Dear Friends – August 19, 2014

I love summer! Every summer seems to get better and this is the first time I have taken any summer vacation since 2006 when I started ministry in Mexico. We took Javier on a beach vacation in Mexico and we took my three grandsons who now live in California on a mountain camping vacation. Still praying for the day when we can all go together but the Mexican adoption process is slower than a snail! Next hearing is October 4 but the lawyer is predicting another 6 months still! Then another 10 months for the U.S. entry permission. So crazy!





Uniforms, backpacks, supplies, shoes and jobs for Mexicans! I started the Tijuana School Program in 2007 with the goal to help 25 or more kids go to school. This year through your generosity, large donations from Club Dust (Ray Meltvedt) and the second annual event in Laguna Beach to raise school supplies (Rejoy Geehan), more kids than ever have been blessed. We have been able to reach the communities of Vista del Valle, El Niño, La Vias, Valle Redondo, Terrazas and Las Delicias. I estimate over 450 kids will receive either a backpack with supplies, shoes, uniform or all of these items. All glory goes to God! We have the wonderful blessing of administering this which is impossible alone! My right hand ladies, Yadira Meza and Ofelia Vargas along with many others have filled and decorated hundreds of backpacks, fitted kids for uniforms and handled list after list after list (yes, I am a list maker). The kids receive the Word of God and the love of God and many are staying for services and returning to learn more about the only Savior, Jesus Christ! Growing godly leaders – world changers – is the goal and many of you have faithfully made this possible!

Summer was full of amazing teams from the U.S. serving on the weekends to help build Gracia del Calvario church in Vista del Valle with us. Construction teams, discipleship and teaching teams, hard working youth groups, food teams, water fight teams, house building and many home (prayer) visits. Thank you to North Coast Calvary Chapel, The Movement Church, Life Mission Church, The Ranch Church, WEAVE sisters, The Crossing (dental clinic) and Club Dust for sending teams and supplies to serve alongside us this summer. Our building is far from complete but there is a ministry praying about building the sanctuary before the end of the year. We currently have services in the garage with kids and youth meeting in tents and under pop up shade tents. Everyone seems happy and excited to come to church regardless of the lack of structures! Five youth accepted the Lord last Sunday with their teacher David Cabrera!



One project the NCCC Youth Group started was to clear the trash off of the lot in front of the church. The owner has loaned me the lot to make a community park. Eight huge pickup loads of trash were removed and now we need to paint murals, add sand, put up swings and slides, make a small fence so the little kids don't run in the

street and basically make this a nice place for the community and church kids to play. If you would like to join us in this project or any other work projects at the church, we would love to host your group. The calendar fills up quickly so send me an email and we will reserve your group time.

Jose Luis and Javier and I want to thank you from all of our heart for your confidence in God and in us in helping to grow this work. None of this is possible without our partners and sponsors and we invite you to come and see what God is doing in east Tijuana. We are hoping to open both lunch kitchens for the school kids in early September but we only have regular monthly support for 10 kids at \$13 per month per child. If you would like to give towards providing hot lunches for kids who have none, here is the information:

http://www.graceofcalvaryministries.com/donations-and-partnering.html



8 to 11 year old Sunday children's ministry class in the tent. 26 kids!

Please pray for these little guys to fill their tummies so they can carry those backpacks to school. The goal is to provide lunch for 75+ kids per day.

Prayer requests:

A 60' x 24' building to be used as the sanctuary

Food and/or monthly provision for the LUNCH FOR KIDS program

Youth leader (David is returning to study one more year at Calvary Chapel Bible College in Ensenada.

Intern to train for assistant pastor

Worship team (more people who play instruments)

Spiritual growth in the congregation

Javier's adoption in Mexico

Baby Sammy (8 months), Vanessa (28 and mom of 4 school age kids), Mariana (18 and single mom) who all are fighting cancer.

Needs:

Large vehicle to transport people
Two 10 x 10 Pop-up Shade tents
Two 6 ft. commercial strength tables
Bibles in Spanish
Play equipment and sand for the play lot
Finish the garage building
Build 24 ft x 4 ft. block wall on the upper lot
Finish the play lot

I hope you have time to enjoy our monthly photos from the summer ministry which are at:

http://www.graceofcalvaryministries.com/monthly-photos.html

"We must care more about our reputation in heaven than our reputation among men on earth. Stand strong for God, and never be ashamed or embarrassed to live the Christian life openly and boldly before other people." Joyce Meyers

With today's accelerated persecution of Christians in the world, this means even more. Please keep our brothers and sisters in prayer and I am always thinking "what would I do?"

To Jesus be the glory and honor!

Cindy and Jose Luis

Kids 1 - 3 years old meet in the kitchen

