

THE GOOD NEWS

CASA mission report



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SUMMER [VERANO] 2019

school is out (FOR A LITTLE WHILE)

Our school children had their graduation ceremony two weeks ago, and we were very proud to have five young people transitioning from “secundario” (equivalent to middle school) into “prepa”, which is equivalent to high school. The children put on a wonderful presentation of contemporary and traditional dances, which were practiced and performed by our children of various age groups. We were honored to have the Presidente (Mayor) of Anáhuac and his wife in attendance for the graduation. We also had a company of Mexican soldiers attend the ceremony and perform a flag and drum drill, which was very impressive.



Welcoming

new members to the Casa Family

Praise God, we have been blessed by several new children at Casa this spring. One is a young teen girl named Carolina, and we have also welcomed another teen mom Rosa and her three-month-old baby Lupita. Our teen moms and their babies are such a blessing — the joy of watching them grow each day into happy beautiful children and loving moms just can't be adequately expressed.

When we see these moms with their babies, it's easy to only see them as they are now: happy, well-fed and learning to be great moms. It's easy to see them without remembering how they were when they first arrived: some arrived at our door pregnant, others with baby in arms — all wondering how they were to care for their child. When these young moms arrived, all were afraid, many were hungry, and some were still suffering from physical abuse. Thank God for the transformation that they have been able to experience.



AN ESPECIALLY BUSY AND BLESSED SUMMER

This Summer, we are especially blessed to be hosting visiting groups from various churches around the country. Each group brings their own talents and personalities, but they all come with a desire to spread the love of Christ and to better the lives of our children and the people of the community surrounding Casa. Their talents and hard work are what allow us to continue to improve Casa, and to continue to move the Community Center in Anáhuac toward completion. We cannot express our thanks enough for their contributions to the ongoing work here in Mexico.



NEW VANS SERVING THE MINISTRY

Previously, we reported being blessed with two beautiful new passenger vans through the amazing generosity of a prominent Texas businessman, several church congregations, and countless individuals. These vans have proved to be invaluable this summer! Multiple groups, who have flown or driven into El Paso, have needed transportation between El Paso and Casa. The vans have been an excellent resource, allowing us to transport up to 30 people at a time. We are also using the vans during the food distributions to take team members and our older children out into the community to pass out needed food and clothing.



Distributing Food to the Needy

Speaking of distributing food to the needy, we are having a year of great abundance! The teams that have visited this summer have been so generous with funds they have set aside to purchase food for the needy in Anáhuac and the surrounding villages.

This provision has come at a crucial time, as the prices of staple food items have risen substantially this year. Thus far this summer, 4.5 tons of food have been purchased and distributed to needy families and individual, adding to our total of 157 ton of food distributed to date.

We are thankful for the blessing we are able to provide to our neighbors in need, through the generous love offerings of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

A Truck **Gifted**

TO CASA



Our current Casa work truck, a 1998 Ford Ranger, is twenty years old, has nearly 180,000 miles and is showing serious signs of wear and tear. The cost to maintain it has begun to exceed its value. Through the generous support of Dawn Industries in Denver, Colorado, we will be receiving a donation of a 2000 Ford F150 truck.

This donation will allow us to eventually replace the well-worn work truck that, up until these last few years, has served the needs of this ministry so well. We send our thanks to Dawn Industries!



Summer Interns

We are blessed this summer to have two short-term interns joining us. Barbara May came in mid-June from Denver, CO, and will be staying with us for six weeks. Barbara has been spending a portion of her summer with us for a number of years.

Our other intern is Shelby Sieck, a young lady from Tama, Iowa, who arrived this week. This is her first time to Casa, and she will be with us through November. What a blessing! If you, or someone you know, would like to join us as a short term or extended period intern, please contact us at the email address at the end of the newsletter.

We will be happy to give you additional information regarding internship.

Newly Enhanced Security Wall Nears Completion



The new security wall around Casa is nearing completion. What remains is to add the new front entry gate, which is taller and more secure, a taller back gate leading to the house in the back field with added security features, and two non-see-through gates leading the open the fields where the cattle graze and farming takes place.

We will be painting a portion of the entry wall Casa Peach, while the rest will remain the cinderblock pattern. We also have plans to paint a mural, showing waves of various colors and the silhouettes of children, on the wall as you enter Casa. We want that mural to reflect the love and care that the children are receiving within our walls.

In closing, we send our thanks out to all of you for your continuing prayers and support. As Paul said in Romans 1:8...

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Let me say first that I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith in him is being talked about all over the world.”



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Needs List

If a congregation is interested in doing a food drive for Casa de la Esperanza, we will arrange to have the food items picked up. Please let us know by contacting us at children01@prodigy.net.mx.

Shampoo

Tooth paste

Hair conditioner

Canned fruit

Six tires for our school bus

**As always, thank you
for any and all of your
contributions towards
this list of needs at
Casa de la Esperanza!**



Wanting to Visit Us?



If you plan to visit Casa, this is a friendly reminder that we operate on a first come first serve basis. If you are not certain of your exact arrival and departure date, we will schedule you on a tentative basis reserving your spot. As in previous years, we will provide assistance with border crossing and travel from El Paso to Casa and back again if necessary. Unless you plan on traveling to Casa on a chartered bus, we are using the Santa Teresa border crossing located on the far west end of El Paso avoiding travel through Juarez all together.

Hope to see you soon.

*Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble.
Then your light will shine out from the
darkness, and the darkness around you will
be as bright as noon.*

— Isaiah 58:10