

# Pastors to Prisoners

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### VISION STATEMENT

We believe it is not adequate simply to incarcerate lawbreakers. Pastors to Prisoners seeks to provide ongoing financial support for ordained ministers to work with prisoners as full-time volunteer Yard Pastors under the direction of the prison facility's protestant chaplain.

Our goal is to equip inmates for spiritual freedom in prison and success in society. This work can be accomplished only through the dedicated support of local churches, civic groups and other interested organizations and individuals.

### Helping broken people put the pieces together...

**THANK YOU** for your financial support through the Pastors to Prisoners Organization. Your support is greatly appreciated.

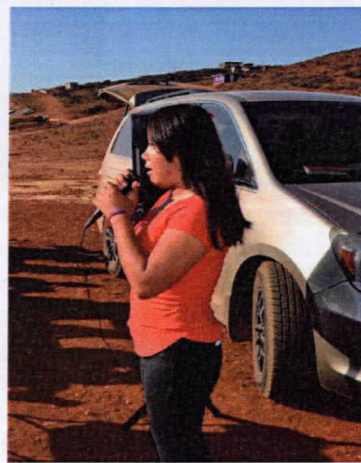
**PRISON MINISTRY UPDATE:** Prison ministry is my first choice, but prisons closed last year for religious services due to COVID, so I felt led to come to Camalu, Baja California, Mexico to help in a Men's and Women's recovery homes as well as a children's ministry until the prisons open again.

**UPDATE ON MY TRIP TO AFRICA:** I just learned recently that the team going to Kampala was scheduled to depart January 10, 2022 if God permits. I am very excited about this trip and I am very grateful to the people who supported me financially to make this trip possible. Thank you!

**WOMEN'S RECOVERY HOME UPDATE:** There are currently 22 women in recovery, which is the maximum capacity for the home.

The Holy Spirit is working in the lives of these women and slowly but surely they are changing. Following is a testimony of a 13 year old who came to the center about six months ago and recently graduated from the program.

Her step-father brought her to the recovery home, but when she decided to stay at the Rehab after graduation, her stepfather abandoned her and does not want to support her financially anymore. Her mother was tired of dealing with Jenny and seeing



JENNY

In the picture above is Jenny sharing her testimony to the crowd in Las Aves this past Saturday, September 11.

no change in her, she left and moved to Oaxaca, Mexico not wanting to know anymore about her.

Jenny started using crystal, marihuana, smelling gas and glue at a very early age. She started living with a young man when she was 12 but he was abusing her physically so she run away.

Paola Ferré de Hernandez, the Rehab Director, offered Jenny some help by allowing her to stay at the Rehab with the condition that she attends school. Jenny accepted and she started her 10th grade at school this past week. The school is close by to the Rehab so she

Jenny needs support with school supplies, clothes and shoes for the winter. if you would like to help her, her sizes are as follow:

- Pants: size 1
- Blouses/T-shirts: Small
- Shoes: size 3 or 3.5
- Jacket: Small

She also needs notebooks, pencils, pens, colors, etc. All the items needed for school. Thank you!

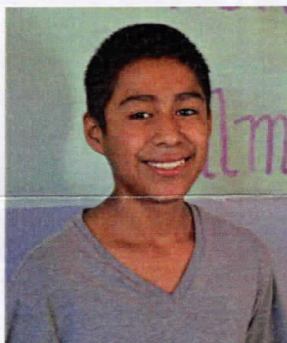


Jenny (in the back) & Karina dancing the frog dance for the kids in Las Aves.

**MEN'S RECOVERY HOME UPDATE:**

Currently there are 90 men in recovery at the men's home and seven teenagers in the Juvenile's quarters.

The following are two testimonies of juveniles and one testimony from the Men's Home.



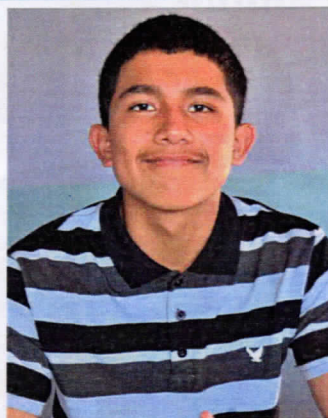
**Miguel**

Miguel is a 13-year old boy who has been smoking (*Chuqui*) which is crystal in a cigarette, and marihuana as well since he was 8 years old.

His mother died when he was 8 months old and he grew up in a Day Care while his father was going to work.

He is very angry at his father because he blames him for the car accident where his mom died when she was going to see the doctor. His father was also using drugs and he would hit Miguel constantly because he would not get good grades at school. Miguel run away from home and later he was adopted by a young Christian couple, but he felt that he did not fit in that family and escaped from his adoptive parents.

One day he was found on the streets by his adoptive parents, unconscious by all the alcohol he had ingested. They brought him to the recovery home. Please pray for Miguel. He really wants to change and he is very sad because he does not receive any visits. If you would like to help Miguel, he uses shoes size 5.5, Medium size t-shirts (boy sizes) and pants size 10–12 for boy.



**Kevin**

This is Kevin, a 14 year old boy who started using drugs at age 8 and arrested in Los Angeles when he was 10 y/o.

