

# Pastors to Prisoners Organization

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MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER



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**Women in a prison in Ethiopia.**

**TRIP TO UGANDA:** Thank you very much to all the people who has so generously sent contributions to the OCEAN VIEW CHURCH for my trip to Africa. I am very grateful to all of you for your generosity. When Pastor Roger Ziegler invited me to join the group in this trip, I said "no thank you" because I did not have the funds to go. Pastor Roger challenged me and said: "Are you doubting that God can provide you with the funds for this trip?" That question kept me silent for a minute and I accepted the invitation. I am going by faith, keeping my trust in God.

Things for this trip have changed a little bit because of COVID-19. The trip was originally scheduled for September 6, 2021 but it was postponed for a later date. The picture above was taken during our last trip to Ethiopia in 2017. The prison walls are made out of wood and women are allowed to keep their babies with them during the time they serve in prison. I am praying that God will use us to win many souls for His Kingdom.

**PRISON MINISTRY:** Prison ministry still looks far from happening at Donovan prison because of COVID-19. I feel that I need to wait until next year to see how things develop from here to January 2022. I recently spoke to the Coordinator for the Department of Corrections here in Mexico and she shared with me that the prisons in Ensenada and El Hongo (a maximum security prison in Tecate) are opening now but are limited to religious services. She invited me to join her to both prisons as the opportunity arrives.

I love prison ministry and I am excited that God is opening the doors. Please pray for this ministry.

**MY CAR:** I was completely out of business for almost three weeks after experiencing some problems with my car. I am very grateful to Brother Henry Barajas for putting a new motor in my car, new brakes, new front axles, new water pump, new timing belt, balancing and aligning the wheels, changing transmission oil, changing hoses and motor support, placing a new thermostat, and for his tremendous effort and time that he spent working in my car. Not only he fixed my car. I am grateful to him because he did not charged me for labor and parts and for their hospitality while the work was being done.

I am also grateful to all the people who offered me their hospitality while I was traveling back and forth from San Diego to Tehachapi—Sacramento. My gratitude to: Henry and Dora Barajas, Ernie & Martha Jimenez, George and Linda Suarez, Phill and Stella Murrietta, Pastor Gerald Fair, Antelma Pineda. Thank you very much!

**AN UPDATE ON MY ACTIVITIES AT CAMALU (MEXICO):** The Scriptures say that *"The Lord directs the steps of the godly and he delights in every detail of their lives."* Psalm 37:23 NLT

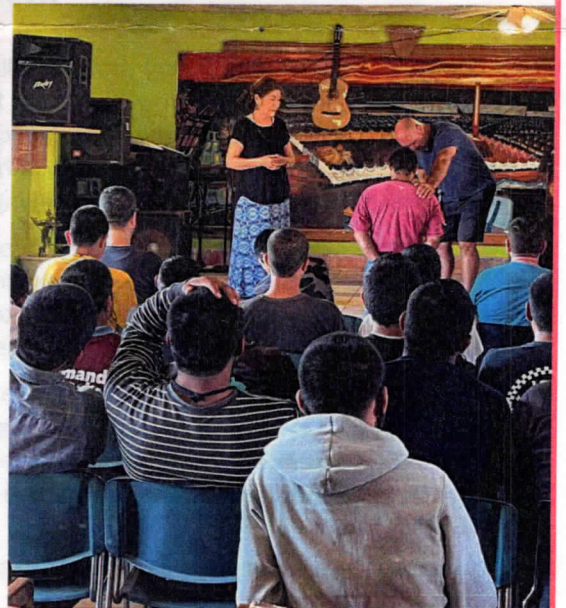
The Lord is keeping me busy bringing food donations to the two recovery homes and to the children's ministry. God has placed people in my way that are happy to share food from the food banks. I make a trip almost every week from San Diego to Camalu. I also teach Bible studies at the women's center whenever time permits; I cook for the children's ministry, distribute clothes to the men and women, but all this takes a toll. It is a silent ministry that nobody acknowledges, but God sees all things. I love what I am doing because the Kingdom of God advances as I put my part helping this ministry. I ask for your prayers for protection as I travel back and forth through narrow roads in the mountains from Camalu to San Diego. Thank you!

**WOMEN'S RECOVERY HOME:** The group of women in recovery is growing and recently they had a seminar by a group of good Christian women from a local church. The glory of God came upon them and many were touched by the Holy Spirit. The recovery home has many challenges, including the different characters and personalities that arrive at the center, providing food for them daily, and transporting them to church. But despite these challenges, God continues to be the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, and he is working in their lives through the daily Bible studies that are provided by different volunteers. Please pray for these women and for a van that is needed urgently to transport them to church. Below are some pictures taken during the seminar:



**PASTOR FAIR VISIT:** Pastor Gerald Fair and his children visited the women's and men's center during his recent visit in June 24. He ministered to the leaders, to the women and to the men in the recovery homes.

I was able to translate for him and the men and women enjoyed his visit very much. His children Katelyn and Zack enjoyed the visit too. We love you Pastor Fair!



## MISSION IN COLONIA "LAS AVES"

Seeing the need that exists in the Colonia Las Aves, Pastor Antonio Hernandez has a vision to open a mission in this community in order to minister to the families and children in this area.

He is acting by faith, and his vision is to buy two lots in order to build the mission. We are praying that if it is the will of God that we open that mission, that He will provide the finances to buy these two lots. I ask for your prayers for this project knowing that with God all things are possible. Las Aves is one of the poorest areas in the Camalu County where most of the population speak their own dialect among them and have many children.

Pastor Antonio is a young man who is only 29 years old and God is using his life in a very special way by leading men and women at the two rehab centers, leading the children's ministry and pastoring a church. Please pray for him. Thank you!

### PHOTOS OF OUR OUTREACH ON JULY 17, 2021 AT COLONIA "LAS AVES"



Men, women and children waiting to receive some food.



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And please write in the memo section of your check:  
 "Support for Elena Hernandez" Thank You!

**CHILDREN AT COLONIA TIERRA BLANCA**



**PRAISE REPORT:** **1)** I am grateful to all the donors who sent contributions for my trip to Africa. **2)** For taking care of my car using Brother Henry Barajas for this purpose. **3)** For the food donated for these two centers. **4)** For the Children's Ministry — God is expanding our tents to new horizons. **5)** For all the Brothers and Sisters who so faithfully support me with their finances every month through the Pastors to Prisoners Organization. **6)** For the men and women who are getting rehabilitated in the recovery homes at The Living With Hope Center. **7)** for the challenges that come into my life because in every challenge God is glorified.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR:**

Our children's ministry is in need of the following items:

- Four folding tables
- Sixty folding chairs
- One rechargeable Karaoke with two mics
- Four tents to provide shades for the children
- Small Styrofoam plates
- Plastic forks and paper cups #6

If you would like to donate any of these items, please let me know. Thank you.

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