

Manos de Dios and Pro-Love Tucson Autumn Newsletter

.....by Dennis

During this season of our mission activities it is not so much as how much we have accomplished as it is what we have accomplished through the guidance, direction, and calling of the Holy Spirit.

The first thing we strive to do when serving is to be OBEDIENT to the Lord and do what He has called us to do regardless of the outcome. If we can do this, then we have already accomplished something for the Lord. The second thing we strive to do is to be content with the outcome of our obedience, when we do what He asks, because He decides the results, not us. The third thing we strive to do is to give Him credit for the successes we see and any future successes and not credit our training, determination, and hard work. Another thing we strive to do is to be the light we are called to be and to encourage, and train when necessary, others to become involved using whatever gifts the Holy Spirit has given them.



With that said, we would like to share with you some of the activities we have been doing: both the blessings and the struggles.

Pro-Love Tucson:

Lucy has been blessed with the ability to coordinate and organize a group of people that minister in front of the only Planned Parenthood (PP)/abortion facility in Pima County (southern Arizona). She conducts training seminars to equip participants with the knowledge of how to be a “prayerful peaceful presence” in front of PP and minister to the men and women coming for services. There have been many women/girls who have listened to and received the information



from the Pro-Love Tucson sidewalk advocates and have decided not to go in, choosing to go to a more life-affirming healthcare clinic. The same is true for women/young girls who have changed their minds and decided not to have an abortion after being ministered to and prayed for by the Pro-Love Tucson team. The Pro-Love Tucson volunteers have given out 646 gift bags so far in 2020! These contain a variety of information including offers of help and hope to those in an unexpected pregnancy situation and other related concerns. The successes that generate the most joy and praise are when a woman who came to PP for an abortion receives encouragement from Pro-Love Tucson sidewalk advocates, reviews the resources provided, welcomes prayer and then decides NOT to have the abortion. And there have been many! So far in 2020 we know of 14 women who have chosen life not only for their pre-born child, but for themselves! As I mentioned, the numbers are not important, the important thing is that the team is there to minister to those in difficult situations and the Lord handles the rest. The main struggle Pro-Love Tucson has is there are not enough volunteers to cover the hours they would like to be on the sidewalk when PP is open! As Matthew 9:37 reminds us ***“He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is great, but the workers are few.’ ”*** It was true then and it is true now. Praying for more who will step up to be trained as sidewalk advocates and prayer partners!



Manos de Dios, NFP:

Manos de Dios leads a more quiet life in the background while ministering along with Pro-Love Tucson but that does not mean our mission is less important. A praise: Drellyn, who graduated from Desert Christian HS, is attending Northland Pioneer College and is being recruited by Kings College in New York (with a full ride scholarship). Struggle: she broke her foot and has had one surgery and may have to have another and is prayerfully trying to decide whether to go to college in NY, far from family and home.



Riscilla, another of our students who graduated and went to Northern Arizona University for one year, has a good job at the Walmart in Show Low and has been working on a plan for the future. She hopes to be able to move back to Tucson and attend Pima College. Her struggle: saving enough money to be able to move to Tucson and to find scholarships to help with tuition.

Naomi (shown on right with host sister, Sarah), our junior in high school, has encountered a few challenges in her life and is now in the process of getting her GED. She has made some drastic changes in her life. With the love and support from her mom, her host family, Lucy and I and a few others that are part of her extended family she is growing in wisdom, maturity and the need to face challenges head on. Struggles: making hard decisions, sacrificing, and doing her part.



Manos de Dios is still involved in our Mexican families' lives; One supporter plus Lucy and I still support the men's and women's rehab centers in Peñasco (Pastors Jose and Anna). We are blessed to report that those centers are still ministering to the men and women in a positive and meaningful way. They have many success stories of the men and women turning their lives around, staying clean and dedicating their lives to the Lord. Jose and Anna are also still ministering in the local prison.

Another blessing to report from Mexico is from Margarita and Alejandra. Maggie's health has been relatively good and her spirits are almost always high. Her daughter, Ale, has had some struggles with her health but the Lord has brought her through those illnesses. Due to financial assistance from people who know and/or love Margarita, she had been blessed with a vehicle to replace the one that



was donated many years ago and was on its last leg. This new-to-her vehicle has made it possible for her to safely take Ale to many doctors' and rehab appointments in Peñasco and Hermosillo. Support has also enabled Ale to have studies done on her brain (due of seizures), dental examinations and a mouth guard, and just this week, Maggie bought 4 new tires for her car. I could go on and on listing the blessings Maggie and Ale have received over the years but that, again, is not the point. The point is not how many blessings she has received; the point is that Christians saw a genuine need and have stepped up and unselfishly, and without constantly knowing where their financial support was going, shared what they had with someone in need. They are truly "letting their light shine."

What is in the future for Manos de Dios and Pro-Love Tucson, only God knows. Until we are called to change directions by the Holy Spirit we will continue to grow the ministry at PP (until it is closed down) and pour into the clients that are met on the street; minister to Naomi and our other Apache students who have gone back to the Rez, weaving the love of Jesus in all we do, and speaking at churches concerning the importance of speaking up for the most vulnerable humans: the pre-born! And, a new program will be announced soon which will involve a new web site and information on the responsibilities, legal rights, emotional and medical educational material, and more specifically for single fathers of the baby (with specific information that will be helpful to teenage single fathers of the baby). It will be called "The Forgotten Partner Network." Watch for more information soon!

We continue to care for Lucy's Dad who will turn 94-years-old this month! We thank God for His provision, our supporters, and our homes which enable us to care for Dad and share with 'our' girls and their families.

To God be all the Glory!

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