

# Prayer walking barrio in Mexico



## Travel Journal of

## Manos de Dios

## Missions to Mexico

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### What we're doing...

Encouraging, equipping &  
empowering indigenous  
Pastors in Sonora, Mexico

Prison Ministry in  
Puerto Peñasco, Sonora

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ourselves and others

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**Manos de Dios** undergirds our home church, Pantano Christian Church of Tucson, Arizona each year when they bring a team to Puerto Peñasco to build homes for families in the barrio. This November a group of 185 people traveled to Peñasco to build four homes. Manos de Dios provided an opportunity for the team members who preferred children's evangelical outreaches to the construction of houses. We were blessed to not only have our team Chaplains, Shirley and Dave, but the trip Chaplain, Diane participate with our "Los Niños" team!

Our Los Niños team focus was 'what is God already doing and how can we participate?' We spent our first afternoon prayer walking the area that Pantano Church would be building the four houses and where we would hold our final children's outreach Saturday morning. We invited God's Spirit to pour out over this neighborhood. We exalted God over each home and family and prayed blessings over them. We listened for God to direct our prayers, songs and reading of scriptures. It was a wonderful experience for the entire team which ranged in age from 6 to 66! Many neighbors called out to us and took us up on our offer of, 'can we pray for you?' What a precious privilege to listen to God with and for our new friends. We encouraged, prayed for healing,





Pastora Rafa (of El Sembrador Church) and neighborhood boy jump as Clown Lucy turns the rope.

Jan helps boys make pictures of themselves...and declares the truth that God loves them just they way they are!



And spoke words of hope and God's grace. The team courageously prayed in English and used the little Spanish they knew.

Friday the Los Niños team teamed up with two separate churches to provide a morning and afternoon outreach event for children in their neighborhoods. The children enjoyed games (soccer and jump rope), crafts, face painting, making a Gospel message bracelet, plus lot of hugs! We then sang together songs with lots of 'motions' including **Zequeo** (Zacheous), un **Buen Soldado** (A Good Soldier < in the army of God>), **Yo Tengo un Amigo** (I have a friend <in Jesus>). The Los Niños team acted out 3 Bible stories, leading to the conclusion that God is the God of miracles...and He is the same today, yesterday and tomorrow! The **Pastoras** led the children in a prayer and we sang **Soy Libre** (I'm free!) as we danced joyfully. Many of our team prayed over mommies that had come with their children. Our team prayed blessings over the Pastor and his family before leaving one church. Praise God for a team that was willing and ready to be used by God in however He would lead!

Saturday the Los Niños team went out early to the area we had prayer walked the first day, which was the near the four nearly-completed Amor houses. We cleaned off a vacant lot, set up our EZ ups and tables and started up the generator. The children's praise music rang out in the neighborhood and children and parents began to come. We welcomed them and did the same program we had 'perfected' from the previous day. Children and moms joined us in singing enthusiastically '**Soy Libre**'. We danced with our newly created pipe cleaner butterflies! Precious



children bowed their head and prayed with Clown Lucy to receive Jesus into their hearts. Praise God!

Our team was able to attend the dedication of one or more of the completed houses. What a touching occasion to present the keys of a newly built home to the family!

Dennis and I grew from this experience of truly listening to God throughout the entire short term mission trip with the Los Niños team! We thank God for this group's transparency, hard work, and hearts prepared to serve.

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**"It is for  
freedom that  
Christ has set  
us free."  
Galations 5:1**

**Diane with Lupita & Sergio after praying to accept Jesus into their hearts!**

