



Manos de Dios, Hands of God Ministries

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Sharing the message of Jesus with indigenous people in northern Arizona and Mexico



Lucy & Dennis with Margarita and Alejandra in Puerto Peñasco

¡Un viaje muy especial a Mexico!

(A very special trip to Mexico!)

After nearly six years we returned to Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico to visit friends. When we moved back to the US from Mexico in August of 2010 it was so difficult to say good-bye to our friends. We had ministered together in “el cereso” (the prison), worshiped together, Marched for Jesus (in the annual march of unity for all the Christian churches in Peñasco), learned to speak the language, and grown to love the Mexican people. We sensed that God was calling us to come back to the states to seek Him for the next place He had for us. We spent the next year praying, listening for God’s direction, studying His Word, strengthening our marriage...and waiting. At the end of that year we followed a lead from an old DVD to explore the White Mountain Apache Reservation and the rest is history!

We had many ‘tools in our tool belt’ from the years we spent in Mexico. God had taught us so much and all of that was to be used in our new area of ministry.

So, we had much to share with our friends in Mexico when we visited Peñasco for 4 days in May. We took a photo album to share pictures of “our girls” who attend Desert Christian School, of our Heart House (complete with snow) in the White Mountains, of the Living Hope Center and clients in Whiteriver, and of Apache people and their culture.

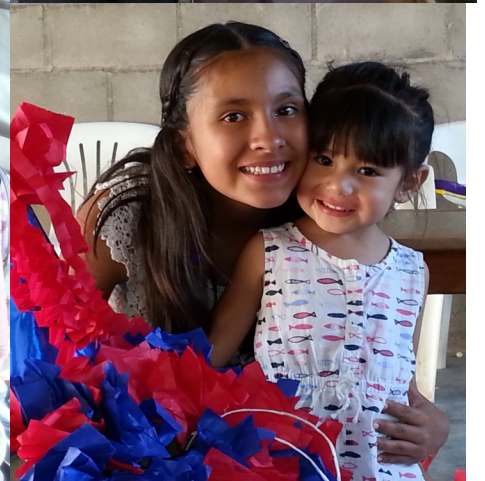
Our friends were so welcoming and interested in what God had been doing in our lives. And they shared the many areas of growth and challenge in their lives. We shed tears of joy and picked up where we left off...as soon as my Spanish language came back! Praise God for sisters and brothers in Christ from every tongue and nation!

Dios les bendiga para siempre (May God bless you always)...Lucy

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¡Amigos y amigas en Mexico!



Update from Men's and Women's Rehab Centers in Mexico...by Dennis



Lucy & Dennis with Pastor Jose and Ana, directors of the Men's & Women's Rehab Centers in Puerto Peñasco. The chapel lists the hours the men's center holds church services open to the community.

Jose and Ana Cruz have been a part of our Christian family for about ten years. In those ten years we have seen many improvements and success stories at both the Men and Women's Rehab Centers in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico. This has been due to Pastor Jose and Ana's total dedication to serving Jesus and serving those coming out of addictions and life on the streets. They are truly acting as God's hands and feet...Las Manos de Dios!

During our recent visit to Peñasco, I discovered that the Woman's Center is in need of three small rooms to be built on to their existing building. After prayer and asking God how we can help, it was put on our hearts to assist them by helping to provide the counseling room they need. The building will be made of block (their preference) and some of the men from the Men's Center will help provide the labor. In the near future I will be



Women's Rehab center where additional rooms are needed.

sending out a request for financial support to help fund this project. And if there is a desire, we can put together a small team to help construct the building. The members of this work team will have the privilege of seeing first hand how Jose and Ana are a blessing to the community! Please prayerfully consider how you can help!

New "bed" provided for Alejandra...by Dennis



We were so blessed to have our friends and supporters, Debby and Terry travel with us to Peñasco. They love Margarita and Alejandra and provided a much needed car for them a few years ago. When we first arrived at Margarita's home, she told us with tears in her eyes how much the car has meant to her and how it has literally changed their lives.

Alejandra is growing. She is now 15-years-old and becoming more active. She was currently sleeping in a playpen, but Margarita was desperate to find a different sleeping arrangement for Ale. Ale, even with her disability, is now strong enough to pull herself up on the sides of the playpen

and had even fallen out a few times while Margarita was busy sewing in the next room!

