

Feed My Lambs International



Milagro de Vida
Casa Hogar Para niños

Dear loved ones,

It's not always easy to be part of a miracle. In so many Old Testament examples, to see a miracle the saints of old had to spend a night in the midst of lions, be completely outnumbered, walk through a fiery furnace... So often, to see a miracle, we must pass through more than we could have imagined our life would be... I can think of a woman seemingly rejected, insulted or certainly could have been offended by Jesus, before receiving her miracle. One waited 38 years. Another time, four friends carried their paralyzed friend to see Jesus. Not being let through, they persisted to lower him down through the roof! In another example, the disciples had such a long day, then they were told to feed the thousands from 5 loaves and two fish!

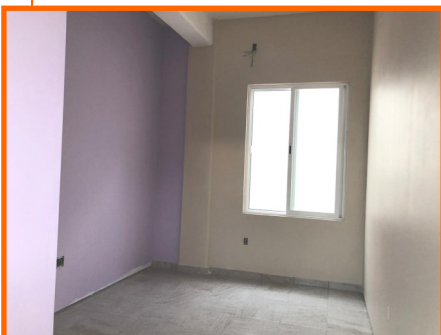
But, oh, how we love the results.

Fund raiser, block layer, architect, designer, project foreman, framer, sheet rocker, taper, electrician... In a foreign land, foreign laws, foreign language. It's been a big job description building this children's home, but we are now seeing these efforts come to fruition. Minnie, Sophia and I were down in Cuernavaca another three weeks in August, staying on-site this time. When we left, 5 bedrooms were framed up, wired, insulated for sound, sheet rocked, and the master bed and 2 girls rooms were taped, primed, and painted! Then we had to leave and get back to Monterrey to deal with more land issues (that's turning

into another miracle we're waiting on with great effort!).

We were so encouraged and I'm so pleased to report to you that we received two special offerings just in time for this mission, and now we have the kitchen appliances too! Along with bathroom fixtures, light fixtures, bathroom divisions. The kitchen tile work should be done next week (here's a picture showing how that's coming along). And Chayo's Island (right) should be habitable next week too! It took him 4 days to get that poured. Pastor Chayo has a lot of trouble seeing now. One of the images etched in my heart is him bending over, squinting to try to see his measurements. The island's going to be a centerpiece in the house and already has quite a history. Betty will be cooking from there. Two of the kids rooms are pictured left, we're happy with how they are turning out as well.

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Chayo's Island!



Betty and Chayo can hardly believe what has happened this year with this home. Betty says she feels like one of those TV shows that the home gets a total makeover and then they bring back the owners to bless them. They repeatedly refer to this work of God as a miracle. There's not two people that I'd rather see this happen for, to be part of a miracle with. Thanks to all of you choosing to participate in the miracle.

Let's keep serving together, it's already beginning to multiply...

But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away.

You give them something to eat." -Matthew 14:16

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We are striving to have the inauguration around Thanksgiving. It seems appropriate.

Pictured are Chayo, his son-in-law Misael, Edu, Isai, Sophia (unlikely to shy away from a pic) and yours truly. In the pic, I presented Edu with a specially designed tool. It looked terrible.

I couldn't find what I wanted to have for taping corners, so I modified one "Mexican style". The crew was impressed, but there was one little problem...It didn't work! We laughed and laughed.

"Keep smiling. You look better that way." one of my uncles says. He's right. Now I'm thinking of another story. Sophia woke up wanting to work on her colors. After a few examples in the early morning hours, she asked me what color my face was...I told her it is white. "Tan fea." she replied to her precious daddy. "Tan fea" translates.... "So ugly." Thank you my little princess. Good morning.

*A merry heart does good, like medicine,
But a broken spirit dries the bones. -Proverbs 17:22*

There is so much to be serious about these days. I wonder about the attitudes of the disciples as they served the meal that evening. Being serious about everything all the time hasn't helped me much this year. Hasn't helped my wife either! And I hope you haven't found yourself in my serious club. These times have been difficult for so many of us. There is still much to enjoy in our God and in these days both now and forever. How many times did the disciples enjoy that meal after it was all done?

There's been many long days in Cuernavaca this year and probably in your lives as well, but I am looking forward to visiting Chayo's Island real soon on an early morning with the sun rising as the Children's Home gets up for the day.

Keep smiling, truly, the best is yet to come. A few months later, Sophia told me I am beautiful. I guess I'm both!

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God bless all of you
and yours.

Praise report/ prayer requests:

Pastor Margil was hospitalized for 10 days. It looked really bad. We thank God that he has recovered from COVID-19 and that the staff requested prayer from him as he departed! He is a dear friend of ours.

We have other dear friends fighting this virus now. Please pray for them.

Please pray for the pastors and their families. Many depend upon offerings that are now not being given due to the pandemic. They also run some of the highest risks of catching the virus. We have been able to give groceries to many hurting pastors this last month.



We continue our work in Hector Colony as well, but have suspended our efforts in Berlanga Garcia and Hormiguero per their request due to COVID-19. Please pray for wisdom as we evaluate how to best move forward with our outreach efforts.



Fore! No golf tournament, but I am planning on coming up.

September 6th First Baptist in Falun, WI (this will be on line)

September 11th Rushford, MN

September 13th East Lincoln Alliance Amery, WI are the confirmed dates thus far.

On the way back to Monterrey, we stopped outside Querétaro to stay and do a house service. We stayed at the home of one of the girls that Minnie helped raise some 30 years ago when Minnie worked at another children's home. Guillermina still refers to Minnie as mom to this day. It was a nice time with them and an encouraging reminder of the importance of the work at hand.

Please pray for furniture, beds, fire extinguishers, permits moving forward...and for the kids that are waiting for refuge. Let's get these doors open!



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