

A Letter from Baja

Greetings from Baja California Norte!

Last year, we shared with you how twenty-five years ago, the Shrocks came here to retire and saw the needs of the people in the labor camps. Thru their acts of compassion and vision, they rallied the retirement community and a ministry was born.

Four years ago, we were asked to take it over and it has been an adventure for this retired couple! The labor camps are gone, but the needs are still here. God soon provided funds to build an outdoor dining room, kitchen and bathrooms behind the church and we started feeding 35 kids a day.

The Goldsmith family came and helped and oversaw the construction of a sports court. And then a year ago, the Mexican government came and proposed a collaboration. Suddenly, we had more resources and more children and more families. We now serve about 6,000 meals a month!!!



At the end of July, a team from Koinonia came to serve and do a VBS for the children at El Comedor Comunitario La Roca, the children's kitchen. The timing of their coming was perfect. They brought almost 200 backpacks and supplies that you had given. We were blessed as we had not anticipated such generosity.

That same week, we were granted access again to Helping Hand's Mañadero property. It was overwhelming to see its condition, as we considered the cleanup and repairs that needed to be done. Then, the team arrived and they worked and cleaned. What an encouragement! The Team also held a VBS and it was awesome. We thank you for blessing us here in the Baja with their presence.

Since receiving back our property, SEDESOL, an agency of the Mexican government, has offered to come and help us start another kitchen in Mañadero. As soon as repairs and cleanup are done, we see this as our next step. We feel like Nehemiah, who received the resources of a foreign government in the rebuilding of Jerusalem, the city of God! We sense a renewed mandate from Matthew 25:34-40 where King Jesus declares "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.....whatever you did to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Thank you again,

Blake and Rena Cromwell
Helping Hands of Mexico

Tamayo Family in Asia

The Tamayos finished their training in Europe and have officially landed in Asia. One of their biggest needs was to work out their housing situation. They found a 32 story apartment building that had all the things they were praying for regarding their new home.

One challenge was that they needed to pay a years worth of rent

up front, something that they did not anticipate. They shared their need



and God's people responded. They will be living on the 9th floor. TJ said "God is so faithful and responded to all the things we asked for. The place is already painted and we are in the process of getting settled. Thank you to all the people who helped make this happen."

Pray for TJ, Katrina, Chaz and Tripp as they get settled and step into a new culture, new language and new opportunities for ministry.

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