

Mission News

Foundation for His Ministry - Transforming communities in Mexico starting with kids.



Letter from our Executive Director

If you had told me at this time last year about the pandemic, I would have had a hard time believing you. I didn't have the context to imagine a quarantine. I couldn't imagine canceling visitors to our missions for most of the year, canceling beloved traditions like Night in Bethlehem, and having board meetings over Zoom instead of in person. But this is the reality in which we find ourselves. And that is the reality most of the world is living in.

But despite all of the challenges, I can still clearly see God's goodness and faithfulness to His Ministry. We continue to care for and disciple over 150 children in our homes. Our outreach teams at each location have found new ways to share the Gospel with the poor and unreached. Our staff has been faithful to their calls amidst quarantines and not being able to visit family. And our donors have generously provided the finances we need to continue doing what God is calling us to do.

The biggest highlight for me this year was the expansion of our ministry in Tijuana. In the middle of a pandemic, we purchased a 6 unit apartment building that will house our young adults as they transition into independence. Our team, headed up by Tim and Jill Smith, worked tirelessly to get our TJ House ready. This house will provide a home for 20 girls currently living in a government run shelter. In a time when many ministries needed to cut back and trim expenses, we have moved forward in obedience to God by expanding our ministry and reach.

So while this was a sad and disappointing year, it also was a year full of blessings and joy. Reflecting on this year brings to mind, Isaiah 61:3 which describes the work of Jesus in our lives: "and provide for those who grieve in Zion, to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor."

We asked the directors of each location to write how they saw God at work during this year. I hope your faith is grown and you feel encouraged to hear their stories.

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Sara Petersen Baja Director

Even though 2020 has been a year of great challenge, disappointments, frustrations, and sadness, we have seen many miracles, changes, and teamwork shine through the darkness of this year.

Our biggest little miracle is Hope. Hope came to the orphanage just before Christmas in 2019. In February, we received a grim diagnosis about her heart. Hope was going to need a miracle to get a lifesaving surgery, especially during a pandemic. After countless emails, calls, and inquiries to foundations, hospitals, and doctors, it appeared that there was nothing but closed doors. In June, an organization that works specifically on Downs Syndrome heart surgeries contacted us with a hospital willing to take on Hope. Miracles happen!!! Hope had successful open-heart surgery in August and is a happy, healthy girl.

This year we also started Rafa's house, a halfway house for men. In March, the first occupant was accepted, and a new part of the Baja ministry was born. As of July, we are full to capacity.

In addition to these incredible miracles, our children's home continues to be a light in our community. We currently have 80 children. Each child comes with their own story; our house-parents diligently care for and work towards healing each child.

Because of COVID, we have also changed the way that we educate our children. Our on-site school, which usually covers k-6th grade, has grown to accommodate our junior and senior high students while their schools are closed. We view this as

an opportunity to work with our older children and help them grow in their academic skills. The staff has stepped in to help cover classes. In fact, our Learning Center staff have taken on all of the high schoolers, allowing our kids to advance academically while physical schools are closed. I am grateful to God for this year. It has been a challenge, but I have seen our staff grow in incredible ways.

In addition to the areas I have highlighted, I've seen our daycare continue to minister to a lost community, our Rancho de Cristo continues in their commitment to helping heal men from addiction, and the clinic even opened their OR. It's been a privilege to walk through this year with the staff and kids at the mission. We are awaiting the day when we can receive our visitors again. We miss you and what you bring to the mission. Our Guest Relations staff are ready to receive our extended family, the visitors, as soon as we are able.



Baja Mission

Ministries:

Our largest children's home is in Baja and provides love, care, education, and discipleship for 80 children who have been abandoned, orphaned, or abused.

We operate a daycare where over 100 children come to be cared for and disciplined while their parents work in the surrounding community.

Our Oasis school now has over 100 students. Because of the effect of COVID on schools, we are providing education for all of the children and teenagers living at the mission.

The children's program at the Mission Church in Baja, OviKids, now has five different locations where they go weekly to share the love of Jesus.

