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Helping broken people put the pieces together...

THANK YOU very much for your continued support through the Pastors to Prisoners Organization. I appreciate it very much and pray that God will reward you richly.

MY TRIP TO AFRICA:



This is the team that I am going with to Uganda on January 10, 2022. Pastor Bernard and his wife Annette, Chaplain William Brown and his wife Mary, Pastor Roger Ziegler and his wife Peggy, and other brothers that I forgot their names. Please keep us in prayer for a safe trip and that God can use all of us in a special way. Thank you!

MINISTRY IN MEXICO: God has allowed me to witness critical situations in families that live in Las Aves, one of the poor

est areas in Camalu, Baja California. I have seen poverty like never before. Mothers that leave at 5:00 a.m. to go to work and leave their children behind in care of the oldest child.

Some times only one parent can work to support the family. In other instances both parents are ill and it is very hard for the family to survive when there is no money to buy food. Desperation gets ahold of them and they get discouraged. Mom does not eat because she does not want to eat the food of their children. They live very stressed seeing their situation at home.

I have also seen Christian families that despite their poverty their faith in Christ keeps them alive and with hope.

There are families of nine children and their mom living in a small shack and sleeping in the floor because there are no beds. Only a small stove in top of a small bench that they use to cook. Dad left to the United States looking for a better job, but got engaged in a romantic relationship with another women in there and forgot his family in Mexico.

Mom has to emerge now like super woman using all her strength to work



Monday through Saturday earning \$285 pesos per day, which is the equivalent to less than \$15.00 dols. She leaves her children under the care of the oldest child. All this in order to survive poverty. If you would like to help this family, they need jackets, blankets, socks, shoes and food.

Some other families have loved ones with permanent illnesses that creates a hardship for the entire family. If you can help with adult large diapers, that will be much appreciated.

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I pray that God will build a Christian church in this community with a good caring pastor that can open a day care for the children that stay at home and minister to them while mom and dad go to work.

Poverty makes these families strong enabling them to overcome adversity with resignation.

At times I play the role of a nurse visiting patients with high blood pressure and bringing them medicines. I visit them weekly to see how they are doing.

They appreciate my visits and their health is improving thus enabling them to go back to work.



God has put a great burden in my heart to help these families. I visit them at their homes as often as I can and listen to their stories. Lately the Holy Spirit has led me to bring one family at a time to my house and others I have brought as many as ten pregnant women in my van so I can pray for them individually and allow them to pick the clothes and shoes that they need from the donations that I receive and keep at home. It is difficult to know their needs during the outreaches because there is not enough time to minister to them individually and there are so many people wanting things.

I thank God that I was able to buy fifty new blankets at a price of \$140 pesos each, which is the equivalent to \$7 dollars each. I distributed them to the poorest families and they went out very fast. I am grateful to all the people who have blessed me with their finances and donations enabling me to bless others during this Christmas season. Thank you!



These children need shoes sizes 12, 1, 3.5, 4 and 3. Thank you



Distributing blankets.



This woman asks for your help. Her husband died last Friday leaving her with six orphan children. She limps from one leg and is difficult for her to work in the fields picking up strawberries. They need blankets, shoes, jackets and food. Thank you.



Reyna works in the fields picking strawberries to support her two children and her mom, who takes care of her granddaughter that was abandoned by her mother. Reyna's husband died from a heart attack two years ago while they were sleeping. They cook outside in a hand-made stove with no gas. If you have a small gas stove (like the ones you use for camping) she will appreciate it very much. She also needs a folding table so they can eat and four folding chairs. They need blankets and dishes and pots and pans. They are extremely poor. The only furniture in their small shack is one full size bed, one small plastic table and one small storage cabinet where they keep the food. Snakes and scorpions appear there all the time. Pray for their safety please.

DISTRIBUTION OF SHOES, BLANKETS AND CLOTHING TO FAMILIES

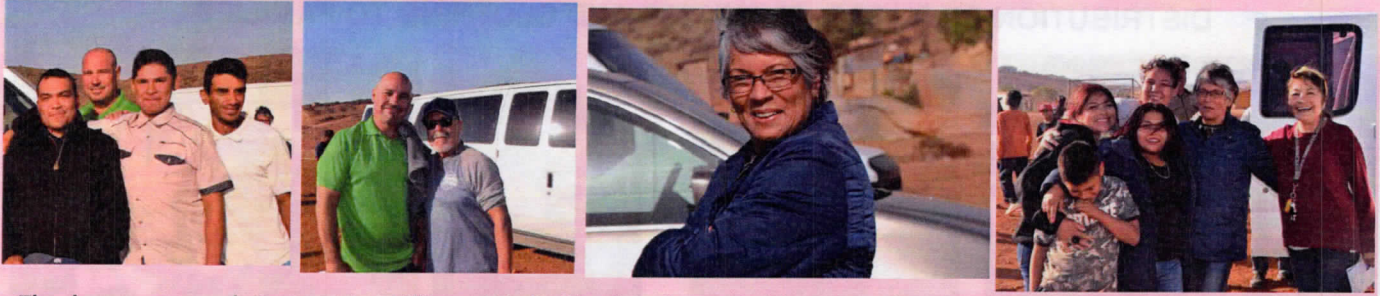


Pregnant women and some with babies receiving baby clothes for their children.

