

The GOOD NEWS

Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua

la Gran Familia

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WARUPA CHILDREN'S VILLAGE PROJECT

Near San Pablo de la Sierra, high in the Sierra Madre Mountains, you will find Warupa Children's Village, the project of Guadalupe Hernández Pérez and Cecilia Mijares.



The families in this area live in extreme poverty with scarce resources. The children lacked food, healthcare, hygiene and education. Out of their quest to improve the quality of life, the idea of the Children's Village was borne.

The Village is a free boarding-type facility, consisting of a kitchen-dining room, girls and boys dormitories with capacity for 20 to 25 children each, a cellar (subdivided into a food pantry area, laundry & general storage), and a house for caretakers. Kids attend classes 5 days a week and then spend 2 days with their parents.



One of the most urgent needs that currently exists is some new solar equipment for the Village. In 2017, the board of La Gran Fa-

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milia decided that we should find ways to support other ministries that work in Mexico, who are deserving of and need our financial help and prayer support.

I ask you to pray for success in every activity we do to build a more humane and brotherly world.



Discovery through dance & culture; a connection to earth growing their own food; and life in their hands

Mission Trip July 2019

SUMMER 2020 TRIP

Hopefully, there will be a summer 2020 trip to LGF. The purpose of the trip is to continue to nurture our relationship with the children and staff.

The team will host a VBS for the elementary age children consisting of Bible stories, hugs, crafts, and playing games! We will do a few things in the evening with the teens, of course including soccer (fútbol) or basketball!

You must be 18 or older to join us. The dates are July 11-19, 2020. We will start meeting in March, so please let me know before then if you are interested in the trip. Contact information is below.

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Edwin & Andrés with their Mother



MEET ANDRÉS AGE 6 AND EDWIN AGE 8

They arrived at the home in September with their mother. They fled from Bachurihi, Guerrero, Chihuahua fleeing a violent father. He was an alcoholic and addicted to marijuana. He had never provided well for his family. Fifteen days after they left, the father committed suicide. The mother now cleans houses in Cuauhtémoc and the boys stay with her on Saturday afternoon.



Edwin



Andrés

Andrés is in first grade and performing well in school, learning his numbers and letters. Edwin is in second grade. He enjoys playing with the other kids in the courtyard of LGF and taking care of his little brother. They both are receiving psychotherapy for the trauma of the suicide of their father. Now they have found a safe place to play away from the dangers on the streets and are well taken care of, fed, and bathed. Pray for their adjustment to new surroundings and continued achievement.

FEEDING ORPHANS ON THE BORDER



Thou crownest the year with your *Bounty*,
and your carts overflow with *Abundance*.

Psalm 65:11 NIV

FOOD DONATIONS



We delivered 4,000 lbs of food in late August, and another 4,000 lbs in October to an agency in El Paso. They supply 30 food banks that distribute meals to the orphans and immigrants living on both sides of the border. The Food was donated by the Weatherford Ministerial Alliance through the high school groups and transported to El Paso by the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd, San Angelo, Texas. We are set to make future deliveries as more food is needed. (see more pictures on the left)



FLOR AZUCENA ARRIVES IN AUGUST

She was born in Guasave, Sinaloa on July 20, 2004. She formerly lived in the remote town of Urique, Chihuahua deep in the canyons of the Sierra Mountains. She arrived at LGF in August.

The mother dedicates herself to cooking as an employee of a mining company that works in the region, but is afraid that her daughter is in danger; since there are groups of criminals that operate there due to drug cartel trafficking in the mountains. In addition, Flor had expressed her desire to continue her high school studies.

Unfortunately, all too often children become homesick and have difficulties fitting in. Most have to learn a new language too. Ultimately, Flor decided to return to her mother after 6 weeks at LGF.

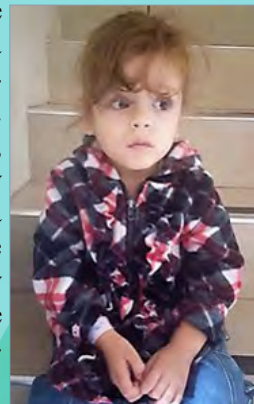
Thank you for providing continued financial support for the educational needs of our students.



