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Happy New Year!

Hoping this letter finds everyone getting their new year off to a roaring start or as in the case of a lot of us, we are trying to thaw out from the cold snap that made it's way across the country. I am thankful that the El Paso area is warm most of the year for this northern girl who doesn't like the cold!

One afternoon as I was crossing back into El Paso, I drove across the mountain pass and stopped at one of the picnic areas at the top. Looking out over just part of El Paso and Juarez I felt a need to do more, but what can I do? There are approximately 1.6 million people in Juarez, how do we reach them for Christ? It starts with ONE! Our role in reaching "all of them" is to take simple steps of obedience as God leads us. **God has a plan and we get to be part of it!** Trust and obey, that's our part. ( Pastor Tony Liuzzo/ Fellowship Baptist Church) Of course this led to all kinds of brainstorming and planning our next steps for the new year. So excited to see what God has in store.

Our summer was pretty uneventful since it was very hot. School let out earlier than normal. We were able to finish our kids Bible club before school started again. We are continuing working with the local school to help as many children as will come that are at greatest risk of failing. In our area over 61% of the children live in poverty and 51% don't finish grade school. Along with helping with school work, we have a Bible lesson, play time and make sure their bellies are full. Thankfully we have been able to give out small bags of beans and rice to these families as well.

One of our other ministry goals is to continue Pete Raymond's legacy of training. We were able to plan a pastor's breakfast in conjunction with DAI/Mexico. (Development Associates International) Mickey has been involved with DAI for several years. Many pastors and their wives came, enjoyed wonderful fellowship and a fantastic breakfast prepared by the ladies of El Buen Pastor Church. We discussed the needs of the church and community and had a min session of our upcoming training on Living & Leading in the Love of God.

This focused on really knowing God, not just knowing about God. We will be hosting a 2 day conference in the spring to continue this training. Thanks to several donations we have been able to get all the materials, gifts and other items for this conference.

## Isaiah 55:11

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So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

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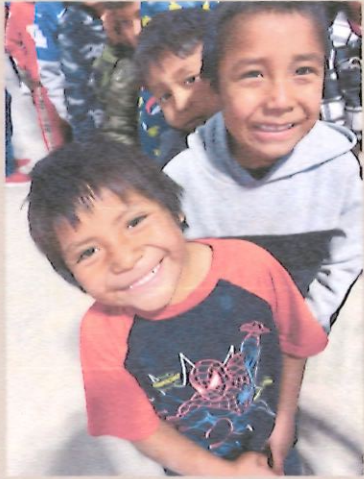
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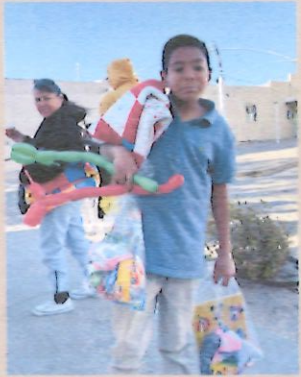
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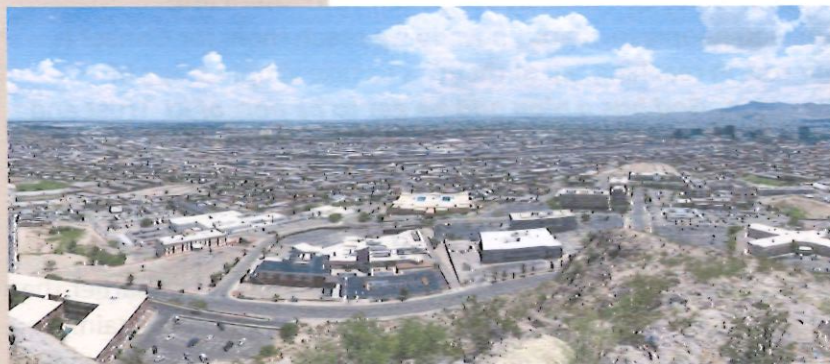


We ended our year with a party for the kids and their friends in the colony. I was thankful that a wonderful friend from church (Wilma) was able to travel with me to help out. Of course we had many more children than our usual 12-15! The announcement of a party brought them out! I lost count at 60. The Christmas story was presented with lots of giggles as Mickey was very animated in his story telling. I wish i could have added a video here. After that we had a hot dog lunch. Wilma was able to make balloon animals and swords to hand out and each children received a gift bag and handmade blanket made by ladies at Monclova Rd Baptist Church. Warm clothing was also given out. It was a full day for sure!



The yearly Christmas Gift bag project was able to provide over 500 children with a gift bag this year. Each year I get a little stressed over collecting enough to fill the bags with as many needed items like tooth brushes and soap and fun items like cute things and toys and every year I am blown away by the amount that we collect. I am very grateful for the ladies that show up every year to bring this project to life! We will never know until we get to heaven the difference one of these bags may have made in a child's life. The glory is all given to God.

Continue praying for safety at the border. With the political climate right now anything can happen. Also be in prayer for a group from Columbus, Ohio that will be coming in June to work on the home.



Thank you for your continued support.  
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