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WHAT'S NEW AT MM?

- Check out our **BLOG** at missionsministries.wordpress.com
- Come join us at **Bandimere Speedway—October 16**
- Meet our wonderful **staff member Jesús and his family**
- **MM on Facebook!** Become a fan!

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Racing to Raise the Walls at Bandimere!

- **Multi-home build** in the parking lot
- Get together with **friends & family**
- **Build a home** for a family in need
- **Give hope** to the poorest of poor

Racing to Raise the Walls for Juarez is an epic, one day youth event with live music, food, friends, and fun. On October 16th, families, friends, and youth groups will gather to build homes for the people of Juarez. Channel 9News will be there from 7-9 am with live footage and interviews. This will be an exciting event!

The goal: To build 10 homes for those living without one. The desperate families of Juarez, Mexico are in need of our help. These people have been oppressed, exploited, devalued and driven to a life of despair. Millions of Mexicans are living in substandard housing. With little government assistance, many live in houses made of wooden pallets and cardboard with dirt floors, no water or

plumbing, and in extreme conditions. This build at Bandimere Speedway is an opportunity to help bear the burden of those whose needs are so great.



Come Join us at Bandimere Speedway!

In just 4 hours, a team of 10-30 people can build a home. Missions Ministries will provide the lumber, staff, and expertise to instruct volunteers. Once the walls and the roofs of the homes are completed here, the house is then transported to Mexico, reassembled, finished,

and presented to a family who desperately needs it! You can help raise the walls of hope, of renewal, and of faith! Building these homes are answered prayers for the Mexican families that receive them. And not only does building these homes benefit the poor and needy of Mexico, but friends, families, and communities here will experience a great blessing as they work together to provide a home for a family. So gather your community, family, friends, sports team, or youth group and come Raise the Walls with MM. **Contact Dave McCombs at dave@missionsministries.org for more information.**

- **Where:** Bandimere Speedway
- **When:** October 16, 2010 9-3pm
- **Why:** Raising the Walls of hope

MM in ACTION

So what has MM been doing these last few months? Missions Ministries has been keeping busy building houses both here in the Mile High City and down in Juarez. We have had three RTW builds at various churches throughout the metro area: West Bowles Community Church, Cherry Hills Community Church, and New Life in Christ Church. We are so grateful for everyone who came to build and made the RTW a success. We are excited to ship these houses down to Juarez

for three families in need. MM also participated at Heavenfest during the last week of July awareness of the growing need in Juarez and even building a home with youth volunteers there.

Also, in the month of September two teams traveled down to Juarez to build homes and run a medical clinic. Everyone had a blast and fell even more in love with the people of Juarez. Thanks to all the teams



MM at Heavenfest July 31st, 2010

who traveled down. We are so grateful to have served with you and are encouraged by your hearts for this ministry. Now we are looking forward to the next teams going down in October and November. There is a lot more action to come this year!!

Jesus-His Incredible Story



Jesus and wife Alma, twin sons Jesus Jr. and Geraldo, Emmanuel, daughters, Yapsubeli and Yamilex

Jesus has been serving Missions Ministries for 9 years as head of our Mexico operations and construction teams. He interprets and

drives the bus to pick up teams in El Paso to safely deliver them to our team center in the colonias.

Life has not been easy for Jesus as he chose a difficult path, beginning at age 8, living on the streets after the death of his father and his mother's remarriage. His life consisted of crime and drug abuse and his gang became his family. At age 16 he was an atheist, deep into drug abuse, stealing, fighting,

trust and to love and to finally believe that God was real. After a three and half year battle with drug abuse, Jesus was drug free.

He met Alma at a Bible study group and he felt something for her. Leo came along side Jesus and counseled him on how to honor his wife now that he was a Christian. Alma, who was also married, divorced her abusive husband and moved away with her two daughters. Juana became gravely ill and with minimal financial means to seek medical attention she died. Jesus spiraled out of control again, leaving his sons, turning to drugs and becoming suicidal. He was

killing and driving a get-away car for drug dealers. He married Juana, a Christian, who loved him and gave him twin sons, Jesus Jr. and Geraldo and later Emmanuel. But Jesus' life was out of control. Due to his drug use he could not tolerate his sons' crying and he became an abusive father. After an episode of almost killing his young sons he had a vision of them becoming just like him and that he was going to die. He became distraught and ran away from the gang and tried to force himself off drugs. Juana continued her prayers and encouragement for him and a Christian employer continued to fast and pray for him. Jesus received a Bible that he started reading and