Families receiving blankets



PHOTOS FROM PASTOR GERALD FAIR'S VISIT TO LAS AVES ON OCTOBER 11, 2021



Thank you very much Pastor Fair, Phillip and Stella Murrieta for your visit to Camalu. It was a great blessing to see you in action ministering to these families. Thank you for all the food and items you brought for distribution. All the glory to God!



Families were very blessed with the food items they received and clothing and shoes. Thank you Calvary Chapel Tehachapi!

UPDATES ON THE MINISTRY



We are very grateful to Calvary Chapel Tehachapi for providing the funds to buy these mattresses for the men's home. Thank you!



We are very grateful to sister **Nereida de Quiroz** and her husband for the food that she sends to the **Rehab Living With Hope** every week. Sister Nereida represents her church and is in charge of distributing all the food they receive from the food bank in San Diego. I pick up from her frozen meat, chicken, bacon, etc., and lots of bread and cans for the men and women in rehab. It takes a toll to do all this but God gives me the strength to do it. Thank you Hermana!



The leaders of the Rehab eating tacos at Pericos in Camalu.



Photo from the farewell to Chaplain Russell Martin who resigned at RJD a couple of months ago and moved to Texas to work at the Department of Justice and to get married.

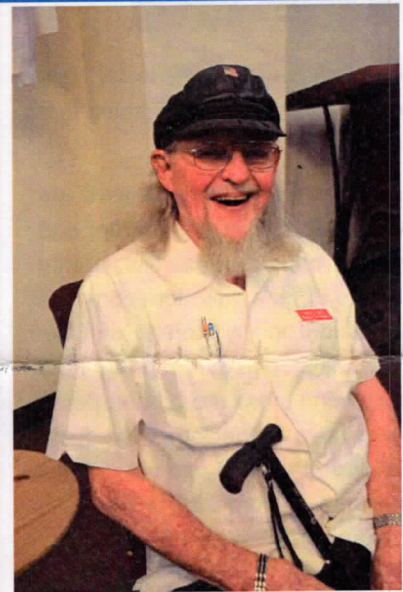
Congratulations Chaplain Martin! We miss you!



Thank you very much to the donors who sent these gifts for Jenny. She continues going to school and is very grateful for your gifts.



Here with two of the girls from the rehab cooking for the children's breakfast on a Friday morning.



I always remember with love Pastor Jack Oien, founder of the Pastors to Prisoners Organization while we both were volunteering at the R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility in San Diego back in the 1990's. I was glad to see him again during Chaplain Martin's farewell.

NOTE: I am grateful to all the people who supports me with their finances through the Pastors to Prisoners Organization and others with food, clothing and shoes for the families in Las Aves. Most of all, thank you for your prayers. I cannot name you all, but God knows your name and I pray that the Lord blesses you abundantly for your generosity! Thank you!



God continues working in the lives of the women in rehab. Please pray for them.

THANK YOU DONORS!



I want to thank all the donors who so kindly donate food items, clothing and shoes for the families in Camalu.



This is how my storage looks right now from all the bags of clothing that I receive.

Used clothes and used shoes are restricted at the Mexican border and I can only bring them across a little at a time. That's why donations are accumulated in my storage unit because I give priority to bring food items when I cross the border. Some times I have to declare what I am bringing and they charge me a small quote ranging from \$20 to \$80 dills, depending on what I am bringing.

This month I was able to purge all the bags and take some items that I did not need to the Goodwill. My storage looks a lot better now.

Thank you so much to all the people who helps me in this ministry. God bless you!



Men at the Living With Hope Rehab during a worship service.

Thanksgiving is around the corner and we would like to make a special dinner for these men and the women in rehab this year. We need about 75 rotisserie chickens from Costco and about 40 pumpkin pies plus sodas, napkins, forks and paper plates. If you would like to help us with some finances for this dinner, please let me know. The chickens cost \$5 dills each and the pies I think \$3 dills. We need approximately \$800 dills to buy everything.

Thank you for your kindness.

Sister Elena

PRAYER REQUEST FOR:

- 1) New tennis shoes for teenager boys sizes 2, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5 and 5, 5.5 and 6. Sizes for girls 1, 2, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5 and 6.
- 2) New blankets.
- 3) New or in very good condition plastic dishes (plates, cups, etc.)
- 4) Pots and pans in good condition
- 4) Cooking oil, oatmeal, beans, rice, Pancake mix, sugar, toilette paper, Clorox, detergent, dish soap, sponges.
- 6) Finances for the new church that is being built.
- 7) New jackets with hoods for boys and girls teenagers in sizes small, medium and large. Thank you!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!

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

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PRAISE REPORT:

I am grateful to God for:

- 1) An anonymous donor who has blessed the children with many blankets, shoes and candies.
- 2) The tennis shoes received for many children that were barefooted.
- 3) The school supplies and candies received from various donors and were distributed to many children.
- 4) The strength that God gives me to continue doing this ministry.