

Mission to the Children

News Update

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PASTOR'S CORNER

"So you will be my people, and I will be your God" (Jeremiah 30:22 NIV).

This verse from the book of the prophet Jeremiah was the focus of our Spanish Speaking Pastors Quarterly Conference in Sasabe, Sonora that took place on September 18th. Mission to the Children was gracious enough to loan one of their vans for the American pastors' transportation. The simple yet timeless truth of Jeremiah 30:22 is worth much consideration. All sinners fail to love and honor God as we ought to. Still we are blessed to be called God's people. How is this possible? Not because of our vain attempts to earn God's favor. We are God's people only because of his unconditional love shown through Jesus Christ.

This central focus on Christ and the promises he offers ought to be the motivation of all Christians – in Jeremiah's time when facing imminent destruction by the Babylonian army, in a quarterly conference with pastors from two countries and synods, or in the blessed humanitarian efforts that Mission to the Children provides to Sonoran families in need. All that a Christian is stems from the gospel truth found in Jeremiah 30:22. May Christians today and tomorrow never forget that they are God's people because of his love and Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Pastor Timothy Patoka, Spiritual Advisor for Mission to the Children.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School Supplies and Despensa distribution with Bible studies in the Sonora Ministry by **Mike Indest.**

I was honored to represent "Crown of Life" by being part of the Mission to the Children's team visiting Sonora, Mexico. It's always interesting to watch how other ministries operate and I always keep my eyes open to find ways that I can minister more effectively. My portion of the trip started on Thursday afternoon as I flew into Las Vegas, NV to meet Missionary John Kramer. He explained a bit about how these mission trips work as we flew together to Tucson, AZ to meet with the rest of the team.

Friday morning we got up early and loaded the vans with school supplies. Another team had already separated and color coded supplies for each village so all we had to do was load the vans and roll. After we crossed the border our first mission stop was the village of San Jose. I started to have a better understanding of how things work after that first stop. We handed out the supplies and John gave a short devotion. We repeated the same formula twice more that day in the villages of La Sangre and San Manuel.

Below-Children coloring a picture of Jesus walking on water.



We spent the night at Atil where we also had the first of three meetings of the day. The picture on the right shows some of the 75 plus children that attended. The adults were in the house listening to a sermon by Pastor Victor. We not only handed out school supplies, but also food vouchers which we bought from the local stores so the money would stay in the local village. On Sunday we visited two villages and then headed back to Tucson, AZ.

It was a very eye-opening experience for me. I've been south of the border before and it's always disconcerting to see the level of poverty. It is also always a joy to share with them physical and spiritual blessings. Both of which we share because Christ first loved us.

Ministry can be messy and seem non-productive sometimes. A business consultant would never tell Jesus to feed 5,000 people for so little return, yet Jesus fed the hungry people because He loved them. It's a great reminder that we need to keep our eyes on what we are called to do, "Go into the world and preach the gospel"(Mark 16:15) and care for the "least of these" (Matthew 25). God knows who will be in his kingdom, we just need to be obedient.

Another great part of the trip was the fellowship with John Kramer and Kent Phillips who both shared lots of wisdom (and a few bad jokes) I will not soon forget.

"Mission to the Children" are always looking for volunteers and support. If you want to find out more you can visit them at:
<http://www.missiontothechildren.org>.



In Memory

We all have lost a true friend and sister-in-Christ, Mary Ann Chavez Rosas. Mary Ann passed away peacefully on September 6, 2017.



She served the Lord by being the Office Manager and a volunteer for so many, many years with MttC. She will always be remembered for her wonderful smile, her hard work, her love and so much compassion for children. We have truly lost part of our hearts when the Lord decided it was time for her to come home. She will be so missed.