

Praise & PRAYER

Praising God for what He has done and praying for Him to continue to work in all of us



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PRAISE POINTS

- Praise God for teams that have already traveled to the colonias this year and have blessed 10 families with new homes
- Praise God for a new executive director at MM to lead us and cast vision for the ministry
- Praise God for KLOVE's support of Missions Ministries and live broadcasts about our ministry that will air in late June and early August
- Praise God for YOU, our faithful supporter and prayer warrior.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Each child has to pay between \$300 and \$550 per year to attend school, and without a sponsor, many of these children will not be able to go to school
- 11 more faithful teams are on the schedule for 2011 to serve in the colonias
- One of Missions Ministries' goals is to engage Denver's inner-city youth in the construction of homes at Bandimere

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for upcoming multi-build events on Aug. 13th (Denver) and Oct. 1st (Tulsa), that all the houses would be completed and fully funded
- Continue to pray for the political situation in Mexico to improve
- Pray for compassion in the hearts of the border officials to allow 2 yr old Luiz to safely cross to El Paso for a medical evaluation of his life-threatening heart defect
- Pray for the launch of the new SAS program, that every student will be fully sponsored for this coming school year



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An EPIC EVENT you don't want to miss!

That's right folks! We're doing it again. We're gathering together with volunteers from all over the Denver area at Bandimere Speedway on August 13th to build 14 homes for 14 families in need. It's going to be an event to remember!

The time is coming!! August 13th. Bandimere Speedway. Missions Ministries will be at the speedway partnering with teams to build 14 homes for 14 families in need. How incredible it is to think that in just one day so many families' lives will be changed forever! They will go from living in houses made of cardboard and wooden pallets to sound and safe structures

reassembly of the home in Mexico for the family. This is a great activity for a family, neighborhood, company, or youth group to do together. Not only will you build a home, but you will also build strong bonds with your team members. We are still in great need of teams to come volunteer to build as well as raise funds to cover the cost of a home. We can't do this

August 13th
Bandimere Speedway
9 am – 3 pm
Music, Food, and FUN!



that are weatherproof. What an incredible gift to give!! During the event, we will have KLOVE broadcasting music on site, lunch provided, painting, hammering, laughing, and all sorts of fun for people of all ages. We want to encourage you to come and build a home with us at Bandimere Speedway this summer. Groups of 20-30 can build a home in 4 hours. Funds needed per home is \$9,000, which covers the cost of all materials, transportation to Mexico, and

alone. We need you to come be a part! If you are interested in learning more about what you have to do to raise the funds for a home and what team materials you need to bring, please email Gary Fields at gary@missionsministries.org. **We need strong, devoted leaders to rise up and take action to make a difference!**

ACT

Raise funds to build a home at Bandimere--- gather 20 people to raise \$450 each

SERVE

Bring a hammer and nail-apron to help build homes

TELL

Tell neighbors, co-workers, friends and family why you want to serve the poor and needy in Juarez

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SAS: Sponsor a Student

****New education program****



Valeria – Age 4
Kindergarten

Hector – Age 15
Grade 9

Edgar – Age 10
Grade 5

Karla – Age 16
Grade 11

Got SAS? Come be a part of our new program!

Education is one of the most valuable and critical things in our world today. Without a proper education, many people in this world will be subject to poverty, violence, drugs, and hopelessness. Missions Ministries is committed to the education of the youth in the colonias of Juarez. You can give renewed hope to a student to pursue his/her dreams despite circumstance. This is why we have created the SAS program: to link sponsors that have a passion to see youth pursue their dreams to students in Mexico that cannot afford to attend school.

Approximately 70 students in Colonia Villa Esperanza, where both of the Missions Ministries library/tutor centers are located, are in need of educational sponsorships. Every one of these students has dreams, goals, and aspirations for a brighter future. There are future doctors, firemen, teachers, architects, and accountants. These students are dedicated and disciplined in their studies because they know that education is an incredibly important tool for pursuing a better life and escaping the cycle of poverty that has trapped generation after generation of Mexican people. All of these students, from Kindergarten age to High School graduates, are in need of faithful and committed sponsors to come alongside them and enable them to pursue their dreams.

Students living in the poorest colonias of Juarez, Mexico do not have the option to receive free

public education. In the United States, students from low-income families can attend public schools, apply for scholarships, or receive support from a variety of educational organizations. However, in Mexico, if a student wants to attend school but cannot afford to pay the inscription fee or pay for supplies, they will be denied enrollment. Without educational opportunities, these children will likely be forced to work in factories, shops, or any low-paying job they might find to help their families survive. They will have no hope of ever realizing their career goals.

