

Feed My Lambs International



Before

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



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After!

Dear loved ones,

It's so nice to be able to write you again! I hope this finds you well and, above all else, healed from the eternal consequences of the sin virus. Nothing compares to the deadly effects it has wrought throughout history, and absolutely nothing can be greater than being vaccinated, grafted into the family, and forever healed by the Blood of the Lamb that was slain on our behalf! And it is also wonderful to know that justice, true justice, will come. Soon!

So, how do you like the before and after pictures? When we arrived back in Cuernavaca the first part of March, we had no idea that we'd be staying almost 3 months! After helping lay some blocks for a couple days, I heard what probably no missionary wants to hear... "You are our block layer." *I am?* I thought. I was already wearing a lot of hats on this job or so I thought... As the Coronavirus inevitably spread, another crew came looking for work. We had a decision to make. It was a simple decision, but not easy.

So we built the wall...for the people had a mind to work. —see Nehemiah 4:6

We would all work together. I laid around 3,000 blocks, trying to stay in front of our rough-in crew working on one end of the children's home while the finish crew worked on the other end. It was incredible! I lost count after we bought the 15th ton of cement bags to mix (using mostly shovels and poured from buckets I might add). Dump truck after dump truck of rocks and sand...Lots of sweat, many tears, and some blood as well. This advance toward victory came with much difficulty. Illnesses, danger, etc...and I can tell you that my foot does not catch blocks very well and my toes don't look pretty when they are purple! (I'll spare you the picture:)



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After!

Pastor Chayo and Betty have referred to the children's home as a miracle since the beginning. It now has a name. *Miracle of Life*. Pictured is one of the logo examples. As I worked with Pastor Chayo and these crews, we often thought of you, our supporters. Even though we couldn't get the news out to you, monies kept coming in so that we could keep working and paying for more and more materials. Betty was so excited to go pick out tile for the facility! It was like God was multiplying our efforts. The peso dropped to its lowest value, giving us great exchange rates. The crew that came? The foreman is Christian. He said he wanted his part in this blessing and gave us discounted labor rates on his already more than reasonable rate. We saw God's protection, provision, care, orchestration, His plan, all throughout these months. It was an honor to work like that during this extraordinary time in history. It's an honor to participate in this miracle of life in the midst of all the surrounding circumstances both worldwide and locally. Thank you for helping make this possible. The children's home will be a great source of Light in a very dark area of Cuernavaca. I've been excited to show you how we are doing and I hope that all those who are giving can feel some of the joy of this miracle thus far.

When I got down to see the jobsite again, I thought that there was very little chance to meet our goal of being able to receive children by the end of the year. Now, by God's hand, we are farther than I thought we could be at this point! The facility now has stucco inside and out and the tile is going down throughout. Next, we'll need the materials for the interior walls and the doors and windows. Although we had to cancel the mission team in June, we are rescheduling and planning to be back in Cuernavaca **July 28th-August 15th** to build the interior walls! Then we can start thinking of appliances, fixtures, etc... as we move toward opening a miracle of hope. A miracle of life.



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Praise report/ prayer requests:

We thank God for the efforts of Pastor Juan and Ime while we were in Cuernavaca. They helped take care of our ministry center and did what they could with our outreach ministries in Berlanga Garcia and Hormiguero. Right now, due to the pandemic restrictions, we are unable to host large gatherings, have street services, etc... Through their efforts, we were able to visit some homes and distribute food bags and pray for

the people. That part was good, but it also caused jealousies and friction because it is not logistically possible to serve all that we have been right now. We will wait out the situation this month and continue to evaluate how we can best serve moving forward. We will not be having camps this summer, but our facility has been hosting families and smaller groups through these months, helping how we can both legally and practically.



The government offices in Mexico are now opening up and the process to purchase the land next to us continues on. It's well into the 2nd year now, but it is progressing. Please pray for this situation, and for my patience to grow!

As this letter concludes, I wanted to mention my friend Panfila (pictured) in the Hormiguero. Many of you may recognize the name from presentations and letters over the years. She lost her legs and eyesight due to diabetes complications. Her husband also lost his legs to the same. She has passed on now and will be missed. We always prayed together when we went to visit Hormiguero. One day she asked me if her body would always be like that forever. I was able to give her



hope and let her know that, truly, the best is yet to come. God bless you Panfila, I can only imagine what you see now. And God bless you all.

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