



The Partridge Family

Reaching Out With the Love of the Father

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“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”
James 1:27

Dear Friends and Family,

Hope all is well! We are doing well, but have been very busy. It seems that life gets busier and busier. We are so thankful that we are able to serve God in the work that He has called us to do. Also, we are thankful for each of you, for your prayers and support. Because of your faithfulness, we can reach out to those in need (spiritually and physically) with the love of Jesus. We are very excited to share with you in this letter about some of our recent ministry as well as the vision of some new ministry that God is leading us into! This ministry will be a great addition to what we are already doing in Juarez.

Juarez Prayer Summit

For so long, I have longed to have a prayer event in Juarez. We have had many different events, seminars, and conferences, but I knew that at some point that we needed to have a prayer event. Well, God answered the desire and cry of my heart! At the end of February, we had our first prayer event. I did say our first, because I believe that God is calling His people to prayer. Prayer is a key to seeing and experiencing a move of God in our lives, our homes, our communities, and our nations. We were blessed to have our friends, Pastors Gene and Janet from Utah come to Juarez and lead this prayer event. God has led them to travel the world and have prayer events. They brought a team of ministers from Utah, Oregon, and Alaska with them who have a burden and passion for prayer and to see people, communities, and nations changed and impacted through the power of prayer. These ministers preached, they taught, and they ministered to everyone who came for this 3-day event. The power of God moved mightily in every service! We had Pastors, church leaders, and members from 15-20 different churches from all over Juarez that attended this event. It was a blessing to see Pastors from different denominations hand in hand crying out to God and praying for their city (Juarez)! There were times of worship and times of prayer and times of fellowship. We were all touched powerfully by the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit! The key verse for the prayer event was 2 Chronicles 7:14 which says, *“If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land.”* I believe that Juarez will experience a mighty move of God! It’s going to come through unity of the churches and through the personal prayer of God’s people. Please join with us in prayer for Juarez! *The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 4:16).*





Our sons, Joseph and Samuel, led worship in Spanish for 1 of the night services during the prayer summit. Wow! They did an amazing job!

Juarez Mobile Comedor (Feeding Center) Outreach

We believe that God has given us a vision of new ministry to start this year. This will be an awesome addition to our ministry in Mexico! The following is our Vision and Purpose of the Mobile Comedor (Feeding Center) Outreach: This mobile comedor (feeding center) will be a children’s feeding ministry on wheels. Its purpose is so that it can be moved to different locations rather than always being in a fixed location. Our vision is to have a food truck/trailer or something that we can convert that is mobile and that it can be used to cook or prepare food in. Also, we will need to have tables and chairs sufficient for 100 children. Our vision is to go out to the poorest communities in and around Juarez, Mexico to feed the children. We will start out by going once or twice a month and feed up to 100 children. The reason we want to go out to these poor communities to feed the children is because there are some children who go to school hungry. Many of these children are from very poor families and some of them are in single parent homes because their dads are dead due to the violence of the drug wars in Mexico. So, there are now many mothers struggling to provide for their children. In Juarez, there are many comedors (feeding centers) for children, but many of the families are unable to get to them because they don’t have money for gas or in many cases do not even have a car. So, our vision is to go to where they are and feed the children. This vision is not only for feeding the children, but also to be able to share the Gospel of Jesus and minister to the children and their parents. We will do different things with the kids like play games, do crafts, and teach Bible lessons. In these feeding outreaches, we will have some donations (clothes, shoes, jackets, etc.) that we can give to those in need. Our vision is to minister to the children and their parents as Jesus did. Jesus not only fed the crowds of people spiritually, but He also fed them naturally. The Bible records that before the 4,000 people were fed that Jesus said, “I have compassion for these people.” There is also another story of 5,000 people who were fed. The Bible says that the disciples wanted to send this crowd of 5,000 people away to buy their own food, but Jesus told the disciples, “You give them something to eat.” These examples show us that Jesus also has compassion and cares about the physical needs of people. Our vision is to reach out in the poor communities of Juarez with the love and compassion of Jesus. We desire to see people impacted by God’s love and we will do this by sharing the Gospel and feeding the hungry children. We are very excited about this new ministry! We believe that through this feeding ministry outreach that many will come to know Jesus! Please pray that God will provide all that is needed to fulfill this vision.

Even though we don’t have what we need to do the mobile comedor (feeding center) outreaches, we felt God was telling us to go ahead and step out in faith and start. So, we had our first children’s feeding outreach in a church in a poor community on the outskirts of Juarez. For this outreach, the church prepared the games, songs, and message. We brought and prepared the food for all the children who came. We ended up feeding over 100 children and about 50 adults. Hopefully, we will be able to do the next feeding outreach outdoors and not in a church. This way we can reach out to those who may not come into a church. That is the purpose of it being mobile so we can go to wherever God leads us.



Outside the Church for the feeding outreach



Greeting the children at the feeding outreach



Pastor Juan opening cans of fruit. We forgot to bring a can opener.



Prayer Requests

Please lift us up in prayer that God will provide in every need of the ministry and in our personal needs as well. Also, that God will provide more financial support for the ministry and for our personal financial needs. We covet your prayers as we minister and serve God in all that he called us to do. Please stand with us in prayer for the following needs:

1. Please lift us up in prayer for wisdom and guidance as we step out into this new addition in our ministry of the Juarez Mobile Comedor (Feeding Center). Please pray that God will provide these things that are needed to get this up into full operation: We need a food truck/trailer that is already equipped and ready to prepare food in or something that we can convert and set up ourselves. We will need tables and chairs. Also, please pray that God will provide a means of financial support for these feeding outreaches.
2. The roof on our mobile home is in very bad condition. It needed to be replaced when we moved into it a few years ago, but we just patched it up. Now, the wind just keeps blowing off pieces of shingles. Please pray that God will provide a way or means to put on a new roof.
3. Lastly, this a personal family need. The mobile home that we live in is not very big and our 5 kids have grown quite a bit. Our youngest son has been sleeping on the sofa in the living room, because there is not enough room in either of our kid's room for a 3rd bed. So, he hasn't slept in a room or a bed for the last couple years. We have been asking God for provision to build another room onto our mobile home. This room would serve the need for 1-3 people to stay with us when they come to join us for ministry in Juarez.

Con mucho amor y bendiciones (With much love and blessings),

Randall, Tina, Joseph, Samuel, Kari Grace, Jadon and Nathan