

Feed My Lambs International

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a monthly ***Feed My Lambs International*** newsletter sent by Gary and Minnie Sandmann

....And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. -Luke 10:31b

Dear loved ones,

Now they'll have a roof over their heads! It's poured!

We were not looking to build a children's home in Cuernavaca, none of us were. However, I was not surprised when my brother and sister-in-law Pastor Chayo and Betty decided to make the all out commitment to begin a children's home. When we visited them in Cuernavaca, Betty would tell us stories about the kids. We were doing what we thought was quite a lot for them already, but Betty kept seeing more. The injured, the abandoned, the discarded, the abused that need a home. As for our part, I knew that my dear brother and sister-in-law will need a lot of help. We at FMLI unanimously decided to do what we can to see these broken ones lifted up in Jesus' name. There are opportunities that are too costly to pass by in this life. Usually we associate these with things that will be of great personal gain to us. But what about great personal gain to someone that will never be able to pay you back? A broken child. Abandoned children. I can think of five little ones right now that their mother just abandoned. Another little girl's single mom just died. Her situation is dangerous, precarious.

Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

The Levite came and looked, and then passed by, trying to avoid the scene. We, personally, and as a ministry, cannot afford to pass these kids by. Will it be 5 children? 10? 25? More? I don't know. We are committed to do what we can with the abilities and resources that we have. We want to have the first level of the facility ready to receive children by the end of this year. We need funding to keep our crew of 6 working. It will take approximately \$1,000 per week from here to the end of the year to keep them in materials and moving toward the goal. The work our crew is doing is very hard work and is dangerous. They are each making less than \$2 per hour to build, 50-55 hours, working 6 days a week. They are a great crew and it's been an honor to work with them when I've had the chance. My brother-in-law? He is the 6th man, running the job while pastoring the church. Working 7 days a week. Normal for him. I cannot afford to pass by this effort. I must stop, think, be inspired.

Now, as a missionary, I understand that there are almost endless opportunities and petitions for those that give. For those that have supported, and continue to support us and others. Thank you so very much. Sometimes with all the difficult situations and constant tragedies that surround us, we can start to turn the blinders on, start to get a little hardened to it all can't we. Well, I know I sometimes feel that way, kind of wearied by it. We can start not looking, just passing. We can get tired of the petitions and wishing it was another way. But, like Pastor Chayo says "Wishing doesn't exist." Right now, we are working to help children that I haven't met yet. But I know that when we meet, we will not pass them by like so many others already have, not if we can help it, and I believe we can and will.

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P.S. This letter serves as a real heart check for many of us. I know, me too! Be encouraged. May God give joy to you who partner with us and others. We look forward to seeing kids that are loved, healing, and growing in Jesus' name.

That joy will also be great personal gain. Truly, the best is yet to come.



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Praise report/ prayer requests:

It's poured! It's poured! The roof is poured. Pictured left, top are some of the last touches of the roof preparation. It took months to get this roof ready.

Five trucks of cement were poured onto this roof.

We thank God we have had no serious injuries, although 2 of our workers missed some days due to falls. They suffered a sprained knee and a sprained ankle along with some bruised and sore bodies. They're fine now. I also fell off a ladder, (trying to take a good picture for the newsletter!) but am fine. I'm glad I don't have to explain to all how I got injured! Never did get that pic I wanted... Although the photography didn't go very well, the wiring rough-in did. I laid in over 1,000 feet of flex tubing over 4 long days and put the last box in with the cement coming right behind me! Preaching was part of the package as well.

We also thank God for smooth travel. I think it was only the 2nd time ever that we went down and back through Mexico City without some kind of incident. And speaking of travel...from there I've been preaching in Mesa, AZ, Wray and Holyoke, CO, and on my way up to Roseau, MN before returning back to Monterrey and then probably back down to Cuernavaca later this month! Thanks to all of you that opened your doors and hearts on this trip through the U.S. You all encourage me along. God bless you.



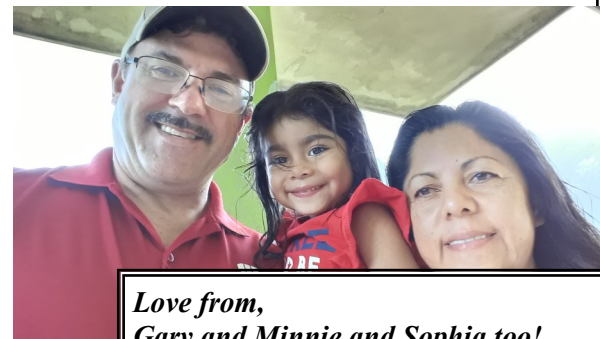
April 7-9th is our 13th annual kids camp!

April 10th is our Good Friday Celebration

June 22-29th team coming from Amery, WI.

This team is coming to build interior walls. June will come quickly. The floors need to be poured, exterior block walls need to be laid and the interior finishing of said walls needs to be done to be ready for this team. Please be praying for funds to continue coming in for this special project. Again, the goal is to be ready to receive kids by the end of the year!

We also ask you to pray for our local missions, camps, and all our other ministry around the country as well as the land purchase that will more than triple the size of our ministry base. It's all moving forward! This picture below, left is from our work in Tierra Blanca, Guerrero region. The kids are showing their certificates for completing discipleship training designed for them. There were 140 kids at the Christmas service as well. 10 years ago there was no church and we were all but unwelcome there. Amazing. God is good. God bless you all.



*Love from,
Gary and Minnie and Sophia too!
along with all your family in Mexico.*