

# Bridge Builders for the Cross

*A ministry committed to bridging the gap for Christ*

## NEWSLETTER

Fall 2013

### Bibles in Prison

The following testimony is a personal friend of our ministry.

*"My name is Bill and my journey started like many inmates. While in prison a friend of mine brought me an old paperback Bible and that's when the transformation began. I began to read it daily and the more I read the better I felt. Not only did I feel better about myself, but about life in general. I spent 10 1/2 years at a medium security facility and during this time the Lord blessed me greatly. After three years on the inside I received a Scofield Study Bible.*

*The best thing about our facility was the ability to attend services at the chapel seven days a week and I took advantage of it. While I was in prison trying to live for the Lord, He blessed me with the opportunity to attend vo-tech. I enrolled and received not one, but two state licenses. When I came up for parole I needed someone to offer me a home and God furnished that. Three great men of faith made it possible for me to receive parole and helped me so much upon release with spiritual guidance, money and rides to work. All of this was provided with none of them knowing me! Their church took me in with no questions of my past. I am still reading my Bible and the Lord is still blessing me. What I want tell you is the Lord will set you free no matter what or where you are and He will be better to you than you would ever dream. God will help you in any and every situation you may come across--if you will just let Him!"*



### Thank You Partners

**Oklahoma Blood Institute** has been a wonderful supporter of BBFTC for a long time. Over the years they have donated tens of thousands of tee shirts and other items. They did it again with over 2,000 tee shirts from the Ada and Ardmore centers! We distributed some of these in Mexico in September and more will go to Cuba in October.

**THANK YOU AGAIN Oklahoma Blood Institute!**

**Thanks to many!** BBFTC is a donor supported ministry that pays no salaries and has no paid employees. We appreciate the generosity of our contributors! With the Lord's prompting, guidance, and support, you are the driving force behind this ministry. You enable and equip BBFTC to put Bibles in prisons; provide power to elderly individuals in times of disaster; buy, build, and repair churches in Cuba; and feed hungry orphans and the poor in Mexico! You are our heroes.

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*Thank you so much for allowing us to be the hands and feet of Jesus!!*

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### Mexico Ministry

Our trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico was not near as dramatic as our last trip. As some of you remember the 17 inch rain in June rather 'dampened' our spirits! Our trip this time was dry and the very smooth. Along with our partner Pastor Joe, we were able to provide Bethesda and Getsemani orphanages with a large supply of diapers, tee shirts, rice and cleaning supplies. They were very appreciative and Pastor Paulino at Bethesda shared with us that they are using approximately 100 diapers daily! This wasn't any surprise with 15 of the 25 residents in diapers 24/7.



Mike with a child at Getsemani Orphanage

It is always a good visit with John and Paulina Bivens at Getsmani. All of the kids, as well as the adults, look forward to a night out at a local restaurant in Zaragoza with all the fajitas, soda and ice cream they can eat.

Sister Irma's situation with her ministry feeding children at the 'tracks' was much improved since the flood in June. We also left her a supply of rice, tee shirts and a cook stove provided by Step into the Waters ministry.



Sister Irma teaching the kids at the Cristo Es El Rey soup kitchen

Also, we sincerely thank all of our partners for the generous financial help we were able to leave all of these ministries. They all have utility bills to pay, hired employees and the list goes on... Without our supporters and God's help we couldn't make any of this happen!

### Children's Camp In Cuba

We had a great group for children's camp in July and had a wonderful time! Team member Morgan Wyche shares, "Cuba was incredible yet again! This being my second trip was just as eye-opening as the first. I'm just in such awe of how great God is! Spending the week helping with kids camp was an absolute blessing! Just seeing so many kids come together in one place to grow in their relationship with Jesus brought an abundant amount of joy to my heart!"



Children in attendance at the Children's Camp

Despite the language barriers, there was nothing greater than getting to share the love Jesus has for me with all the precious kiddos!" And team member Tate O'Grady relates, "Cuba was an amazing experience! I experienced hospitality that you would never receive in America, even though we are much more fortunate. It's an amazing thing to realize that God is just as present there as He is in America. We serve such a BIG God and a God who loves us dearly! This trip has opened my eyes to things unseen for me. I got to be God's hands and feet and that is a pretty awesome feeling!"



Transportation to & from Children's camp

### Coming up...

**Mexico** - Come be a part of our Christmas ministry the first part of December. We will continue assembling backpacks full of clothes, toys and personal hygiene items for the children in the Piedras Negras. This ministry continues to grow and be more popular each December. If you can't go contact us and see how you may be a part of this important ministry. Mexico in 2014-We try to always keep our travel dates in the months of March, June, September and December. We will consider additional dates if there is a large group with a particular project in mind. Our primary ministry is supporting two orphanages and a soup kitchen feeding poor neighborhood children.

**Bibles In Prison** - In January, 2014 our Bible supplier Bible League is publishing "The Prison Bible" uniquely crafted for people in prison. Using the Easy-to-Read translation, it presents Scripture in simple, everyday language. It will include 52 weekly devotional lessons prepared specifically with the prisoner in mind and will also contain four sections built to encourage the incarcerated individual. We have preordered a case of these Bibles for all 21 prisons in Oklahoma and we expect it to be in great demand. Please help us pray about this project!

**Cuba in 2014** - We have already set dates for groups wanting to travel to Cuba next year. They are in March, June and July. Plan to go with us or give us a date that your group would want to travel. Cuba is an exciting ministry with opportunities for church construction, teaching, preaching, participating in children's camp, etc...

### Do you want to be involved, but don't know how?

You have a new opportunity to be a tremendous help! Go to our website [www.bbftc.org](http://www.bbftc.org) and click on "How to Help" Check out our new programs:

### 5 X 5 Cuba & 5 X 5 Mexico

We are excited about this new avenue to fulfill

### The Great Commission!

### Contact Us Today

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