

# Manos de Dios April 2008 Newsletter

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## Dennis' says....

Ok, I know you want to hear every detail on how we spent almost five weeks in Mexico but for once I am going to resign myself to make a newsletter as short as possible. Besides, to grasp some of our experiences you would have had to be there to share in the laughter, joy and pain to really have the true experience God gave us.

On March 26<sup>th</sup> we were off and on our way for the extended visit to Sonora and our mission outposts. Truck and trailer loaded to the hilt, as usual, smooth passage to the border and across (with a stop to pay taxes) and into Peñasco to set up camp for a long stay.

Two of Lucy's goals were to take an advanced Spanish language class and to visit the women in her prison ministry Bible study program every Monday (she will have more later in the newsletter). My main focus was to do research and work on a booklet on Serving and Mission responsibilities, to find the right places for the donations we brought, and to prepare to build a house. As usual, God provided us with many other interesting activities to be involved in.

## Donations

Blessing people with donations is a special treat for Lucy and me. Whether they are given directly to a pastor or to an individual family we always see the gratitude and appreciation expressed in their faces and their actions. Bicycles given to the children were a special treat for me to see and be a part of. Patient hospital gowns, sheets and towels that we donate to the community hospital are a blessing to those



unfortunate enough to need them, I'm sure. Fifty-one gallons of paint donated to the prison created an uproar when all the belongings of the men had to be moved outside so their cells could be painted. The prison infirmary even received paint for a spruce up. Medical supplies and a scale the doctor requested were delivered and appreciated. Clothing and Bible study supplies for the prisoners, shoe polish for a prisoner's small business and a few ink pens given to the prison guards completed the sharing of blessings in the prison. I'm also slowly passing out the 40,000 pencils – erasers and sharpeners to different church Sunday school programs along with clothes and shoes for the clothing banks.

Sharing donations we receive is just one small part of our mission and we take it very seriously. Lucy and I realize the value of donations, but the damage and enabling they can cause if given incorrectly. We continually pray for guidance and discernment as we give the donations to trusted pastors, medical personnel, prisoners and people in the community we personally know. And we make every effort possible to get the donations into the hands of the people that truly need them.

## Small projects

After three years of sitting out in the Puerto Peñasco weather our RV needed some attention. With a little help I was able to scrape off some salt deposits from all sorts of fittings, repair a broken awning, drill new holes and replace screws and fix window coverings. I even had time to help a group of men pour a new concrete slab for a Christian brother that was adding an addition to his home. It was a blessing to me to be able to work side by side with a group of men of different races and beliefs and none of us were getting paid – we did it to support a brother. Can't get much better than that! I was able to spend time reading the Bible and studying subjects that I had been pondering during the last few months. It's not often that I get to sit and have quiet time to read. What a blessing it was!

### Building Tony and Norma's house

The slab was poured, all materials delivered and we were ready to start building the house on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Pat, foreman of the project, Tony and his friend Pedro were already there and working when I brought the rest of the group after lunch to the work site. Albert and his sister Angie, Jack, Mike, Miguel, Arden, Drew and his son Andrew and I rounded out the building team. The volunteers came from our Manos de Dios support group, The Rock Church of Sahuarita and a Catholic sister in Christ. That four-day build and this team was one of the best projects I have been involved with. We accomplished our goal, did not get uptight when mistakes



were made, were understanding when each of us either got sick or too tired to work for a while and we had fun working for the Lord. Tony and Pedro were unstoppable; they just kept working and working. Norma even came out there and pounded nails, cleaned up our trash and fixed lunch on Friday. Thank you again, Lord, for the finances, volunteers and the ability to serve as Hands of God (Manos de Dios).



It did get hot and windy at times, conditions were crowded when we moved inside to work on the wiring, insulation, doors,

windows and our patience was tested. But we persevered and even the first timers said they would volunteer again (as long as it was not any later on in the summer)! I consider this project a success in the Lord's name. Lucy and Audrey led an outreach for mothers and children in the neighborhood on Saturday...right in front of Tony and Norma's home. Children played, colored '*Jesus te ama*' (Jesus loves you) sheets, sang, watched a drama, fellowshiped with clowns, and prayed. Moms received facials and manicures while being told about God's love for them and their families. They were given Aqua Vida books of John in Spanish and a list of the local evangelical churches.