angry and he blamed God. Finally the Holy Spirit took hold of Jesus again. He made a promise with God to show him how to love and he would not return to drugs. Alma returned to the colonias and was concerned for Jesus' sons. She began to care for them and she and Jesus eventually married. They are a blended family of his 3 sons and her 2 daughters. He says his daughters have taken his heart and now he can love! He can now say joyfully that he loves God and his family. Jesus is studying to be a Pastor. His vision for MM is to grow and expand into more areas inside Mexico. He has a heart for

he felt the power of the Lord through visions he kept having. Drug counselors told him the visions were due to his drug use, but Jesus knew it was the Holy Spirit. Still he resisted belief in God's love and salvation. During his darkest moments he became suicidal. Jesus felt that although Juana was a good wife that loved him deeply, he had never loved her. He was incapable of loving anyone. In stepped Leo and Chago who over time taught him to



Jesus and his construction crew

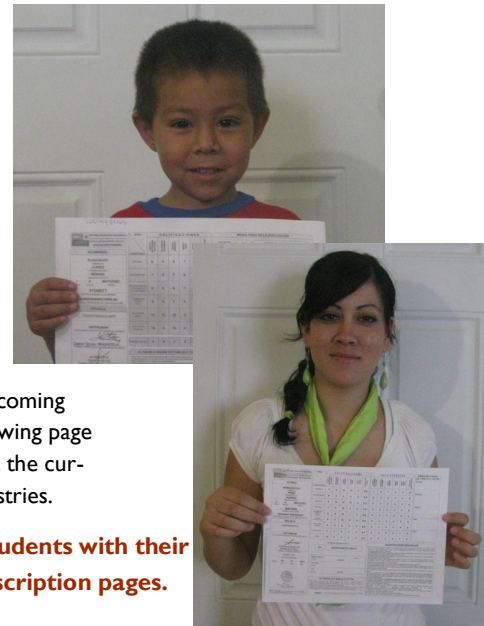
women that have suffered from abuse, and he and Alma have taken women into their home that are in need of a safe place. A dream of both he and Alma is to someday build a women's shelter. In his spare time he has been writing his autobiography. A good title may be "Finding God is Love."

Grateful kids who received new backpacks for the school year.

A Special Thank You

During the summer we asked our friends and family at MM to help by donating backpacks and school supplies for the children in the colonias. What a great success! We would like to thank everyone who participated in this and donated a backpack to a child in need. Also, we would like to thank those who funded school fees so that all of these children can continue their education to-

wards a brighter future. Students starting elementary school all the way up to college have received scholarships to cover their school fees. Praise the Lord! With all the donated backpacks and scholarships, MM is now shifting focus to our other needs for this upcoming season. Check out the following page for more information about the current needs at Missions Ministries.



Students with their inscription pages.

Special Needs at MM

Missions Ministries always has special needs requests from families and friends in Mexico. Some of the biggest ongoing needs are formulas and diapers for infants and funding for special surgeries. Our hearts are broken for these people and we want to help them in any way we can.

At various times throughout the year, MM helps to raise funds for special surgeries. Without our help, they cannot afford the procedures that are desperately needed. One special kid named Pancho is in need of another operation after his body rejected an artificial ear implant. The doctors will need to extract a piece of cartilage from his hip to create the



Pancho, age 10

external ear so that he can function and hear normally. Pancho's family cannot afford the operation cost of \$1100. If you would like to fund a special surgery or medical procedure for someone in need in Mexico, just like Pancho, please **contact John Emerson at doce303@gmail.com**.

Another special need in Juarez is diapers and formula. Many babies wear the same diaper for four or more days at a time because the family can't afford to buy new ones. Cloth diapers aren't an option because water is so scarce in Juarez. Also, many of the mothers are too malnourished themselves to breastfeed their children, and babies are dying due to lack of proper nutrition. Up to 25% of babies in Kilometer 30 (a colonia of Juarez) do not live longer than six months. Formula is a

crucial need for the children in Juarez. Quinn Anderson has been a faithful friend of Missions Ministries, leading teams twice a year down to Juarez to build homes as well as take donated diapers and formula. Quinn Anderson has started an organization in response to this need of suffering infants called "Babies of Juarez." This organization raises both awareness and support to send diapers and formula to those in need. If you would like to donate diapers, formula, baby clothes, or learn more about the need, please **contact Quinn Anderson at quincyjoyanderson@gmail.com or visit babiesofjuarez.org**.

