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#### **OUR MISSION**

Investing in the harvest in Mexico

#### **OUR PURPOSE**

Our purpose is to glorify God, bring people to Jesus Christ and to minister to the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of the disadvantaged men, women and children of Northern Mexico

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# Open Bible God Is On The Move



**Ministry Newsletter** 

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#### SAFE HOUSE PROGRESS PHOTOS

We are so excited about this opportunity to build a Safe House for teen boys 12-18 years old so that when they are released from juvenile prison they have a place to go. Most of these boys have endured abuse, suffered from drug addition, received no formal education and have lived on the streets with no one to care about them. The time we have spent with them in our Bible Studies has made a huge impact on their lives. These are some of the photos that show the progress we've made in the past few months on our





Leaders, Jaime, Mary, Fayth, Bill, Joy and Del

Above photo the Safe House







Jaime building the block wall along the side of property Before photo when purchased







After photo plastering done/ Jaime made and installed security doors, windows and gate







Pouring cement Inside before photo of living area

After photo of inside

#### **CALVARY OPEN BIBLE TEAM**

Pastor Kirk Stickler brought a team of 16 from Calvary Open Bible Church to work on our safe house project. They have been bringing teams for 16 years now to Mexico to help us build projects and minister to the people. They are an awesome team that gets lots of work done and have been a great blessing to our ministry. They installed dry wall on ceilings, built walls for the bathroom and closet, completed the plumbing, installing toilet, shower and sink, installed electrical plugs and lighting, installed kitchen cabinets and counter tops, installed roofing on addition, and built a beautiful stairway up a 20 ft embankment. The stairway is so awesome. When they went home our project was almost complete, We have a few small things to that need be to finished, but we have electricity, bathrooms and a kitchen all working. We are so thankful for this team and all they did.



## **JOSE'S TESTIMONY**



While ministering at ITAMA we met a boy named Jose. He came from a really rough background. His uncle gave him a place to live but he started selling drugs and stealing and was eventually arrested and sent to ITAMA Juvenile Prison. He was sentenced to prison for five to ten years. After serving six months, God performed a miracle and he **only** served one-year of his possible ten-year sentence. Sadly, his uncle passed away from the Covid virus two weeks before Jose was to be released from prison and he had no place to go. He needed a job, so he began to pray for a miracle as he feared what might happen upon his release and didn't want to go back to his old ways. Jose's became good friends while in prison with a boy whose father is a Christian and he met the friends father, Alberto. Alberto sympathized with Jose's story as he lived a similar life until he accepted Christ. He said he would pick Jose up when he was released from prison and provide a place for him to stay and a job at his construction company. Praise the Lord! Now all Jose needed was enough groceries until he got paid, so we were able to help him. Jose said he was so thankful for us because "we taught him how to pray and invite the Holy Spirit in to

his life". He continues to work for Alberto, and is now enrolled in school, and keeps in contact with us.

#### **REUNION WITH BOY'S OUR OF PRISON**

We met at McDonalds, for lunch with the boys who have been released from prison. We had a really nice time. The psychologist and director from ITAMA Juvenile facility came and joined us. Its so nice to have their support. Were so thankful for this opportunity to keep in touch with the boys and speak into their lives.









### CHRISTMAS AT ITAMA BOY'S JUVENILE FACILITY

We had a pancake breakfast with the boys and they love pancakes and ate to their fill. We brought Christmas cookies for them to decorate and they loved it, as they have never done that before. Even the guards liked decorating cookies with the boys. We shared a lesson and then gave gifts to them. It was a very special time.







#### **HELP! MINI VAN NEEDED**

We need a newer mini van as our mini van has over 250,000 miles on it. This van is very expensive to keep up. It's important to have reliable vehicles while traveling into Mexico. This is the van we drive daily to Mexico and we also use it when teams come. Would you please pray about helping us? Checks may be sent to Open Bible Churches 2020 Bell Ave, Des Moines, IA 50315. Checks must be designated GOM/ MINI Van. Thanks you so much or your consideration of ourneeds.

We're on the web www.godisonthemove.com

We have 17 short 3 minute videos on Vimeo web site. https://vimeo.com/user19197439/videos
Here are just a few. Take a look

Mexico Mission Trips https://vimeo.com/136245571

Teen Juvenile Prison Ministry http://vimeo.com/136234539

Women's Mexico Prison Ministry tryhttps://vimeo.com/119360003

Men's Rehab & Elderly Handicapped ministry

https://vimeo.com/90439928

# Current Ministry Needs

- Salvation of souls, healing and deliverances
- Teams and finances for building projects
- Donations for Blessing Bucket our food ministry to the poor
- Financial support for daily operations of our safe house
- Continued prayer for our ministry.
- Funds for our Safe House Building Project

### **CHRISTMAS OUTREACHES**

We had a very exciting and fun day at the orphanage. We fed the kids pizza, one of their favorites. The kids had fun opening their gifts and we enjoyed seeing the smiles on their faces and how excited they were. Afterwards they decorated Christmas cookies. That is something they have never had the opportunity to do before. God Is On The Move bought shoes for all the kids and the Shepherds House Ozone Park, NY supplied all the gifts. We praise God for the orphanage "Kids Kingdom", Arturo & Lilia Jimenez, leaders as they are doing a great work there. We thank everyone for their contributions to our Christmas Fund as it makes this all possible and it's such a pleasure to bless the kids.

































