

# Bridge Builders for the Cross

*A ministry committed to bridging the gap for Christ*

**Summer 2018**

## **Basilio**

Hello, my name is Basilio. I'm here to share my past, present and future... well maybe not my detailed future. I'm 41 years young and at one point in my life I was very lost. I tried to fill all the voids in my life with everything except the truth. My pastor, who is also my brother Joe, once showed me the unconditional love of Christ even in the dark spot I was in. That day I found myself feeling lonely and very unhappy and looking for love from Joe, my mother and my father. But Joe showed me love through Jesus with a hug and a prayer. My life has never been the same since!!!



Currently have health issues regarding my heart and various other situations, but I know that if it wasn't for God's mercy and grace I wouldn't be here. On November 18, 2010 I had a heart attack. I flatlined 3-4 minutes, but the next day I was up and about. As of March 2017, God has allowed me to be part of the "El Buen Samaritano" soup kitchen. I have the privilege of sharing the same love that was shown to me many years ago through physical and, most importantly, spiritual food to those that come and enjoy a home cooked meal. Even with a 15% heart function, God has allowed me to serve him in the church and anywhere else he sees fit. Every Wednesday, Sunday and any other church services, I drive our church bus and work with the music in our church services.

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Through the love that was sown into me, I now am sowing into the children. I hope that one day they too will realize that even in the dark moments of their lives God is there just like he is with me! I praise God for allowing me to share with you a little bit of the many things he has done for me!

## **Our Prison Ministry**

Bibles in prison, as well as Bibles in Cuba, Mexico and other requested areas, continues to be a major focus for BBFTC. For the first five months of 2018 we have shipped over 33 cases of regular print, large print, study and Spanish Bibles to 11 Oklahoma prisons. We continue to hear comments such as,

***"Your ministry is such a blessing!  
We can always depend on BBFTC for Bibles!"***

And probably the comment we hear most is,

***"The Bible with the 52-week study lesson designed for the incarcerated (God's Word Your Journey to Freedom) is the best! What an incredible help to our residents!"***

In February we sent \$1,500 for oral Bibles for the Samburu people in Kenya. This people group does not have a written Bible and most of them could not read it if one existed. In April we sent \$1,200 to buy Bibles in a dominantly Muslim country in Africa. We cannot name the country because of security reasons for our Christian brothers and sisters.

As of this printing we have spent over \$9,000 for Bibles this year! **PLEASE** consider a monthly contribution for our Bible ministry. This would be such a blessing!



## MEXICO

Our May trip to Mexico was outstanding with a wonderful group of from Illinois, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Tennessee! We played and fed kids in the orphanages and soup kitchen. We prayed with and fed the women in prison and spent a quality time ministering there.



The director gave us an extensive and impressive tour and the interns are always very kind and grateful. We are thankful to our partners Joe and Michelle Torres and their helpers for their organization skills and dedicated service!



## 5 X 5 MINISTRY TESTIMONY

*When I first met Gary Curry he was speaking to my church about Bridge Builders for the Cross and their work in Mexico. When I heard him describe the orphanages they supported, I realized I had been to those same orphanages on a mission trip with my youth group several years before! Well, it was more than a coincidence; it was God speaking to me, reminding me of the desire I had to serve Him on that trip years before. So my husband and I decided to support Bridge Builders and committed to the 5 x 5 program for Mexico.*

*After I had the opportunity to travel to Mexico with Gary, I was encouraged by the way Bridge Builders partnered with the Mexican ministries. Gary often deferred to the Mexican leaders to make decisions both big and small. This attitude of humility allows Bridge Builders to assess the true physical needs in Mexico, while building lasting relationships that benefit believers on both sides of the border. The more I learned about not only the work Bridge Builders is accomplishing, but how they are accomplishing it, the more certain I felt in faithfully supporting this ministry. Our family now supports the work in both Mexico and Cuba, and our church is now collecting backpacks for Mexico each Christmas season.*

- Kevi Paulk, Oklahoma

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**We are all commanded to be  
"The hands and feet of Jesus"!**



**Do you want to get involved, but don't know how?  
You have an opportunity to be a tremendous help!**

Go to our website [www.bbftc.org](http://www.bbftc.org)  
click on "How to Help" and  
check out our 5X5 programs.

**We are excited about this great avenue to fulfill  
The Great Commission!**

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