## Desemboque

Lucy and I had not been able to go to Desemboque in March so a visit was long overdue. Pat, Gerry and two of their daughters were able to go on this trip and, as always, they added a blessing to our visit. When we arrived, family members of the pastor and his wife and neighbors saw us and immediately came over to enjoy the fun and fellowship that always takes place. And did I mention the Fiesta that was to take place, also? Our brothers and sisters in Desemboque consider it a time of celebration and prayer whenever we visit and we feel the same way. After the hugs and kisses we start playing with the kids (my job), inquiring about their health, prayer concerns and life in the community. Then someone starts the fire in the fire pit and we know that some type of fish is about to be prepared.



So far it has always been a mystery as to what type of fish will be the catch of the day and today was no exception. I called it “the dinosaur fish.” It was lightly coated and deep-fried – head and all. When it was lying on the plate all twisted up, to me it looked like a dinosaur fish (check out the picture)! Everyone said it was delicious as they pulled chunks of meat off the body leaving the head and tail intact! You had to be there to get the full impact of the vision. Me, I had chicken. They are tolerant of my dislike of fish and just smile and make something else for me. They also prepared *napales*, by trimming the spines off the cactus and then frying it.

The truckload of food and clothing we brought to them was just in time. Their food and clothing banks were just about empty and jobs were sparse. The Lord knows what we need and when we need it, then provides it for us. Thank you Lord!

## El Diamante

Lucy and I had the opportunity to visit El Diamante twice in the month of April and both were for different reasons and very productive.

The first trip was during the first of the month and we were accompanied by Pat and Gerry. We were able to have a long visit with pastor Alfonso and Angelita. We discussed many things. The June 7<sup>th</sup> medical education and treatment program, the April 19<sup>th</sup> community clean up day, changes in the food and clothing bank program and future activities in and around the community. And of course we had lunch with them.

Discussion.

Manos de Dios will facilitate the preventative health education and treatment program, but the experts will handle the medical activities. Dr. Troy, from Pantano Christian Church, will be leading the preventative health teaching on diabetes II and fungus. Stacy, a community health educator from The Rock Church, will be providing handouts and take home activities to follow-up with the teaching. The local community doctor will do the educating on the prevention of diarrhea. He and Dr. Troy will also spend the last few hours of the day treating a multitude of problems as they treat the ill and injured.



Pastor Alfonso discussed making changes in the food and clothing bank programs. The people in El Diamante are not completely without money. He suggested that he only give free donations of food to the people that are without any food and need immediate assistance while others would be able to purchase food at a discounted rate. To assist the poor in the community he would have their names and size of their household. He would then sell them groceries at a few pesos over the actual cost. This method would help them maintain their dignity by being able to purchase their food and the church would be able to make a little bit of money and therefore be able to purchase more food with the profits. We think this is a great idea and approved it. We are very concerned and do not want people in the communities to think of Manos de Dios and their churches as a place to get free handouts (especially if they don't need them). This way of assisting the poor will help prevent that from happening.



The second trip to El Diamante was the community clean up day and outreach program. Part of Manos de Dios mission is to connect Mexican pastors with other Mexican pastors and their communities and help them facilitate community and Christian outreach programs. This was one of those connections. Pastor Ernesto (Pastor of Grupo Unidad Familia in Peñasco) wanted to do an outreach program outside Peñasco. Pastor Alfonso (El Diamante pastor) and the community leaders wanted someone to assist them in a community clean up. An evangelical outreach program was planned as well. The Peñasco team was made up of 60 adults and youth. The team arrived

Friday evening and started to work. They slept in the church and Bible Institute building. This group planned the entire program including the logistics and the meals. Manos de Dios provided over 400 trash bags and our *batanga* (flatbed trailer). I drove the truck with our trailer (full of trash and teenagers) to and from the dump many times. Lucy (along with our dog, Soliel) was the photographer and encourager. Saturday was long, (started at 6am with prayer and finished about 5:30 pm) but successful. Many people in the community came out and worked with their neighbors and their neighbors from Peñasco. The community looked great after the 3 vehicles took 14 loads of trash to the local dump! In the afternoon Pastor Ernesto's church missions team put on a wonderful program of music, puppets, clowns, drama and mimes. What a powerful message of Jesus' love! Everyone was encouraged to attend Pastor Alfonso's church on Sundays. 300 dispensas (bags of food including a bag of beans, rice, sugar, & flour plus a bottle of oil) were given out to the families of El Diamante and the neighboring community, Retranca. After a team wrap up and prayer service plus many thank you's to Pastor Alfonso and Angelita, we all headed back to Peñasco.



