

BORDER MISSIONS

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“For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: ...Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.” Matthew 25:35-40

Greetings in the Name of Jesus,

Albertia & I say thank you so much for your support to Border Missions as we strive to do as Jesus said—to feed and clothe those in need here along the Texas \ Mexico Border. Our mission is to meet their physical needs that we may be able to present the gospel to them also.

Because of the drug violence in Mexico fewer missionaries are going into Mexico. Because of this, we are seeing many more people coming directly to Border Missions for help. Along with these coming across individually we also have pastors that come for food for their church congregation and colonias within Mexico. We are now also helping a ministry that provides food to two poor colonias on the Texas side of the Rio Grande and weekly hold a “tent” service in these areas. What a blessing this has been as many are accepting Christ.

Continue to keep us in your prayers. Pray that God would supply the ever growing needs. As the needs grow, so does the cost to pick up donated food and clothing. Also the 100 degree weather increases the cost to operate our 4 walk-in coolers. God is always faithful.

Pray for Steven’s protection as he continues to cross the border each week to carry beans and rice to a homeless shelter in Mexico. Pray for his safe passage to and from Mexico.

Again, thank you for your support of finances, physical labor, and prayers. In Christ’s Service, Jerry

AN INSIDE JOKE here at the mission is that the Mexican people can make a fiesta out of anything. Actually that’s not a bad idea. The Mexican culture is very family orientated and their celebrations include a lot of food & music. We try to make our services extra special on holidays to let them know we love them and to add some joy to their usual burdensome days. On “Children’s Day” the service was geared to the children and their parents. After praying for all of the children, each child received candy and a stuffed animal. Mother’s Day and Father’s Day each began with a special meal (other than our usual beans and rice), and then a message dedicated especially to the mothers (or fathers, as the case may be). Each mother received a flower and a hand made bag as a gift and each father received a coffee mug.



MEET MARIA GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ



Jerry stands in the church with Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez after a Thursday service. She is 75 years old, lives in Reynosa Mexico. She has a son who lives in Mission Texas. Maria tells us that she was here when Mr. & Mrs. Morgan began the mission and actually helped them clear some of the property to build on. She has walked with the Lord for 52 years and always waits until everyone else gets their food because she firmly believes “that he who desires to be first must be last and a servant of all.” She says as she waits she prays for each of those going before her. What a wonderful “prayer warrior.”

This and That

Last newsletter we included an urgent request for several specific clothing needs of the Mission. **YOU** responded immediately. One man (from Illinois) collected a van load of clothing (including the jeans and shoes we needed so much) and delivered it the next week. Two ladies each sent boxes of bras and undergarments by parcel post and they were immediately distributed through the clothing program. Many locals also dropped off needed items and we received numerous phone calls asking how they could help in these areas. Some sent funds specifically for this need. God met the need through **YOU**. Thank you for listening.



Help us be good stewards of what God provides. If you are receiving duplicate newsletters or prefer to not receive these newsletters please let us know. You may e-mail us or return the envelope with your noted instructions. Also, please let us know of any spelling/address changes.
Thank you.

IN MEMORY OF:

Recent memorial gifts received in memory of:

JOE & JANE BUTCHER

Summer Schedule

Every Thursday

8:00 am—Ladies Sewing

11:30 am—Serve Hot Meal

12:30 pm—Church Service

2:00 pm—Distribute Food & Clothing

We invite you to visit on any Thursday and be a part of this ministry

Or

Volunteer any week day and help in all the behind the scenes activities of getting the food and clothing prepared to give out or help with general maintenance/upkeep of the mission.

FROM STEVEN'S CORNER

Unfortunately we just do not have the space to tell you guys all that I want to tell you every newsletter. This time I would like to tell you a little about what God has been doing for the ministry. One year ago when I started here at Border Missions the mission had about 5 or 6 companies regularly donating food with 2 or 3 giving each week. There were 200 to 250 people coming for help and 16 pastors crossing to take food back to their churches. Today God has grown our food donor list to over 15 with 4 to 6 giving each week. We now have 380 to 400 plus people coming every week for help and 30 plus pastors taking food back to their communities. God is really growing the ministry and making it possible to reach more and more people. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf and please continue to pray for us as we continue to work towards the vision that God has given us for this ministry. God Bless, Steven



A THURSDAY SERVICE