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A Word From Janelle Keller

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I was privileged to attend the CAFO Summit (Christian Alliance For Orphans) this past September. I attended a workshop by Jason Johnson titled "Reframing Success" and was greatly encouraged by what I heard. I have continued to think about how it applies to our ministry. Jason talked about Hebrews 11, which many call the "hall of faith" passage. This chapter tells of amazing experiences that different people went through – Sarah having a baby at an old age, Moses leading the people out of slavery in Egypt, the walls of Jericho coming down and Rahab's life being spared, people being resurrected from the dead – and many other stories. But then the author also mentions, in this very same chapter, people who were imprisoned, stoned, and sawed in two. The chapter then concludes by saying, "All these were approved through their faith." The people who saw great victories and the people who suffered unimaginable hardships were all counted as successful because of their faithfulness.

I have thought many times about how true this is in our ministry. At our girl's home in Tijuana, four girls were baptized at their church. But also in Tijuana, we have seen girls run away in search of a mother that they know is out there somewhere. At Rafa's house, we celebrated the wedding of a man who was restored to his family and wanted to make it official before the eyes of God. But also at Rafa's House, we have had men leave the program because they couldn't resist the pull of addiction. Mabel, one of our missionaries in the mountains of Oaxaca, was a part of the first baptisms of new believers in a community she has ministered to for years that has been closed off to the Gospel. But Mabel was also then kicked out of the town by the authorities there and still has not been able to return. The common theme in all of these stories is the faithfulness of our staff and donors.

So, as you read this annual report, we highlight all the success stories and the fantastic things we have seen throughout the past year. But know that along with all these stories there are others that have broken our hearts and caused us to question why we chose to enter such a difficult type of ministry. But in all this, we know that God is faithful and good. We are so grateful for the staff members who continue to wake up every morning and choose to obey God and give their lives for this work. And we are thankful for the donors who give out of their plenty or their little, who use their personal resources to keep this vital work going. So, this year we celebrate our successes by the faithfulness that we see everywhere we look.

locations

RESCUE. REACH. RESTORE.



Rescue Children



Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

- James 1:27

Three beautiful homes provide love, shelter, food, clothing, education, and Christian discipleship to 115 children who have been abandoned, abused, or orphaned.

Our schools in Baja and Oaxaca provide a quality education to more than 100 kids while teaching them how to be followers of Jesus.

We were shocked this year to learn that the government was not renewing our contract for the daycare in San Quintin, located half an hour south of the Mission. But since God promises to work all things together for His good, we trusted Him during this time. Within a few months, we had new plans to renovate one of our buildings at the Mission to use for our daycare. This location will be even better for our staff and those we serve. The building is along the route of many field workers, allowing them to leave their children in a safe and nurturing place while they are at work. Our hope is to open in January 2024.

We have 15 young adults living in the transitional apartments in Tijuana. Each one is either attending university or working and gaining the necessary life skills to succeed in adulthood. This year, we celebrate the graduation of one of our students with a degree in fashion design, who has now entered the workforce.

We have completed most of the major renovations to the children's home at the Baja Mission. Our teenage boy's house, House 7, had the most extensive work done, and the results are beautiful. They have brand-new bathrooms, bedrooms, and a





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remodeled kitchen.

In August, we faced the effects of Hurricane Hilary making landfall in Vicente Guerrero, the home of our Baja Mission. Due to the generous response of our donors, we were not only able to repair the damage to some of the buildings but were also able to replace a large portion of the roof in the children's home, instead of just patching them.

Generous donations allow our children and youth to attend Christian camps throughout the year. The Baja and Oaxaca missions continued with their annual family camp; some of the younger kids also attended one in Ensenada, and the girls in Tijuana were able to participate in two different camps during their vacation. Many of them made decisions to follow Jesus due to these experiences. These opportunities are vital to planting and cultivating the seeds of the gospel.

Reach the Lost



*How
beautiful
on the
mountains are
the feet of
those who bring
good news, who
proclaim peace,
who bring good
tidings, who
proclaim salva-
tion, who say
to Zion,
"Your God
reigns!"
- Isaiah 52:7*

We currently support local missionaries in 4 of the 8 regions of Oaxaca. These heroes of the faith are living and serving in towns where people have not yet heard about Jesus, and there is no existing church. Many of these areas are resistant to the gospel and persecute those who become Christians. Within the next year, we plan to support 2 additional missionaries, allowing us to be in 6 of the 8 regions.