Before Pastor Ernesto arrived in El Diamante I was able to install a door and window (with the help of our friend Rich from Peñasco) in our baño at Camp Animo and do some clean up on the property. No water or electricity yet, but we are getting close!

## New friends and ways to serve!

Our friends Pat and Gerry were advised of a woman with a handicapped child that needed assistance. Knowing Lucy and I and how much we are led by God to help women and children they asked if we would like to meet them? That was a “no brainer”! “Let’s go.”

As we pulled up to the house where she rents a small room (about 10X12 feet) we saw a lovely young woman with a smile as big as a sombrero, Margarita, and a little lifeless child, Alejandra, sitting in her lap. We sensed Margarita to be a loving, kind, gentle and totally devoted mother as she talked and explained her situation. At the age of two, a healthy, active and beautiful child went to the doctor for a vaccination. Days later there was a violent reaction to the shot and the child became blind, paralyzed and mentally incapacitated. Months later she regained sight in one eye, the paralysis subsided and she was left with a condition like cerebral palsy. Her mental condition did not, and has not, improved. Upon seeing the child’s condition, the husband left immediately and has not been heard from since. For the past five years



Alejandra has not been out of her mother’s sight or care. Margarita has to physically carry Alejandra (currently weighs 37 pounds) everywhere she goes and had developed a large hernia. Margarita has to feed her daughter baby food via a large syringe inserted into a feeding tube into her side. She also has a catheter and wears a diaper. There is also a stint located in her head.

The child has also started having seizures and is on several types of medication. My heart was heavy listening to Margarita tell her story and is heavy now just repeating it.

At the time she was just telling her story, not asking for anything. As I listened and watched her constantly gently touch and caress her child, I lost count of all the needs and challenges in her life. When asked what her immediate needs were, we were given a short list! She needs a specific tube for Alejandra and it is hard to get in Peñasco and she asked for a little financial assistance so she could travel to Hermosillo to get a visa for her and Alejandra so they could go to the Shiners Hospital in LA for a medical evaluation. (She had an appointment for April 24<sup>th</sup>). We stood to pray and Gerry anointed precious Alejandra with oil. We rose our voices and hands to The Great Physician, crying out for the healing of Alejandra. We firmly believe that God can heal her and will in His perfect timing. Those prayers were the most powerful gifts we could give that struggling mother.

We provided an 8 wheel-stroller (much needed for the dirt roads) and some medical supplies for Alejandra. Margarita started coming to church and we had the joy of holding Alejandra during church services. Margarita’s un-ending smile was such a joy. Manos de Dios was able to give her \$125.00 to purchase one of the visas plus donations of clothing and furniture so she could have a *segunda* (yard sale)



to earn the rest of the money, which she did. Margarita was able to get a visa for her daughter but because of circumstances she was unable to get a visa for herself. When she returned to Peñasco she was extremely upset and worried that she would not be able to get to LA for her daughter’s appointment. We told her not to worry. With God’s help and direction, her daughter would get to LA and see the doctors! To thank us for all our help, Margarita cooked a full Mexican dinner for seven of us at our trailer one afternoon. We then took Alejandra down to the beach and put her precious feet in the sand.

We have a contact person at Pantano Church from the Shriner's organization. We contacted Dick and he put things in motion and arrangements were made to get Margarita and Alejandra both into the United States. What a relief. God has this great way of putting the right people at the right place at the right time and this situation was no exception. Our friends and supporters Frank and Barb came down to Peñasco Monday so they could go into the prison with us and assist with preparations for the house build the following Thursday. They also had told God, "Use us wherever You need us."



Well, God had plans for them. Instead of driving Margarita and Alejandra to Tucson and then putting them on the bus for LA (as was the plan with Shriners), Frank said God has put it on our hearts to take her directly to the hospital in LA. So on Wednesday, April 23rd, Lucy and I went with them to make sure all FOUR of them got thru the border and into the United States. Margarita received a temporary pass to accompany her daughter THIS TIME ONLY...because Frank was taking personal responsibility to take them to LA. (I think he scanned Frank's passport along with Margarita's paperwork!) And they were off to see the United States for the first time in their lives!

