

## Pastors to Prisoners Organization

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### Elena Hernandez Missionary Report July 1-31 2022



I am very grateful to the people who support me through the Pastors to Prisoners Organization.

May the Lord

bless you richly.



#### Men's & Women's Rehabs

I thank God for His goodness because great are his mercies every morning.

On behalf of the men at the Living With Hope Rehab and the women at the Door to Heaven Rehab I would like to thank all the people who have so generously contributed food and donations to the rehabs.

#### Children's Ministry

God has placed in my heart a great burden for the disadvantaged children in Las Aves—a community of Camalu, Baja California.

I am amazed to see how God has been providing food, toys, clothing, shoes and school supplies for the children.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*  
Proverbs 22:6 KJV

Soon I will be able to provide a Bible study in Las Aves on Saturday mornings for the children and their parents. Praise God!



**Photo of men in a prison in San Salvador during a riot.**

God created man in his image (Genesis 1:27) but the devil turned man into a monster. For generations the world has had a big problem, and the root of this problem is sin.

When God created Adam and Eve he wanted them to be a happy family. But disobedience changed their relationship with God and problems started when Cain killed his brother Abel. God made man upright, but they have sought out many perversions. (Ecl 7:29)

We live in a society that is growing in corruption and perversion and it seems to be an endless phenomena. We live in difficult times as the world debates about aborting or not aborting a child, rumors of war roar by our ears, and prisons continue building more prisons because they can not hold the many inmates that arrive every day. It is the same situation at the recovery homes. They are full and people expect the prisons and recovery homes to fix sons and daughters because they couldn't. Divorces are sending many men and women to prisons and many children end up fatherless under their grandma's care — some even molested by their stepdads.

Jesus said "Separated from me you can do nothing." John 15:5. More than ever the gospel of Jesus needs to be preached to this generation. The world needs to acknowledge that we all depend on God because he is the one that gave us life and he is the one that will take it away. It is the anointing of God that breaks the yolk of sin.

The bible says, "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them; and I will take the strong heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them, and they shall be my people, and I will be their God." Ezequiel 11:19-20 So, there is hope for the captive.

## Migrant's House in Tapachula, Chiapas (Mexico)

A team of three men who have been rehabilitated at the rehab "Living With Hope" were sent to Tapachula, Chiapas in Mexico in March of this year to open a Migrant's house for the many families that are migrating from Guatemala to Mexico running away from violence and poverty in their country. Last year while visiting Chiapas, God placed a vision in Pastor Antonio's heart to open a Migrant's house to help the many families sleeping in the streets and migrant women who have turned to prostitution in order to survive hunger. Presently there are 72 people living in the 3-bedroom house rented for this purpose and many families are coming to Christ through the daily preaching of the Word of God.

Pastor Antonio Hernandez will be going in October to Chiapas to reinforce the spiritual work that is being done there. Along with Pastor Antonio will travel Pastor Javier Marquez (founder of La Esperanza Recovery Centers in Mexico), Pastor Gerald Fair and his wife Melissa from Calvary Chapel Tehachapi, brothers Alvaro Hermosillo and Agustin Ledezma, Leaders at the Rehab Living With Hope. We pray that God will use them in a special way.

The team will be traveling on October 25,26,27 and 28, 2022. There is an urgent need for Spanish Bibles, but it is very expensive to transport them to Chiapas. Please pray that God will open a way to provide Spanish Bibles to them.

## Water Shortage in the two Rehabs

The Rehab centers are experiencing a big water shortage due to the well on the property not producing enough water to satisfy the needs of the two rehabs. Lately the men and women reduced their showers to every other day and plants are not being watered because of the water shortage. All this started about six months ago when a neighbor close to the town drilled a well and brought heavy machinery to draw water for a big commercial project. The problem is that his well is connected to the same vein of water that crosses through the well that Pastor Antonio Hernandez and Calvary Chapel Tehachapi built three years ago. This is causing the well to produce less water for the rehab centers. Please pray that his situation may be resolved through divine intervention. Thank you.

## Pastor Gerald Fair Ministering to the Women in the Rehab

The women at the rehab Door to Heaven greatly enjoyed the visit of Pastor Gerald Fair and his wife Melissa Fair with their children Zack and Katelyn Fair. The children had an opportunity to give a word of hope to the women and sister Melissa also brought a great message of encouragement for them. Pastor Fair preached also a powerful message to the women. Below are some pictures of their visit.



Men at the rehab.