Donation of diapers and formula for the babies of Juarez



Christmas Boxes for Kids

The Salt and Light class from Waterstone Community Church has been taking home building teams to Juarez since 2004. In 2006, they built a church for Pastor Martin called Mi Dios Es Real. Each quarter they take down food and supplies for the church. It only seemed natural for them to provide gifts for the kids when they delivered the food in December. In 2007, the church delivered about 75 Christmas Boxes. The program is now in its fourth year and members are hoping to put together 1000 boxes. Gayle Hendrickson and Rose Auten coordinate the effort. Christmas boxes are for 3-5, 6-9, and

10-14 for boys and girls. The boxes contain hygiene items, crayons, pens and pencils, coloring books, boy and girl items, toys, clothing, candy and a Bible tract. Waterstone is teaming up with other churches to reach their goal to send 1000 Christmas Boxes to the Missions Ministries Pastor's Alliance this year. But they need more participants! This is a wonderful outreach for the Mexican Pastors, and every little effort on our part means a great deal to the recipients. This is a great program for those that may not be able to go to

Juarez and "build a house", but can help provide joy to others by building a Christmas Box! If you would like to help fill, package, or fund Christmas boxes, WE NEED YOU!

Contact, Bruce Coulter, at 303-904-2451, or bcoulter42@gmail.com for more information.

If you would like to give financially to support this project, send an e-mail to writeus@missionsministries.org or donate online at www.missionsministries.org.

Don't miss Dinner!

Missions Ministries is thankful for all of the wonderful people who have served on teams to Mexico to help the poor and needy. So we wanted to show them our gratitude for all that they do with a team appreciation and informational dinner. Also, we are so excited about new partners of Missions Ministries and those interested in serving with us in the future. So what are we doing? Missions Ministries is hosting a team appre-

ciation and informational dinner for past team members and those interested in leading a new team. We will be specially honoring team leaders and major donors to MM. The dinner will be held on Thursday, November 11th in the Fireside Room at Cherry Hills Community Church from 6-8:30 pm. Leo, Susy, and Jesus will be there to speak about current events in the colonias and there will

be plenty of Mexican food to fulfill your appetite. If you are interested in leading a team and serving in Juarez, whether it be on a construction or medical trip, we want to inform you of ways you can help and show you just how amazing the experience can be! If you would like to attend the dinner, contact Liz at liz@missionsministries.org or 303-771-3789. **Must RSVP to attend by Monday, November 8th.**

Team Appreciation Dinner and Information Session

**Date: Nov 11, 2010
Time: 6-8:30 pm
Place: CHCC Fireside Room**



Our mission is transformed lives and transformed communities—meeting spiritual needs for the hopeless, building homes for the homeless, providing medical care for the sick and expanding educational support for the children of the poorest, most remote colonias of Juarez, Mexico through shared, transformative team experiences.

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Prayer Requests— a way for everyone to partner with us

- Pray for an end to the violence— the area where we work is removed from the violence, but media reports of violence in other areas has resulted in fewer teams
- Pray for medical and build teams to go to Mexico
- Pray for ways you can help

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Q & A with Judd Fitzgerald

Judd Fitzgerald traveled on his first missions trip to Juarez, Mexico in February 2010 with nineteen other team members. We asked Judd to tell us more about his first experience on the missions field and reflect for us his time spent there.

Q: Judd, your trip to Juarez was the first mission trip you have ever been on. Tell us a little more about your time there and what it meant to you.

A: During the three days spent in Mexico, our team was able to build a home for a family, conduct two food outreaches, and staff a medical clinic. Not only did we change the lives of the ones we touched, but we all were changed as we saw God's faithfulness and protection.

In truth, I thought I was going down there to do some good in this world

and make a difference. What I didn't know was God has a different lesson plan for me. God said, "let's go to work and I will show you what I do everyday." The love, patience, and generosity that the people of Mexico showed me was overwhelming! They have nothing yet are happy to share what little they have.



Judd Fitzgerald playing guitar for the kids in the colonias

Their world is monochromatic and yet it is filled with a spirit for life not found in our busy world.

I asked a faithful Mexican man, Leo, where he found God in this bleak place he lived (its easy to see God and God's work living here in beautiful Colorado I thought). His response was, "I see God in the people who come to volunteer and in each of their hearts; I don't have to see His work in the landscape." By the end of our three days in Mexico, I had learned a new lesson in life which has moved me to support this ministry and be a voice to promote helping and working with families in Juarez, Mexico. Judd and his wife Lindsay live in Littleton, CO with their two-year-old son Rowan. He is currently fundraising for a home for his team to build in February.