Student sponsorship covers the cost of all the educational needs of that student for one school year. This includes an inscription (enrollment) fee, school supplies, backpack, and uniform, all of which are required by the Mexican government for a student to be eligible to attend school. The sponsorship will also cover the cost of student support at both of Missions Ministries' libraries/tutor centers. These are great places for students to receive extra help from teachers and tutors to assure their success in school, the extra help they cannot receive at school. Sponsors will receive letters, photos, and report cards from their sponsor child throughout the year (facilitated by MM). This is a unique opportunity to build a relationship with your sponsor child. Through this program not only are you improving the educational opportunities for a child, but you can be a source of encouragement and support.

Please consider sponsoring a child each year until they graduate so you may celebrate this great accomplishment together.

As this is our first year to run this program, we are also asking for individuals to donate to the general education fund so that the students who are not immediately adopted for educational support might also find their way into a classroom this fall. Please partner with us by sponsoring a student or donating to the education fund by July 1 so that fall enrollments can be paid for.

If you have been a supporter or donor to the educational ministry in the past or have a passion for this ministry, we encourage you to visit our brand new SAS program website to sponsor a child today. You can search by age range and gender to find a special student you want to support!

ACT NOW!

Visit our SAS website at www.missionsministries.org/sponsor-a-student/ and sign up to sponsor a student TODAY!!

Welcome to John Calvin:

John Calvin started with Missions Ministries as the new Executive Director March 2011. Here are some words from our new leader:

As the new Executive Director of Missions Ministries, I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to serve an organization that has been supported by so many over the past 20 years. I am also incredibly thankful to have met so many of you in such a short period of time; your kindness and compassion for others are humbling.

Prior to joining Missions Ministries, my professional responsibilities were primarily centered on driving innovation, profitability, and performance across a diverse range of industries. Some of my most recent roles include: Sr. Director of Client Strategy & Development, Executive Vice President of Business Development, and National Director of Corporate Development. I have also had a deep passion for missions since the 80's and have been blessed with many opportunities to serve both locally and abroad. God has also blessed me with a wife who is the love of my life and also my best friend. We have three wonderful kids, ages 23, 25, 29 and three adorable grandkids, ages 3, 6 and 8.

As many of you know, both the U.S. economy and the political unrest in Mexico have made the last few years extremely challenging for MM. Although I believe the next six months may be some of the most difficult months the ministry will see, I also believe God's work is not done with this ministry. We have many activities scheduled over the coming weeks, which include long-term planning sessions with our board of directors, more emphasis on fundraising events, additional changes to the website, and

various multi-build "Raising the Walls" events. My prayer is that you may be involved in these events and that God's blessing will help us to raise the funds necessary to maintain a healthy ministry and to renew our vision for the future.

One event in particular that I want to emphasize is our RTW event on August 13th, 2011 at Bandimere Speedway. This event will not only answer the prayers of 14 families who desperately need safe homes, but it will also provide a unique opportunity for the inner-city youth of Denver. Missions Ministries is collaborating with youth in low-income areas who wish to make a positive change in their lives. This program will teach inner city kids basic construction skills, provide positive reinforcement, and give these kids a feeling of pride and self-worth. These kids will be able to serve others and offer help they never before thought they could give. We are praying that God will raise up teams and funds to support this very worthy effort. We need your help!

In closing, I would like to say thank you for your time and for all your support. I'm looking forward to how God is working in the ministry and to meet each and every one of you. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact me at john@missionsministries.org. Thank you again and God Bless.

John Calvin



Build a Shell in Mexico -- \$5500

We have a unique opportunity for some teams to travel to Mexico and finish building a pre-fabricated home that was shipped from Denver to Mexico. The cost for a team to go and finish a home is only \$5500, as opposed to the normal team cost of \$8300. This is a great option for those with financial restrictions that still have a heart and desire to serve a family in need.

Teams that finish these pre-fabricated homes will still stay at our comfortable team center in the colonias and have meals prepared by our kitchen staff.

If you are interested in gathering a construction team to build for \$5500 in the colonias, please contact Gary Fields at gary@missionsministries.org or 303-771-3789.

Cut Here – Please return in envelope



Missions Ministries Partner Card

Name: _____
E-mail : _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

We need you more than ever to lift Missions Ministries and the poorest of the poor in the colonias of Juarez up in prayer. We invite you to volunteer, donate, or raise a team to go to Juarez or Raise the Walls.

Volunteer:

- ____ I would like to form a team for the build at **Bandimere Speedway August 13th**
- ____ I would like to join a construction team to build a home for family in need in the colonias
- ____ I would like to join a medical team to the colonias
- ____ I would like to donate formulas and diapers/ medical supplies.
- ____ I would like to organize a Raising the Walls build.

Donate:

____ Enclosed is my check made out to **Missions Ministries** for the amount of \$ _____

I would like to Donate to:

- ____ Library operational needs (\$2000/month)
- ____ Medical ministry needs
- ____ Support a missionary _____ Tarahumara Ministry
- ____ Where most needed _____ Education Ministry



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THIS SUMMER



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TEAM



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STORY