

# NEWSLETTER

October 2023



## OBI donation

The Ada center of Oklahoma Blood Institute has done it AGAIN! They donated about 1600 new t-shirts to be distributed to our ministry partners!

OBI has donated well over 100,000 items in the last 15 years! That's right... over 100,000 items! We have distributed t-shirts in India, Mexico, Cuba, Nigeria and Cote d Ivoire, Africa! Thank You OBI partners!



## August trip to Cuba

We finally got the opportunity to be part of children's camp again in Cuba after 3 years of Covid! Our team of 8 enjoyed every aspect! There was a total of 453 kids in Havana & Pinar del Rio camps with 58 decisions for Christ! PTL! We thank all our supporters!



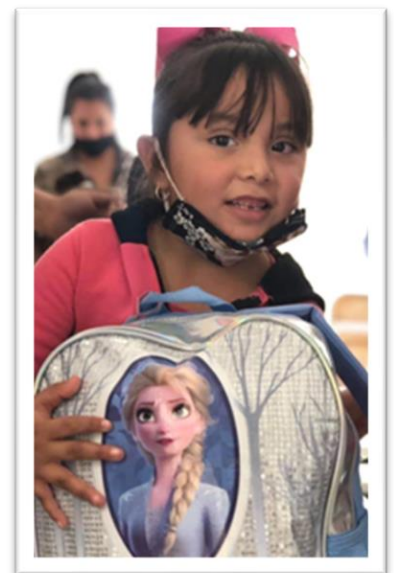
## Backpacks for Mexico

Christmas Backpacks for Kids It is that time of year again! Since 2011 BBFTC has provided backpacks for children in Mexico. Last year we delivered 2,300+ backpacks full of a "excitement and anticipation"! They included toys, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items. We have been told many times, "If you didn't come, many of these kids wouldn't receive anything for Christmas!"

**Our goal this year is 2,500 backpacks!**

With the help of churches, businesses, and individuals we believe we can do it. We can provide a nice backpack filled with the items mentioned above for about \$20.

Would you consider partnering with us as we take these backpacks to Mexico December 6th-10th?



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## Mexico - Brenda Martinez, Partner in Ministry

*"When your spirit is called to serve others, it is a passion and God opens doors for you. For 11 years we have helped the elderly, children with disabilities, public hospitals, schools, single mothers, and low-income families through our ministry 'Mi Pasion es Ayudar' (My Passion is Helping).*



*Helping others was the example given to me by my grandmother. She started a nursing home in Acuña and my mother continued in her footsteps. I observed and learned. Many people tell me, "I would like to help, but I don't have the money." My answer is you don't need money, you just need desire and God takes care of the rest. You can help by listening to a person who needs to be heard or you can share your food with someone. There are many things a person can do.*

*The people we support have helped me more than I have helped them. I learn from their tenacity, their faith, and their hope. They have taught me to value my health, sight, hearing, and speech, because I see so many that have disabilities in these areas.*

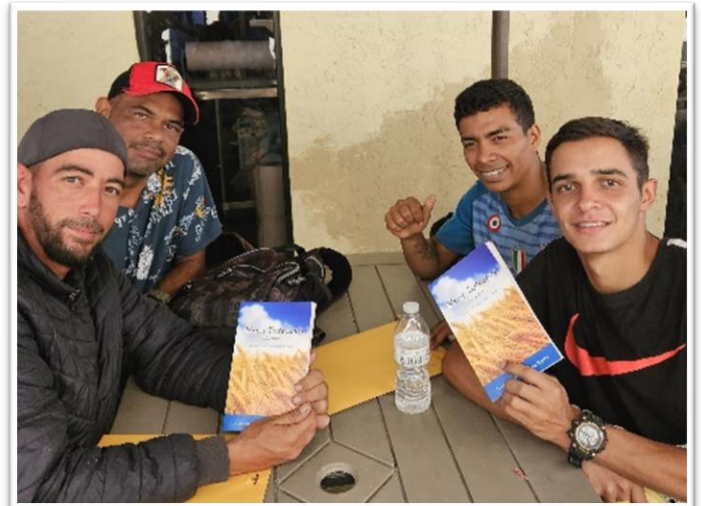
*God has rewarded me with what the most sacred thing I have, my family, the health of my family, my husband, Christian, who supports me in everything I do; my son Christian, who God provided a scholarship to Yale University; and my daughter Ceciah who just graduated from high school and starts College in January. They are all healthy and I can't ask for more than that!*

*We thank ministries like Bridge Builders for the Cross for donations to help our hospitals and schools with supplies, medications, adult diapers, walkers, and other items that change lives. These blessings are priceless! I will continue this path as long God allows me to continue with my passion to help."*

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## Bibles

Requests for Bibles continue to fascinate us! In the last 3 months we have bought 300 Bibles for kids in Uganda; 100 Bibles in the Odia language of India; over 200 Bibles and Gospel of John were shipped to Nigeria. We have provided 3200 Spanish New Testaments for immigrants crossing our borders and another 2000 ordered!



Recently we have provided a request for Bibles in Chinese, Farsi and Arabic for outreach on the campus of Oklahoma State University. And we have provided Bibles in Vietnamese and Marshallese translations at request of Oklahoma prison chaplains!

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