Margarita had seen a 'mini trampoline' at the new Sam's Club in town. It had tall sides made of mesh and cushioned supports. She dreamed of having this for Ale and covering some foam with soft material to make a mattress to serve as a bed/play pen for her daughter. But, it was priced at 2999 pesos (or \$187 in US dollars)!

Well, Debby, Terry, Lucy, Margarita, Alejandra and I visited the Sam's Club, checked out the mini trampoline and purchased one for Alejandra from our Manos de Dios funds. Then....to put it together!! Terry and I put the parts together while Debby followed the directions....provided only in Spanish!! We are so thankful to our friends, Debby & Terry, for their help! Alejandra and I entered the 'new bed' through the zippered opening. It is "grande y muy suave" (large and very nice!) Margarita will be providing the covered foam and have a safe place for her daughter. Praise God!



Girls finish up school year at Desert Christian Schools



Riscilla with date, Nathan, at their Winter Formal



Riscilla with host sister, Stephanie at “FUN” photo booth



(left)
Naomi
(and
classmate)
sing solos
at spring
concert

(right)
Drelyn
works on
stage crew
for school's
musical
production



Work project...by Dennis

Five men who worship at Calvary Chapel Round Valley Church joined me in a work project one Saturday morning. We scraped off ALL the old paint from the exterior of the Living Hope Center in Springerville to get it ready to be painted. We also did touch up painting on the inside and repaired a toilet. *Thanks guys, you were a blessing to me and the center!*

After the project was completed, we had a time of fellowship and a delicious meal at Avery's BBQ Restaurant. If you are ever in Springerville, AZ you must eat there. It is a Christian-owned family restaurant on the west side of town on Hwy 60. Delicious and so worth the trip!



Men's work team from Calvary Chapel Round Valley enjoy lunch after work project at Living Hope Center in Springerville.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" Matthew 7:21-23

...Making sure we are following the True Jesus on the Bible!

"Test everything!"...by Dennis

"Test all things; hold fast what is good." 1 Thessalonians 5:21

As many of you already know, I am doing research and posting blogs on false teachers. In addition to knowing who the false teachers are, it is also important to understand the organizations they associate with and the people they partner with.

With that said, I will be posting information on the NAR, the "New Apostolic Reformation", which followers are joining in mass numbers. I will also discuss the Emergent Church, the idea of a one world church and how all these tie together.

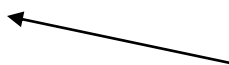
If you wonder why I study and post the information it is because I am trying to follow scripture, especially as we see the end time is nearer. The scripture I follow include the above quoted from 1 Thessalonians and

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1

And...

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them."
Ephesians 5:11

I encourage you to test everything I post and if you ever read anything I write that is not scripturally accurate or find that I have mis-quoted someone, please let me know. Back up your comments with proof and if I am found to be incorrect I will repent and retract the incorrect information. I am only interested in God's truth.





Students and host families at annual end-of-school year gathering

We had a great time of fun and fellowship at our annual student/host family gathering when we celebrated the end of another school year! There was plenty of food and beverages and even a special dessert. I brought back 3 cases of Coca Cola from Mexico when we were there a week ago. What is special about Coke from Mexico? It is made with real cane sugar and has a sweeter taste than our 'processed-sugar' Coke. So the special dessert had to be Coke floats!!

It was a special time of celebration! We honored these wonderful girls as they finish their school year and prepare to return to their homes in Whiteriver. And we thanked and asked God to bless our generous host families. (The Charles family, Riscilla's current host family, could not attend, but the Smith's joined us as they will be hosting Riscilla next year!)Dennis

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Prayers for the summer...

Lord,

Please keep the girls safe while they are at home in Whiteriver.

Provide guidance and creative ideas for Riscilla as she puts together a 3-day Vacation Bible School for children in her home neighborhood in July.

Please bring more workers into Your harvest (Luke 10:2)...we need more Client Advocates at the Whiteriver Living Hope Center...especially as Lucy's co-worker, Naomi (age 44), is pregnant with twins!!

Please provide three host families for the 2016/2017 school year.



Naomi and Thearsa finish up their basketball season for Desert Christian Middle School team.