

NEWSLETTER

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Mexico “Backpacks for Children”

Our 10th annual “Christmas Backpack for Kids” celebration was a huge success with almost 1800 backpacks! Our team of 17 from OK, MS & IL spent 3 days in Mexico distributing “joy and excitement” to a lot of happy kids! Although so many of these faces were covered by a face mask and we couldn’t see their smile, you could see it in their eyes.



¡Gracias!

It could not have been possible without the churches, businesses and individuals providing much of these resources. Muchas Gracias!



Hygiene packs were made for the 68 residents of Albergue Centauro Sifuentes, a home for the disability homeless.



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It was a joyous occasion to pass out the backpacks, eat, play games, and work puzzles on our December trip! The Christmas spirit was evident as everyone was laughing and having fun. And, of course, passing out of the backpacks was the highlight.



We also got to see the new laminate flooring being laid in the boys and girls dorms. It was desperately needed and will be a great improvement! New mattresses for all of the beds are next on our list.

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Rice for Cuba!

At this writing the container of 43,200 pounds of rice for Cuba has been shipped from Arkansas to Florida and scheduled to ship to Cuba January 9th. It has been a longer process that we would like, but no doubt in God's timing. There is great need! Pray with us about what needs to be in the next container and how you can help us accomplish this goal. God bless all of you that have made this possible!

Our Partners in Mexico Shon & Janeene Young

Our partners, Shon and Janeene Young serve as missionaries in Del Rio, Texas. This area is not where either are from or have family ties. It was a movement that God started in their hearts ten years ago and led them to this small border town.



"From our home state of Colorado, it all started while making short term mission trips. These trips were eye-openers to a whole new world that neither of us were accustomed to. After participating in a few of these trips, we knew God wanted us moving forward, giving our

availability, and open hearts to change into a life serving him.

Shortly after this calling, we surrendered our home, possessions, businesses, and even our friends and family, to go to an unknown place where we had to rely only on God. This place was a Children's home in Mexico, where we were grateful to learn so much in so little time. As we look back at those two years, we see God training us for a new assignment. He taught us about Mexico's people, culture and gave us a new language. Most importantly, he taught us how to work with and make relationships with the people. All of this to better prepare us for the next step in our faith, a new assignment leading us to Del Rio.

We arrived in Del Rio in 2015 having faith God would unveil our new assignment. Within weeks of our arrival, a tornado devastated our sister city of Ciudad Acuña, Mexico. We immediately began relief work, which led to long-term recovery work and, more importantly, forming partnerships with the people, pastors, and organizations we continue to partner with today. Over these last five years, God has not only propelled these relationships to kingdom work, but he has grown his kingdom with new followers of Jesus. Because of these relationships, we are privileged to serve so many throughout the year on mission for Him in Del Rio and Acuña.

God has continued to stretch us and leads us in ways that we would never believe ten years ago. As 2021 is upon us, our prayer is to let God continue to stretch and grow each of us into a deeper faith that may lead us to a whole new place and perspective of this world that needs Jesus. We want to thank all of you for your continued support and prayers. We are thankful for our partnership with Bridge Builders for the Cross and their impact in Del Rio and Acuña that is made possible with your help."



Tim and Daniel Pierce presenting the keys to the van donated to Shon & Janeene

Bibles

God connected some dots recently when we met a pastor starting a church in the Philadelphia, PA area. Because of the pandemic, starting the church had been difficult and Pastor Tom started reaching out to the community by internet. An immigrant Pakistani pastor made contact and the two connected... in a tremendous way! Tom was



told of all the pastors in Pakistan that needed training and especially Bibles but could not afford either.

BBFTC provided the funds to buy 330 Bibles in Pakistan and another 180 in India & Nepal! We are excited to see what happens next!