For more than 40 years, we have hosted Night in Bethlehem, a Christmas pageant for the community surrounding the Baja Mission. We are restarting this special tradition after a long break due to Covid. Our staff and children creatively portray the gospel message by telling the Christmas story. We are expecting about 500 in attendance.

In Sinaloa, we are serving up to 40 families. We feed the children breakfast, help with homework, provide child-care, as well as, equipping and discipling the mothers to be the best moms that they can be. It is vital that they understand the importance of education, so we are making sure they have the needed documentation and materials to enroll their children in local schools. We aim to equip mothers to keep their families together and their children out of institutions.

Our outreach staff in Oaxaca coordinates an annual con-

A woman in a yellow sleeveless top and glasses stands on the left, speaking to a group of children sitting in a circle on folding chairs outdoors. The setting is a dirt area with trees and a white tent-like structure in the background. A sign on the tent has Spanish text. The top of the page features a decorative border of colorful wooden planks.

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ference for pastors working in the different mountain villages and communities. This year, we had over 300 in attendance. Many of these pastors are serving with little resources and without any network of support. Through this time of teaching, training, and fellowship, these men and women can return to their communities inspired, refreshed, and encouraged.

In Baja, we have increased our partnership with USANA to build and install more garden towers for families in need. These towers allow people to have a sustainable food source right in their own backyard. This project also gives us an excellent opportunity to connect with those in our community and share the gospel with them. Our staff, children, and visitors have built and installed over 100 towers this year alone.

Restore the Broken

*The Lord is
close to the
brokenhearted
and saves
those who
are crushed
in spirit.
- Psalm 34:18*



Rafa's House, which was started 3 years ago, provides men a place of continued discipleship and healing as they rebuild their lives after rehab centers or prison. Currently, 9 men in the program are seeking employment, gaining job skills, and being restored to families. Since the beginning, this ministry has been at capacity. So, this year, we began construction on the second story, which will al-



Restore the Broken



low us to provide care and housing for 20 men in the future.

Rancho de Cristo is our men's drug and alcohol rehab. Currently, 13 men are coming to know the love of Jesus and His power to transform lives and free them from addiction.

The prison ministry in Oaxaca is led by Pablo Mendez. He visits the prison across the street from the Mission multiple times weekly. This year, Pablo and a few other mission staff were permitted to hold a baptism service inside the prison. They baptized 41 men that day, giving each a new Bible.

We continue to dream about how to best care for and restore the lives of broken children. We plan to expand His Ministry to include foster care in the future. We recognize that family is God's design, and children grow best using that model. God has already started moving, and this year, 13 of our children were placed into families with different staff members either through foster care or adoption.



Ways to

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BECOME A SPONSOR

You can be a source of financial support, encouragement, and prayer for one of the children living in our homes in Baja, Oaxaca, or Tijuana. To sign up, visit www.ffhm.org/sponsorships or email sponsorship@ffhm.org

PLAN A VISIT

We have signs posted at each mission that say, "You will never be the same." This is because it is powerful to see God's work in Mexico firsthand. If you want to visit the Baja or Oaxaca mission, please email bajagroups@ffhm.org or oaxacagroups@ffhm.org.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Prayer is vital to the success of His Ministry. We recognize that without God, our work is in vain. Join us on the first Friday of every month to pray for the needs of each location in Mexico. You can get the needed information by emailing kristi@ffhm.org or checking our Facebook page for the Zoom link.

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Our 10-Fold Commitment

1. We will use all contributions as designated by the donors.
2. If a specific project is oversubscribed, the funds will be returned or transferred to a related fund.
3. We will never try to raise more money than is needed.
4. Receipts and thank you letters are sent quickly for all gifts.
5. Our books are audited annually by an outside accounting firm.
6. Financial statements are available upon request.
7. Budgets are carefully set up and approved by the Finance Committee of our U.S. Board.
8. We will continue to maintain our debt-free status. We have never had debt. We have no debts now and will not go into debt and then expect our donors to bail us out.
9. We will maintain minimal administrative costs. The necessary administrative expenses to support this multi-faceted ministry, with its missionary staff of over 100, averages less than 10%.
10. We will never employ emotional sensationalism to release funds for this ministry. We believe "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."

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