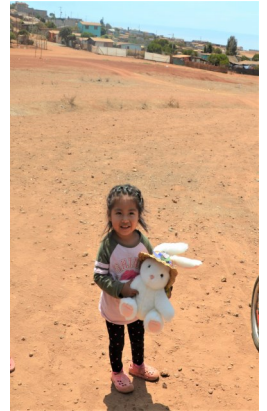
## Pastor Gerald Fair Ministering to the Men in the Rehab

A special worship service was held on July 12 at the Chapel of the Rehab Living With Hope bringing joy and hope to the men in the rehab. Pastor Gerald Fair gave a powerful messages of encouragement to the men at the rehab and to the leaders. The worship band was fantastic and the presence of the Holy Spirit was among them. We could not help shedding some tears as we felt His sweet presence. *"Jesus said, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"* (Matthew 4:19). The Kingdom of God continues expanding when an ex-criminal or ex-drug addict gets transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. These are men that apparently don't look too appealing to the human eye, but they are precious to God and we pray that they will be the future evangelists of tomorrow who will continue spreading the gospel of JESUS CHRIST in all the nations, as the brothers in Tapachula, Chiapas are doing now ministering to the migrant families who are desperate for help. I am very grateful to God for allowing me to be part of this ministry by helping in whatever capacity I am able to help.



## CALVARY CHAPEL TEHACHAPI VISITING LAS AVES

We are so grateful to the Fair family for their recent visit on July 11-14. Pastor Fair's wife, Melissa Fair and her children had the opportunity to distribute some toys and candies to the kids and they loved the experience. The families of Las Aves were very happy with their visit. The following are some pictures of the event.





**Covid-19 Update**

The pandemic continues growing in Mexico, and despite the sense of security by the news, we still wear the masks when we are in public and keep a safe distance. The men and women at the rehabs are being checked weekly by a team of doctors sent by the government. So far no one shows signs of COVID. Praise God!

**Prayer Requests:**

Please pray for: 1) My trip to Oaxaca, Mexico this coming September. I am accompanying a family of a dear brother who used to volunteer at R.J, Donovan Correctional Facility during the 1990's and 2000's. He died of COVID-19 last year and the family is going to hold a memorial service on his anniversary. I have been asked to lead the service. 2) My trip to Kampala in October of this year. I am going to travel with the AFRICAN CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS Organization and provide a conference to Pastors and to women. We are going to spend two weeks ministering to the children. 3) Please pray for the water shortage at the rehab centers. 4) Food for the men and women at the rehabs. 5) My clearance at R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility. 6) For housing in San Diego for me, 7) For finances for my trip to Uganda in October.. Thank you!

**OUR VISIT TO THE OLD MILL RESTAURANT IN SAN QUINTIN, B.C.**

We are very grateful to God for the opportunity to fellowship with Pastor Gerald's Fair family and Pastor Antonio Hernandez' family during their visit on July 12. Pastor Fair took us to eat at this beautiful restaurant where we had the opportunity to chat and fellowship. Below are some photos of our visit.



Pastor Fair's Family and Pastor Antonio's Family in this photo along with Brother Phillip and Brother Collie from Calvary Chapel.



Pastor Gerald Fair with his wife Melissa and son Zachary and daughter Katelyn.



Pastor Fair, Brothers Collie and Phillip and Pastor Antonio.



Pastor Antonio Hernandez with his wife Paola and his daughters Kendra, Leah and Emma.

## The Pastors to Prisoners Organization

***“Remember the prisoners, as if chained with them—those who are mistreated— since you yourselves are in the body also.” Heb:13:3***

I humbly would like to thank all the people who so kindly continue supporting me financially through the Pastors to Prisoners Organization while I minister to the families and rehab centers in Mexico.

I thank God for Pastor Jack Oien, the founder of this organization, for Pastor Bill Fink, the first Treasurer that this organization had back during the 1990's and who is presently the President of Pastors to Prisoners. I am grateful to Chris McKeller, the first President of this organization who gave so much from his busy schedule to support PtP. I will always be grateful to Chaplain Charles Brewer (Buzz) who recommended me to join this organization, and for Chaplain Dr. William Brown for his continued support through the years. I started volunteering at R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility in 1989, but I left in 1995 to enhance my Theological studies in New York. I returned in 2000 and that was when I joined the Pastors to Prisoners Organization. This organization supports ordained ministers who are willing to volunteer full time in a prison setting.



***I was in prison, and you came to Me... Matthew 25:36***

***Men in prison cages waiting to be classified.***

This is a ministry that is greatly needed in all the prisons all over the world. The criminal career starts at a young age. I remember an 11 year old boy that I visited at the Juvenile Hall in San Diego some years ago. I came to provide a Bible Study to the juveniles and one Officer asked me to see this young kid in his cell and minister to him. I visited the boy and I asked him why he was there. He said he killed his father with a baseball bat. He hated him so much because his Dad used to come home drunk every night and hit him. He explained that he hid behind the door and waited for him to come home. When the man walked in at night all drunk, he hit him with the baseball bat until he was dead.