Our outreach team continues to show the love of God to those in their community by meeting practical needs and being the hands and feet of Jesus.

This year we were able to dedicate a new walkway that tells the story of the miracles God has done in the last 54 years of this ministry. A small reception was held honoring Chuck and Charla Perea for their obedience and faithfulness for so many years.

We completed construction on the operating room at the clinic and are able to offer necessary surgeries to those in the surrounding communities.

Rancho de Cristo is our men's drug and alcohol rehab. Many men are coming to know the love of Jesus and His power to transform their lives and free them from addiction.

This year we dedicated and began the operation of Rafa's House. We started this ministry to provide men the next step as they leave rehab centers and prisons. They live in community while seeking employment, gaining skills, and being restored to families.



"Story of Faith"

Jonathon Deras Oaxaca Director

God has been working miraculously in Oaxaca, with new leadership, and amid a pandemic. God has demonstrated his power in many ways throughout the ministry. Following are some areas that have been highlights of the work of God and the faith required to carry them out:

In the nursery, we remodeled the entire inside, including the roof, bathroom, painting, furniture, and kitchen, to reopen in December with 8 babies. The Director of the Children's Home, Ceferino, has reached an agreement with social services to bring all of these children here. The majority of them have no family or support system. At the same time, we started doing improvements on all of the houses, beginning with the most necessary, the teenage boys and little boys, changing and restoring paint, furniture, bedrooms, and bathrooms.

One of the goals of the leadership team in Oaxaca was to increase the number of children in the home. In four months, we have gone from 32 children to 45, and by the middle of December, we will arrive at the goal of 60. These are all kids that are in desperate need of a stable and loving environment.

We have needed a new transformer for a long time. The equipment and cables are installed but don't work. We needed a professional electrician to do the blueprints and installation. God provided some one is a family member of our cook Nayely who spoke to us about a company he had worked with for this need. We invited them to come and see the work of God here, and they decided to help us. They are absorbing the majority of the costs, We praise God for this provision.



Oaxaca Mission

Ministries:

Our beautiful children's home in Oaxaca has over 60 children. We are receiving babies and toddlers from the government shelter. We are grateful for the opportunity to care for and disciple all of these children.

Our Oasis school in Oaxaca has 12 children between 3rd - 6th grade. This school's focus is to help those children with learning disabilities succeed and catch students up to their appropriate grade level to pursue further education.

We support eight missionaries in the mountains of Oaxaca that are overseen by Yadira and Esteban. These heroes of the faith are living and serving in towns where there are people who have not yet heard about Jesus or where there is no existing church. We plan to support a missionary in each of the regions of Oaxaca. In the next year, we hope to add at least 2 missionaries to this team.



Pablo Mendez heads up our prison ministry in Oaxaca. He regularly visits two prisons and shares with both men and women about the love of Jesus and how their lives can be restored through the Gospel. Because of COVID, families weren't able to visit, as usual, so we were able to supply prisoners with basic groceries and toiletries.



Sinaloa Mission

"Year of Blessings"
Hugo Moldonado, Sinaloa Director

We thank God for this year as it comes. For many, this was a challenging year due to the pandemic. During this time, we saw God's hand move favorably in our ministry. We were able to continue blessing families and discipling groups of children through our different activities in the middle of so much need.

One of the activities that we continue doing is the breakfast club. God has been faithful, and we have seen how His provision of food never lacks every Friday for these little ones.

We also give thanks to God for the donors' faithfulness. Due to their support, it has been possible to bless many families living in extreme poverty. During these times, many do not have work, and we could help them with groceries and tarps.

We are very blessed to see how God has been moving in our favor. Despite being in the middle of so much sickness and need, we have been able to visit places in the mountains of Sinaloa and disciple groups of children.

And not only this but in a time of economic uncertainty in Mexico, God provided for us to finish our dorms to receive Spanish-speaking groups to help with outreach activities.

Through all of this, we can say our hearts are full of gratitude to God and the people who have helped make this all possible.



Ministries:

The breakfast club meets every Friday morning for a meal, craft, and Bible lesson. These are kids living in the community surrounding our home in San Pedro, and they are all living in extreme poverty.

