

# Transformation...with the power of God's Spirit!

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Transformation is the word that is ringing in our spirits! **First**, that God wants to transform **us** into more of Christ's image. **Second**, He wants to transform our family and marriage...as we surrender to His ways. And, **thirdly** we are praying for transformation of those around us. Starting first with our friends and neighbors. Then, for our community (Puerto Peñasco), and state (Sonora), and country (Mexico). And then for the world! Manos de Dios is committed to walking out God's plan for transformation. Read on to see examples of what is happening here in northern Sonora, Mexico. Included are: tent meetings where people are introduced to Jesus and the saints are strengthened in their walk and encouraged to go and make disciples of others; prayer walking our neighborhood; blessing and encouraging pastors who are on the front line; and crying out with our brothers in Christ for Mexico in regards to the violence and drug cartel problems.

Transform us, Lord, with Your Spirit!



## Community transformation!

What do you call five nights of praise, worship, teaching, miracles and fellowship under a huge tent? **Una Compañía!** (tent revival or 'campaign') Peñasco has been blessed with 'Compañías' that bring dynamic teaching, evangelism, and encouragement of the saints! June 10-14 Pat and Gerry's huge tent was set up next to the men's rehab center to serve the community. The tent was full each night and many were blessed with God's transforming power, His love, His healing touch, and His empowerment to go out to share THE Good News with others. God has His eye on Puerto Peñasco and this community is being slowly transformed by His Spirit and the Church (collective)! Amen!



Photos from Compañías in Puerto Peñasco! (right: Lucy prays with woman at one of the services.

**Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.**

**Romans 12:2 (New Living Translation)**

## Another vehicle donated to Manos de Dios

We would like to say thank you to a family from The Rock Church of Sahuarita church for the donation of a 1993 Nissan Sentra to Manos de Dios. They had heard that we need vehicles to donate to local pastors, rehab directors and those with special needs.

This vehicle was donated to The Men's Rehabilitation Director in Puerto Peñasco. Pastor Jose is the director of the men's center while his wife, Ana, is the director of the Women's center (which are on opposite sides of town). They only had one vehicle and were in desperate need of another vehicle. Also, living with Jose and Ana are their adult daughter and three grandchildren. Their prayers were answered with the donation of this vehicle.

We are happy to report that we saw Pastor Jose the day after we delivered the vehicle, in his new red car. He had already put magnetic signs on the doors promoting the Esperanza Rehabilitation Centers in Peñasco.

Thank you Rock Church for your support in so many ways and the generosity of your members. You may not be a giant in numbers but you are mighty in serving the Lord, building houses for the poor, and making physical/financial donations to help those in need.

You are truly followers of  
Matthew 25:35-40.

May the peace and blessings continue to fill you and your community. Dennis



Above: Dennis drives donated car from Tucson to Peñasco on a hot afternoon. Below: Pastor Jose (in front of their trailer home) embraces Dennis upon delivery of their donated car.



Ana, Alejandra, Alexa, Carlos and Jose (plus daughter Eli < not shown here>) will appreciate this car so much! Within a week of receiving the car they took off in it for Tijuana to visit the rehab centers there.



Violence report from Peñasco...Pray!!!

Saturday we invited the prison ministry team and their families to a fiesta on the beach in Peñasco. There were hot dogs and all the traditional Mexican trimmings and lots to drink to keep us hydrated in the summer sun! We swam, had fellowship and ate a meal as a community of believers serving the Lord. It was a time to say “thank you” to this team of 3 men and 5 women that serve faithfully ‘the least of these’ that are incarcerated here in Mexico. It was a beautiful evening, not too hot and there was a gentle breeze. Families went home to rest and get ready for church the next day.

Let me, at this time, regress to Friday morning at 6am. Brothers in Christ from one of the local churches meet on ‘the mountain’ (the hill just to the south of the port) every Friday morning, to pray for the community. We have been praying that the violence, which has infiltrated other communities, be stopped from coming to Peñasco. Little did we know what was in store for us later on this weekend.

Back to Sunday morning. Just after the praise and worship songs and the collecting of tithes and offerings, we were all notified to pray for the Peñasco Chief of Police. Some cartel members tried to assassinate him (and his body guard)! They were each shot numerous times at about 10:30 pm Saturday evening. They are both alive at this time, but in critical condition in a hospital in Hermosio.

The pastor immediately notified the congregation of what happened and we stopped and prayed for the Chief of Police, his body guard, their families and for the cartel members to end the violence and turn to Jesus. Our only hope is in Jesus!

There have been small signs that Peñasco was being infiltrated with the cartel members. However, until now all the violence was between drug users and cartel members. Now that has changed. The way they operate is that they come into town, keep a low profile, size up the local police – military etc. and then strike fear into the community. They do this by killing (or trying to kill) the local chief of police. They start at the top and work down.

I will keep you informed of the activities in Peñasco, as much as I can. Please continue to pray for the communities in Mexico, for an end to the violence., and for Manos de Dios.

Trusting in our Lord for His protection and will to be done here on earth as it is in Heaven,

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**Prayer walking** is carrying the presence of the Lord through an area. I count it as a privilege to walk the (dirt) streets in our new neighborhood early in the mornings. I pray for Gods’ blessing on each family, home and business as I pass them. I listen for indications of strongholds to breakdown in the spiritual realm. Often, I will be asked, “Are you exercising?” “No, I am praying for our neighborhood, inviting God’s presence and blessings here,” I reply. Often I am thanked and sometimes asked for specific prayer. We pray in front yards, in the street, or next to their car. I love ‘standing in the gap for my neighbors, encouraging them, and speaking out the truth of God’s love for each o’f them!! If you don’t already, why not do the same thing in your neighborhood? Lucy



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