church focusing on Juarez missions and raise awareness and financial support for us to continue our work even when there are no visiting groups.

Once again, we thank God for all your prayerful and financial support. We see your prayers being answered and we never forget that with the support you send we could not be here.

Que Dios los bendiga, (May God bless you all)