He was born in Santa Barbara, CA and grew up with his mom, who was re-married. He started hanging out with the crowd in the streets and soon he was consuming drugs. At age 8 his stepfather kicked him out of the house because of his bad behavior at home. He was told never to come back.

His new family now were his friends from the street who taught him how to be a professional drug dealer. While I was talking to him he gave me the impression that I was talking to a big mafia guy — just by observing the way he conduct himself and his eyes reflecting pain from the hard life that he had left behind.

His mother had brought him previously to the Living With Hope Rehab where he had stayed for six months but there was no change. This time he asked one of his friends to bring him to the rehab and he turned in voluntarily. Kevin wants to change after hitting bottom during his journey while consuming drugs. He has repented and ask for our prayers please. Thank you.



**Oscar**

Oscar is a 37 y/o man who has been at the Rehab for 3 years. During this time he attended the missionary school La Esperanza in Tijuana, and after six months he served as a volunteer at the rehab in Mexicali for one year. He was transferred later on to serve at the Living With Hope Rehab where he works in the Admin office until God directs him to move somewhere else.

He grew up at the side of his parents, but his father was a businessman and used to travel a lot. When he was age 6 his parents got divorced. That impacted his life very much. He started having bad grades at school and showing a bad behavior at home. His family moved to Culiacan, Sinaloa and he finished 9th grade in that city. .

Oscar had an almost fatal car accident when he was 19 y/o that destroyed almost completely his stomach. He was angry with his father because he abandoned him when he was little and he was mad with all the world as well and started consuming crystal. He was 22 when he joined a gang in Tijuana. His mother brought him to the Living With Home Rehab three years ago where God made an extraordinary change in his life. Please pray for Oscar. Thank you!

**MY VISIT TO LAS AVES FAMILIES:**



Margarita and her 1-year old son approached me this past Saturday at Las Aves asking if I could help them build a small room for her son. They live in a small room including her husband and need a separate room for her son. She also asked for clothes for her 4-month baby boy. If you could help Margarita with this need, please let me know.



This is the family of Serafin Ruiz and Francisca. They have five children (the rest in the picture are relatives.) The 13 y/o girl in green sweater approached me two weeks ago in Las Aves crying and asking me if I could visit her parents because they were both sick. I came the following day and checked their blood pressure and sugar. Mom was OK but Dad had a very high reading. He feels very sick and can only work a few day during the

week. Mom was previously diagnosed by a doctor with anemia. I prayed for all the family and brought them some groceries and gave them some money to buy the medicines they needed. More than clothes they need prayer and food. If you can help this family, please let me know.



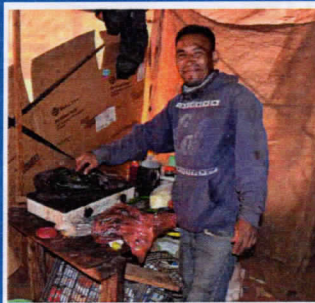
I visited this woman last week and talked to her for a while. Her husband works 6 days a week and gets paid \$15.00 dls per day picking tomato.

Her needs are great, but more than material they need Jesus in their lives.

I brought her some clothes for her children and groceries, and asked her if she believes in God. She said yes and allowed me to pray for her. It is difficult to have a conversation with them because most of these families speak only Mixtec dialect.



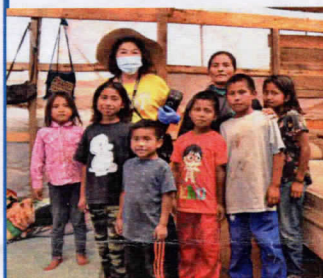
This is the bed where they sleep in the summer,



This is Sabino, roasting some Jalapeno chiles to eat with his beans and tortillas.



This is Sabino with his wife and son and two little girls. They need food but most than anything, they need Jesus! Please let me know if you could help this family.



This is another family that lives in one small bedroom and one adjacent room that they use as kitchen. They need clothes and food. I prayed for the whole family and brought them some clothes and shoes. Please pray for them. The adults speak Mixtec but the children speak Spanish and they translated for me.



Life continues despite poverty and the families continue producing at a fast phase. This woman is ready to have her second child very soon. I prayed for her and gave her some clothes. She accepted Jesus in her heart and welcomed my prayer. Please pray for her. She lives in a very poor house.



Families receiving clothes.



This old woman insisting that she wanted to get that pajama.



Distributing clothes to the poor.

Outreach in Las Aves on August 30, 2021



Special thanks to all the volunteers who participated.



Las Aves Outreach on September 11, 2021



The children praying.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!**

You are making a difference in the lives of many children and families in Mexico.

**You are much appreciated!**

PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for:

- 1) Bibles soft cover Reina Valera 1960
- 2) Tennis shoes for the children in Las Aves sizes from 1 to 7 for boys and girls.
- 3) For food for the poor families.
- 4) For sweat shirts with hoods for the winter for boys and girls — all sizes.

PRAISE REPORT: Praise God for:

- 1) The passenger van that was donated recently to the Rehab Living With Hope by a church in Oxnard.
- 2) For the food that God provides every day to feed all the men and women that are in recovery.
- 3) For drawing more families to Christ through the outreaches that we are <sup>making</sup> ~~having~~ in Las Aves every Saturday.
- 4) For His faithfulness!