

# **News and Needs** of our Missions

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#### Fishers of Men

Fishers of Men, Mexico continues to spread the love and light of Jesus Christ through its two ministries: Evangelistic Medical Mission Crusades and Refuge Ranch.

They have 11 medical crusades scheduled for 2018, during which they take free medical and dental care to numerous communities throughout Mexico. The Good News of Jesus Christ is shared with each patient who attends the crusades. They also partner with the local church so that the new believers may form part of a faith community.

The team recently ministered to a very unique population that many may not even be aware exists in Mexico: the German Mennonite community. The Spanish speaking volunteers used German translators to communicate with the patients!



Mennonite Community



Volunteers and Mennonite Family

Julie reflects that during that crusade, one Mennonite woman, crying, explained that she had hated Christians, (her Mennonite heritage had provided a cultural framework for her life, but no room for a personal, saving relationship with Christ). However, after attending the crusade, she couldn't understand what that group of doctors 'had', but had never been treated with such love and kindness. Now, she wants what they have (hint....it's the love of Jesus!).

At Refuge Ranch, they trust the Lord for the funds and volunteers to continue the building of the main house, which would allow them to better meet the needs of their current children (10 at home) and be able to open up their home to many more.

## **Christ to the Villages**

In December, Matthew Oladele and his wife Mary attended a 10 day training on Christ Centered Education. (CCE). They look forward to implementing the new ideas they learned in their schools. There is urgent need for education to be Christ centered, not just religious doctrines. The responsibility of training a child has been shifted more to the school because the parents are too busy trying to make ends meet.



Workshop members in Nigeria

Matthew also attended an ECHO workshop on Nigeria Sustainable Agriculture Networking forum in Ibadan. This forum was geared toward enabling networking related to alleviating hunger and poverty by those persons serving Africa's poor.

#### **News from Honduras**

Ministerio Vida, Honduras, is doing very well. The clinic has been growing daily. Currently they are seeing 50 to 60 patients every day, at a cost of \$2.50 per patient. Pastors and those who cannot pay are treated for free.



Josue and a patient



Surger

In January alone this year, 8,333 medical visits took place, and in the first three months, they have seen 28,802 patients.

In three years, they have established 22 medical teams in very poor places, where medical attention, medications,

clothing, food and eyeglasses are all offered for free. They serve an average of 300 people in each location, for a total of 6,600 people.

A group from the mission dug 2 water wells in very poor communities.

Once a month, they take food to the people who work in the city garbage dump, totaling 350 plates of food. The mission supports the Arms of Jesus School attended by the children of the garbage workers.

#### **News from Mission Mazahua**



Norberto and Lisa Cortes

Lisa Cortes from *Mission Mazahua*, *Mexico*, reports that she and Norberto are gradually withdrawing from the actual operation and executive decisions. Victor and Araceli Monroy are a young couple, who are stepping up in leadership. Their older son, Gerson, has been helping with Pastoral Ministries as well.

### **Update from Bread of Life Mission**

Bread of Life Ministries, FL, are running two year round programs at this time. The first one is Christ Community Cafe on Fridays where they serve an average of 85 people every week There are about 20 servers, 6 cooks and kitchen helpers with a total of 420 people involved in this ministry every month. The second program is the After School Tutoring Program that operates twice a week. They serve about 500 kids on a monthly bases.

During the summer, *Bread of Life Ministries* run a vacation Bible school for 3 days for about 100 kids, every night with about 50 helpers and teachers. The Back to School Supplies program helps 20-25 children with book bags and school supplies. During Christmas, the Mission gives food and gifts to twenty families. Lately they have been helping four pastors in Cuba with their monthly salary.

# **Projects of Cook Native American Ministries**

Cook Native American Ministries, AZ, has funded many projects since they became a foundation. Here are a few of their present projects:

Duet Partners in Health and Aging - Phoenix, AZ, "Bridging Faith and Health". Faith community nurses bring personalized health care to vulnerable populations, concentrating on wellness, promotion, healing, and diseases prevention.

Three Precious Miracles - Sacaton, AZ, "Blanket Project". Volunteers create custom embroidered blankets for Native American foster children to identify their culture and heritage that would help them spiritually, mentally and physically.

Native Grace Intertribal Fellowship, Cortez, CO, "Bible Study and Vacation Bible School". Preparing native adults and young adults in Native Bible Studies to become leaders and role models within the community.



#### **School Supplies Needed**

The missions that work with children can always use school supplies, such as: backpacks, school supplies, art supplies, etc. *Bread of Life Mission, Menaul School, Maine Sea Coast Mission, Morgan Scott Project* and *Panamerican Institute* are a few of the missions that have programs for children.

# Thank You

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#### **Prayers**

*NACC Philippines:* Continued prayers for health concerns for Nannie Castillo, founder of the mission.

NACCC church members on mission trips to Texas, *Morgan Scott Project* and *Mission Mazahua*.

For more information on any of these missions, or to make a donation to any of the above projects, please contact Linda Miller at the NACCC Office, 800-262-1620, extension 1618 or <a href="mailto:linear.com">linear.com</a>.

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