The examinations and consultations were productive and informative but only slightly hopeful. Follow up appointments were made for July 16 and 17. Margarita is now working on ways to correct the problems with obtaining her visa. Please pray for her! We are trusting God for her healing.

The trip from Los Angeles back to Peñasco on the bus was an adventure in itself, but that is another story...Look for it in Lucy's articles.

## Men's Prison Ministry

The prison ministry is held on Monday's from 1 to 3pm. During the month of April I was able to take in some much needed donations on a regular basis. The 46 gallons of paint the Commandant needed to paint the cellblocks were delivered (creating chaos during the painting) and 5 gallons of paint, medical supplies and a scale was delivered to the prison clinic. The men in the Bible study were given notebooks and pencils needed for their study of The Purpose Driven Life. I was also able to give socks a few shirts to an inmate that was in need. Not speaking Spanish, I am limited on the actual participation in the Bible study, but it does give me the opportunity to minister to and pray with any Americans that are in the prison. I also visit with the Mexicans that speak English and need someone to talk to outside the Bible study program.

Pablo, the Christian prisoner that leads the daily devotion program and church service on Sunday's, had a set back recently. About 30 men that had been attending his Christian meetings regularly were transferred to other prisons in Sonora. He was left with only about 5 men meeting with him at 8am each morning. Pat suggested that he not be discouraged. Pablo could see this as an opportunity to invite new members and to rebuild his congregation. We gave him 10 new, complete Bibles, 5 New Testaments and hundreds of tracts in Spanish to help with this process.



## Military presence in Peñasco and Northern Sonora

For people that don't come to Mexico or Puerto Peñasco very often you may notice something different in Northern Sonora: a military presence. I have always said I would advise people if it became dangerous to visit Northern Sonora. I am advising you that there is a military presence but I don't think it is dangerous and people should continue to travel there.

In Sonoyta you may see military in a truck riding around town and on patrol. I have even seen them on the side streets where we take a 'short cut'. There has been few problems in the past, but there was one incident a few weeks ago. The Mexican military caught up with some drug smugglers trying to get across the border into the US a block west of the Mexican inspection crossing. There was a shootout and they killed one drug smuggler, captured two and one got across the border but was caught by our Border Guard Agents. There has been a squad of military personnel on the side of the road (between Sonoyta and Peñasco) observing vehicles as they pass. I am not worried about their presence and being stopped by the military because I have nothing to hide. I am glad they are there. It is a preventative presence and I pray it works! In Peñasco you may see a military truck riding around town or even a few soldiers standing on the street corner. Again, I am not worried about their presence. So far, Lucy and I are being cautious but not worried about our safety. We will let you know if anything changes.

**In His Service,**

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**Lucy's turn....**

### Women's prison Ministry

"Restore my Heart" is the current theme of the Bible Study on Mondays within the walls of the prison in Puerto Peñasco. What a blessing to spend five consecutive weeks with these women I call my friends! I watched as the local women, Blanca, Rafaela and Blanca that have committed to this prison minister, grew in relationship with and understanding of the *presas* (women prisoners). Each week between 6 and 10 women attended or wandered in an out of our Bible Study, held in the prison conjugal visit room. We sang praise and worship songs...sometimes dancing and giggling...sometimes weeping softly as we sang '**perdoname**' (forgive me). As we worked our way through the study of how **God loves us as His Bride**, hearts softened and prayers & sharing became more transparent. By the fifth week, the six committed Christian woman bound together in a powerful show of unity in that dark place. They asked forgiveness from each other for past hurts. Blanca and I then anointed each woman individually, praying a prayer of blessing over her. You should hear Blanca pray! While we prayed with one prisoner, the other five women were arm in arm singing praises to their God! What a powerful day. (We were 45 minutes late leaving the prison that afternoon. Blanca's watch had stopped...I wonder why? The guys were worried about us, but we were in the presence of the Lord.) Thank you for your prayers for these special women in a very difficult situation. Please continue to lift up each of these Christian sisters: Rocio, Rosa, Sylvia, Maria Angelita, Josie, and Chebela. And for the other *presas*: Rosalea, Queta, Ana Gabriella, and Melissa. Blanca, Rafaela and Blanca continue to minister to these women each Monday. I will join them whenever I can be in Mexico.