In another occasion I met this old man at R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility who testified that he was very violent before coming to Christ. He said that his father used to hit him in the face with his fist every time he was drunk. He hated him so much that he ran away from home at age 13. As he was growing older, he would also hit other men in the face with his fist remembering how his father used to hit him. There are many stories like this in prison. We parents are creating monsters and sending them to the prisons to fix them, but JESUS CHRIST is the only one that can change a man's heart. *“And how shall they hear without a preacher?”* Romans 10:14 KJV

As I am sitting here writing this newsletter I hear the screams of a young man in the detox at the men's rehab next door. He is coming down from his addiction to Crystal. Many families come to the center crying and asking for help for their sons and daughters. There is no discrimination on race or culture. Even families from the U.S. bring their sons and daughters to this center. I witnessed how a family was turned down because there were no more openings — the center is full to capacity right now. The center uses a similar system that is used in the prisons. The newcomers are sent to detox for 15 days and then they are moved to general population. All men and women are assigned chores during the day time and attend religious services. The juveniles are not mixed with adults nor the ones needing psychiatric care.

Prison does not change a man. It is God through the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ who changes a man's heart. Some men get rehabilitated after a while, others leave the center and go to the same thing again. The rate of recidivism is almost the same as in prison. Some men exit the center but they come back within six months. Captivity makes a man's heart harder. But they all have the opportunity to hear the good news of salvation. Pray for the parents of these men and women and for the leaders of the rehabs, because even though they don't wear a government badge, but they have a heart that has been transformed by the Holy Spirit, and God has given them the patience to deal with all the different characters and personalities that arrive at the center.



## YEAR END TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

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**PRAISE REPORT:** **1)** I am very grateful to Brother Rene from San Diego for the food he donated to the Rehab Centers Living With Hope and Door to Heaven. **2)** I am grateful to sister Nereida Quiroz for the many boxes of groceries sent for the families in Las Aves. **3)** We are grateful to Pastor Gerald Fair for the food that he brought during his recent visit to the rehab centers and for sending finances to repair the roof of the Missionaries House. **4)** We are grateful to Brother Myron Fallkowski for the group that he recently brought from his church to minister to the men and women in the rehabs. They worked with the children at the church for two days and they also planted fruit trees at the women's rehab. **5)** I am grateful to sister Mary Beth Klauer for donating so many food and clothing for the families in Las Aves. **6)** I am grateful to sister Blanca Sesma for the many household items and food that she has donated to the Rehab centers and for the needy families. **7)** I am grateful to sister Alora Paez for the children's toys and clothing that she donated. **8)** I am very grateful to Brother Robert Bleuer and his wife Rebecca Davidson for the generator and air compressor that he donated to the men's rehab. Thank you also for the three guitars and two keyboards, **9)** I am also grateful to Brother Manuel Fierro for the Bluetooth rechargeable speaker that he donated for the outreaches in the community. **10)** My deepest appreciation to sister Marta Javier for her efforts in gathering household donations for the families in Las Aves. Thank you all! May God reward you abundantly for your generous hearts.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S REHABS:

| Women's Kitchen | Women's Home                   | Women's Hygiene Products | Men's Hygiene Products | Men's Kitchen   | Men's Home                     | Men's Entertainment       |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rice            | Towels                         | Body Lotion              | Men Razors             | 1 Refrigerator  | Multipurpose microfiber towels | 1 TV for the men's rehab  |
| Pinto Beans     | Blender                        | Women Razors             | Deodorants             | Rice / Beans    | Plastic buckets                | 1 TV for the Juveniles    |
| Napkins         | Plastic buckets                | Body Soap                | Combs                  | Flour / Lard    | Mops                           | Christian movies          |
| Clorox          | Pine-Sol                       | Clorox                   | Face lotion            | Onions          | Brooms                         |                           |
| Chicken consome |                                |                          |                        | Cooking oil     |                                |                           |
| Cooking Oil     | Toilette paper                 | Shampoo                  | Body Soap              | Serrano chiles  | Clorox                         | Spanish Bibles            |
| Lard            | 1 Can opener                   | Conditioner              | Body Lotion            | Lentils         | Tapes for flies                | Reyna Valera version 1960 |
| Flour           | Multipurpose microfiber towels | Face cream               | Pajamas                | Oatmeal         | Toilette paper                 |                           |
| Soy meat        | Tennis shoes                   | Hair brushes             | Underwear              | Soy meat        | Plastic buckets                |                           |
| Lentils         |                                | Kotex or Tampons         | Socks                  | Chicken Consome |                                |                           |
| Rice/Beans      |                                |                          | Sandals                | Tomatoes        |                                |                           |
| Serrano chiles  |                                |                          | Towels                 |                 |                                |                           |
|                 |                                |                          | Tennis shoes           |                 |                                |                           |

**The whole purpose of religion is to facilitate love and compassion, tolerance, humility, and forgiveness.**

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