Flor

PRAYERS FOR PALOMA

At age 3, this sweet little girl came to us directly from the hospital. She had ingested caustic soda while her parents left her on her own all day. Soon she will be transferred to a government facility in Chihuahua. Although, Paloma, was only at the home a short time, she touched many hearts. Please pray for her safe-keeping.



A HOME FOR MAYRA

Mayra and her children, Beto and Ángel, lived at LGF for 7 years. When they lived at LGF, she was a caretaker at the daycare. In 2015, they left LGF to live in a home that was under construction on property she owned, and she started working at the Alsuper grocery store. Sometime after she left LGF she also had a daughter.

A few days ago she came to the home to ask for help, since her salary at Alsuper is not sufficient for her to make repairs to her home. It did not have proper insulation, decent walls, or glass in its windows. Cardboard for windows and corrugated metal roof didn't provide much protection from the cold and rain.

The board readily agreed to fund this outreach project to make the house livable for her and her children. The older kids from LGF painted the interior of the house and helped with other minor repairs. We will also help her get some furniture. She was a good employee and left on very good terms.

The boys attend junior high school and her daughter is watched by an aunt or the grandmother, while Mayra is at work.

Thank you for providing prayer and financial support to make this possible.



Relief included insulation, electrical repairs, & blankets



Mayra with her daughter, 2019



Angel, Mayra, Beto in 2008

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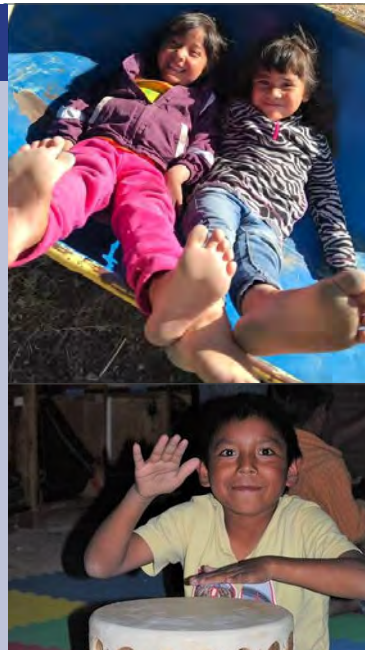
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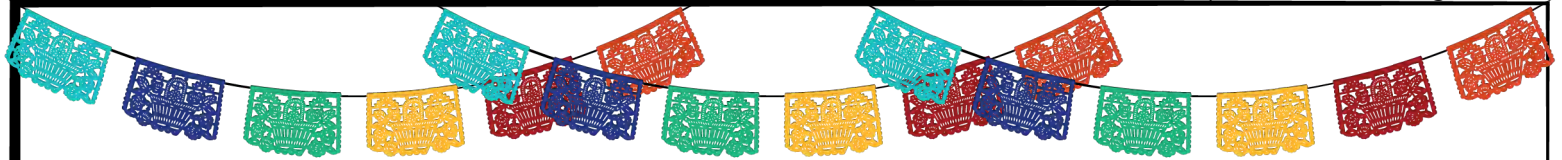
On Sunday, October 20, 2019, John Glenn Polhemus was ordained a deacon at the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd. Bishop Mark Zimmerman officiated. Following the service there was a wonderful fellowship luncheon provided by the congregants.

EVERY DONATION HELPS CHANGE LIVES

If you have friends or family that have everything and are hard to buy for at Christmas, consider making a donation to La Gran Familia in their name and we will send you a card colored by our children for each recipient. The receiver will know that a gift has been made in their name to support our kids. This is no ordinary gift, but a gift that will provide hope for a brighter future for a child in Mexico. Make a donation in the amount of your choice and tell us how many cards and envelopes you would like us to send you.



Some children from Warupa Children's Village



La Gran Familia needs your help.

If you would like more information on how to become more involved in the mission of La Gran Familia, please direct your inquiries to:

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