## Margarita and Alejandra.....continued

Well, Barb and Frank had to leave LA before the doctors' appointments were completed. (They didn't even return to Mexico for the house-building project. God had used them for His purpose...getting Margarita and Alejandra to LA for those Shriners Hospital appointments. Thank you, Barb and Frank. It was even more of a challenge as they don't speak Spanish and Margarita does not speak English!) Shriners allowed Margarita and Alejandra to stay the weekend at Margarita's brother and sister's homes and to return Monday and Tuesday for more consultation appointments. Margarita's temporary visa was to expire on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Shriners transportation office purchased bus tickets for Margarita and Alejandra to travel to Tucson late on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. I was to pick them up at the Greyhound bus station at 6:30am Wednesday in Tucson. (We had returned to Tucson on April 28<sup>th</sup>) We planned to bring them home for breakfast and to rest. Then, my friend Sue and I were planning to drive them to Lukeville, Arizona. Margarita was to turn in her temporary visa and Pat was going to pick them up and drive them the rest of the way to Puerto Peñasco. Well, the 6:30am bus (which was very late) did not hold Margarita and Alejandra! I asked at the desk and they said, well maybe they will come on the next bus...scheduled to arrive at 9:55am. OK. I drove home and returned for the 9:55am bus (late, again), but no friends on that bus either. I started to be very concerned and had the bus customer service staff call the Phoenix, Blythe, LA and even El Paso stations to inquire if there was a Hispanic woman who only spoke Spanish with a handicapped daughter in stroller. No one had seen them. I called the Shriners Hospital. They confirmed she had been taken to the bus station the previous night. They called Margarita's sister and she was very worried as she thought Margarita would have been "with her friend Lucy" by then. When we called Margarita's brother's number we could only leave a voice mail and never received a call back. I spent hours and hours that Wednesday at the bus station and on the phone, trying to find my precious friends. Margarita had my phone number and I couldn't figure out why she did not call me. She knew the plan was for me to meet her at the bus station in Tucson Wednesday morning. I tried not to worry that something had happened to them and that they couldn't figure out how to get help. We had entrusted them to the Lord's care all day. Many were praying for them. We prayed that Good Samaritans and angels would be in place to assist and protect them. Finally, at 8pm Wednesday we "let them go". We decided that they had decided to stay in the United States illegally. Margarita had seen the much higher lifestyle that was available here and the access to health care. We envisioned her brother offering her a place to stay with him. I could understand how she might have been tempted to leave the poverty of her living situation in Mexico. We were disappointed to think that she had not been honest with us.

Mid afternoon on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> after not hearing anything from Margarita or her brother, I called the Lukeville Border Agents to let them know that we had 'lost track' of Margarita and she would not be returning by the expiration of her temporary visa. They asked where she was. I responded that we did not know! I apologized and hoped Frank's passport would not be affected negatively by this infraction!

At 7:30pm I received a phone call from a man who was "calling for Margarita". He spoke English and said he was a shuttle bus driver and had just driven Margarita to Puerto Peñasco! She was there with him (Oh, that Good Samaritan we had prayed for) and had asked him to call us to let us know she was there at the bus station. I spoke briefly with Margarita, but we were much too emotional to understand each other's Spanish! I promised the driver someone would be there to pick her up within 10 minutes. I called Pat and he was on his way to the bus in a flash. All the memories of how we had not trusted her crushed us in disbelief.

