



Powdered Milk



Masa and Flour



Canned Vegetables



Rice and Beans



Blankets, Shoes, Clothes

The Blessings of the Lord

The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22

Here we are, moving into our 22nd year of Crossing Borders Ministries! God has been ever faithful, and we thank Him every day for the calling to serve Him by ministering to others. And we thank Him for bringing you into our lives, walking and working alongside us! Together we truly become the hands and feet of Jesus. As we meet the needs of others (Matt. 25:31-40) we demonstrate God's love and compassion, often times to those who don't even recognize His goodness. In Jesus' day, even those who came to hear Him needed to be fed, and today it's no different. So as we feed, clothe, and minister to others, we follow His example of what love looks like.

Last year we were able to care for many thousands of people, from young to old and everyone in between. We have our special projects every year for children and youth, but we continually distribute food, clothing, and other necessities (like the items pictured) through our cooperative network of pastors and missionaries. It bears repeating that these precious men and women of God serve their churches and communities for little or no pay. They work outside their churches to support themselves, so when fuel prices went up it was better for them to come across every two weeks on Fridays to receive their supplies. On these Fridays, they help our volunteers make packets of beans and rice and afterward have a service with singing, prayer, testimonies, and a message. Pastors take turns as to who will bring the message, then everyone loads their vehicles to make the long trek back across to their villages in Mexico.

One of these pastors, Brother Eugenio Guerrero, always sang a *corito* that was Proverbs 10:22. His message would always focus on some aspect of its meaning. He wanted people to have its truth planted firmly in their souls. His guitar was usually out of tune, and one year Elfi surprised him with a tuner of his own. He went home to be with the Lord earlier this year, and he is deeply missed. He was one of the earliest pastors in our network, and there's lots of memorable events we shared. Please join us in keeping his wife and family in prayer.

Then there's the very first pastor we met, Brother Enrique Ornelas. If you've known us any time at all you know the close relationship we've had with him and his family. He was even Pastor of FBC Fabens for the 8 years he was seeking asylum in the US. Since he was denied and had to return to Mexico, we have continued to support him and his wife as much as we're able. As a God-called pastor, it's been difficult for him not to be ministering to a flock of his own. He has been seeking the Lord's direction and though he is reluctant, feels led to help a church in a village that could put him in danger again. We also believe it is the church the Lord is leading him to, so please cover him, his family, and this church in prayer! We aren't naming the location right now for all their protection. Just know that it's in the heart of darkness, but the Lord wants His Light to shine there.

CBM will be celebrating its 22nd anniversary on Friday, March 31 with testimonies, music, preaching, and food of course. You're invited, too, and we'd be glad to see you! Let us know if you will be joining us. This celebration is for everyone who is a part of Crossing Borders Ministries.

CBM 22nd Anniversary Celebration March 31

More News & Prayer Requests

Remember to mark your calendar for our celebration of CBM's 22nd anniversary on March 31.

Pray for the family of Pastor Eugenio Guerrero. We rejoice in his homegoing yet share in his family's grief.

Pray for Pastor Enrique as he steps out in faith to follow where the Lord is leading. Pray for protection, wisdom, and courage, for God does not give us a spirit of fear.

Pray for Pastor Andy Olsen in Cloudcroft, NM as he recovers from a second eye surgery. We ask the Lord to heal him quickly, so he can return to his church in the mountains.

Pray for Pastor Hugo Garcia in El Paso, TX, who we've learned just had heart surgery. He was our pastor who helped us start the youth ministry we had in Fabens for some 5 years. Pray for complete healing that he may continue his essential work with pastors and youth.

Pray for our Pastor Omar and Luly's as they continue to expand the vision for FBC Fabens. This will be the church's 100th year! Part of their vision is to bring their ministry in Delicias under our church. CBM has already been helping them there for years. They have land there and hope to one day build a mission. It's a big vision, but we serve a big God!



School supplies given to kids at a children's ministry that prayed for the Lord to send them help



Christmas boxes given at a school that opened its doors to Bible teaching and other ministry help



Shoes & Bibles were given out in Delicias last July during a Vacation Bible School trip, where the community also received clothes, food, and many other necessities.

A Special Thank You to Our Suppliers

In saying how thankful we are for our partners, we have some folks who go above & beyond who deserve special recognition. They're the ones who drive hundreds of miles to deliver supplies for the ministry, some on a monthly basis.

Since our beginning Cloudcroft Baptist Church has been the main supplier of bulk beans. For many years Hans & Linda Steinhoff delivered 1200# of beans every two weeks without fail, & when they weren't physically able to continue John & Judy Dalton took up making the deliveries.

Grace of Giving, a ministry founded by Greg and Dara Beard from Clifton, TX, has been delivering rice and a variety of groceries since 2004. How we got connected is a great story of God's perfect timing!

Our ranching friends, the Burnetts, were another story of a God connection, supplying freezers full of their beef throughout the year. All it takes is a phone call when we're getting low!

Fred & Nannette Keith have taken their vacation time for many years to help us with our school supply and Christmas box drives, staying a week each time and ministering to us as well. It is a sacrifice of love worth more than gold to us.

What a miraculous net of support the Lord has woven through us all, connecting those who desire to bless others with those who are in need of that blessing. God is So Good!

*For the Lord is good
and His mercy
endures forever!*

Psalms 136

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Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of this ministry!

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Include a note to specify your gift for missionary support of Elfi and/or Joan or for CBM's General Fund

Elfi & Joan are Mission Service Corps missionaries out of FBC Fabens. MSC is part of the North American Mission Board. These missionaries raise their own finances.