Our team visits the migrant camps and mountain communities weekly, where they have the chance to share the Gospel with the field workers who come from all over Mexico looking for work and those living in communities affected by the drug cartels.

We have completed a two-story visitor center and can now host Spanish speaking teams at this location. A small group of FFHM leaders went down for the dedication of this building.



Tijuana Mission

Lude Rodriguez Tijuana Director

In April of 2020, the plan of expanding the ministry of FFHM in Tijuana took shape. Our goal is to launch young adults into independence when they leave our children's homes and, at the same time, offer them support to reach their dreams.

At the same time, we continued to see the tremendous need among the children of Tijuana. We put structure to our strategy for rescuing children, restoring the broken, and reaching the lost. Our dream: a children's home with a space that was less institutional and felt more like living in a family.

In the middle of a pandemic and in times of economic crisis and uncertainty worldwide, the provision and faithfulness of God allowed us to buy a beautiful building. Our young adults will have a space to set goals and fulfill dreams: going to the University, technical schools, or working.

We began to remodel the old TJ House to be used as a girls' home with a capacity for 20. Many people have helped advance this project: making plans, laying blocks, sawing wood, putting down floor, painting, decorating...serving!!

God wants us to be clear that He will work in His own way, in His own time, and they are both always best. For now, it's our job to call on Him, TO TRUST IN HIM, to wait on Him, to believe in Him.

I want to share what God spoke to me in my devotions on August 22, 2020:

"Enlarge your house, build an extension. Extend your home and spare no expense, because soon you will be full to overflowing (near future). Your descendants will occupy other nations and repopulate ruined cities (far future)

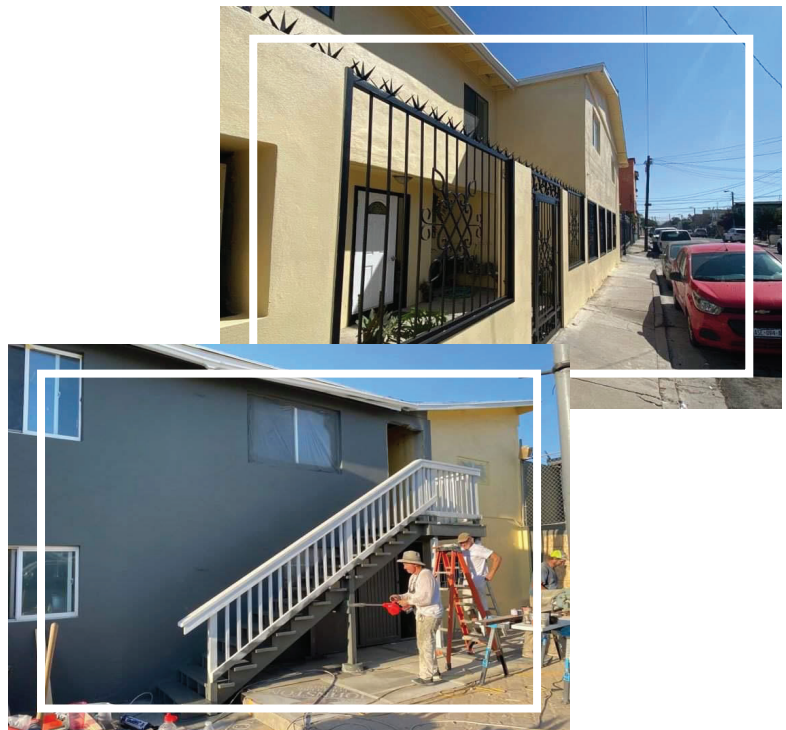
God ... You are the Father of Orphans; you write extraordinary stories, only You! And you say you will! You will do it here; you will do it with the girls you already have in your heart. "



Ministries:

This year we changed how we ministered to our young adults and bought an apartment building to use for transitional housing. We hope to help launch them into adulthood while still offering needed support.

We have been working hard on transforming the former TJ House, used for university students, to house 20 girls who are currently living in a government-run shelter. We are excited about how God has grown our ministry in Tijuana.





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