Later, I spoke with Pat to get the whole story. ...For some reason, when the bus from LA had arrived in Phoenix at 3 am Wednesday the bus driver told Margarita they needed to get off there. She tried to say





she was to meet a friend in Tucson, but he wouldn't understand and left both of them there in the bus station alone. She tried to talk with some men in the station but they turned out to be INS employees. They checked her papers and told her she shouldn't be going to Tucson. It was out of the way to be going back to Puerto Peñasco. They would not make a phone call for her. (Margarita's cell phone only works in Mexico.) She fell asleep in the bus station and when she woke up there was woman in the station selling burritos. She spoke Spanish and Margarita explained her situation. The woman took charge of the situation. She put a sign out to collect donations for this woman and her handicapped daughter to get a bus ticket back to Puerto Peñasco. They collected the needed \$48. The next bus was to leave the next morning. The burrito lady (Thank you, Lord for sending an angel!) took them to a women's shelter so they could bathe, eat and sleep and got them back to the station for the shuttle bus the next day. Margarita arrived at the Lukeville US Border station at 6pm on May 1<sup>st</sup> to hand in her temporary visa. The Border agents tried to call me to let me know, but I didn't hear my phone ring. The shuttle bus driver made sure Margarita and Alejandra got safely into the station in Puerto Peñasco and called for a ride for them. Wow! We are learning a lot. Trust. Faith. God will protect our loved ones. Things are not always as they seem. Don't judge too quickly. Have patience....To name a just few.

### More things from Lucy's heart...

*I was praying about so many things tonight including for many of you and many issues in Mexico and here at home. God spoke clearly to me....His word was "have faith"! It is impossible to please God and receive things from Him, even things He has promised to us, unless we have faith. \* He wants us to believe Him and take Him at His word no matter what the circumstances say. I was reading the story of the spies in Numbers 13. Ten spies looked at the circumstances and became discouraged. They didn't have the faith to believe what God had already promised them. They never made it to the promised land. Two spies took God at His word and were ready to do battle no matter what the enemy looked like. Forty five years later they made it to the promised land.*

*I want to encourage all of you to have FAITH that God is going to take care of you (and your loved ones!). We need to all trust that God can do anything. He is trustworthy. We must have the faith to follow Him and believe.*

*Some verses to back this up:*

Matthew 9:29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you"

Romans 1:17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

I want to be an encourager (Hebrews 10:25) as it is so important ...especially when circumstances look grim. I hope that you will be encouraged and take God at His word...that He will never leave you or forsake you! Remember the story of Margarita and Alejandra!

\*thoughts taken from Fresh Faith by Jim Cymbala

**Thank you for your prayers and for partnering with us for Eternal results,  
Lucy**

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(Angela and four month old Jafet)

## Get involved in upcoming projects in Sonora

### **June 7:**

Community Health Education Event: El Diamante, Sonora. Camp, serve and be prepared for heat!

### **Late August:**

Water fun day and neighborhood outreach: Invasion neighborhood, Puerto Peñasco. Families welcome. Needs: no more tears Shampoo, towels, soccer and plastic balls, and volunteers to love families and cut hair. Camp with us or stay in a hotel. Contact us to get involved. We will also be distributing donated school uniforms.

### **Prayer requests:**

- For healing for Alejandra, 7 year old with cerebral palsy. Also, that her mother, Margarita, can get a Visa to be able to travel to the US with her daughter to future doctor's appointments
- For the "March for Jesus" being held in Puerto Peñasco Saturday, May 17 at 6pm. 13 churches will be uniting together to march down the main street to lift the name of Jesus. They will walk to the baseball stadium and there they will pray for the Mayor and his cabinet. A praise and worship concert will follow. What a unique opportunity for unity among the churches and pastors! The theme verses for this march are taken from Joel chapter 2:

12 "Even now," declares the LORD,  
"return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting and weeping and mourning."

13 Rend your heart  
and not your garments.  
Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and abounding in love,  
and he relents from sending calamity

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion,  
declare a holy fast,  
call a sacred assembly.

16 Gather the people,  
consecrate the assembly;

bring together the elders,  
gather the children,  
those nursing at the breast.  
Let the bridegroom leave his room  
and the bride her chamber.

18 Then the LORD will be jealous for his land  
and take pity on his people.

19 The LORD will reply to them:

"I am sending you grain, new wine and oil,  
enough to satisfy you fully;  
never again will I make you  
an object of scorn to the nations.

### **Needs for Mexico:**

- **Men's socks (tube and peds), underwear (sizes 34, 38 and 38) and disposable razors for men prisoners.**
- **Sewing machines in good working order to help women in starting micro-businesses.**
- **Exterior and interior house paint.**
- **Vehicles and RV's in good working order**
- **Flat bed trailer for pastor**



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Thank you for your prayers and support!

*May this be our claim at the end of each day...*

**“I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.” Joshua 14:8b**



