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NEWSLETTER

Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35

God has called us in Christ to be servants of one another; in our baptism, he united us to him and made us part of his people to serve each other in love as he serves us through the word and sacraments. What a joy to see the youths animated and participating in church activities, **SERVING**, preparing the tables to celebrate Mother's Day, rehearsing to play on Sunday during the Divine Service, putting up banners, being friends, praying together, and learning from The word of God.



THESE IS THE BEST TESTIMONY THAT THE WORD OF GOD DOES NOT RETURN EMPTY.THEY HAVE ALSO WORKED HARD TO GO TO THEIR YOUTH CONGRESS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE FAR FROM ACHIEVING THE GOAL; WE HAVE MANAGED TO RAISE 500 DOLLARS UNTILL NOW; THEY PRAY EVERY TIME WE ARE TOGETHER SO THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE, BUT WE STILL NEED TO RAISE AT LEAST 1500 DOLLARS TO THEIR TICKETS, WE HAVE FAITH TO DO IT, WE TRUST IN THE LORD WHO IS THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE AND SUPPORT OF OUR NEED THAT WE WILL ACHIEVE IT. THE TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 31. IF YOU WANTS TO HELP LET US KNOW



I ALSO WANT TO SHARE HOW GOD UNITES HIS CHURCH IN SERVICE FOR THE SAINTS. ON MAY 4, WITH THE CONECTION OF THE SAN DIEGO LUTHERAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, ST. PAUL CHURCH OF ORANGE, CA, AND ST. PAUL CHURCH OF PACIFIC BEACH, WE CELEBRATED MOTHER'S DAY TOGETHER. WE INVITED MOTHERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION TO LISTEN TO A WORKSHOP LED BY DEAKONIA STUDENT KAREN SWIFT, A ST. PAUL PACIFIC BEACH MEMBER. THIS WORKSHOP WAS A BLESSING FOR THE LADIES; THEY WERE ABLE TO SEE THEIR STORY IN THE HISTORY OF EVE, AND THEY WERE ALSO ABLE TO KNOW GOD'S FORGIVENESS IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST. WE ALSO ENJOYED DELICIOUS FRIED CHICKEN, BEAUTIFUL SONGS, AND THE CLASSIC MAÑANITAS SUNG BY YOUTHS (MAÑANITAS ARE TRADITIONAL MEXICAN SONGS SUNG FOR CELEBRATIONS OR BIRTHDAYS).



THANKS FOR THESE WONDERFULL LADIES FROM CALIFORNIA CHURCHES WHO COME TO SERVE WITH US

GOD COMMANDS US TO SHOW EACH OTHER HIS LOVE, AND WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE LIVES OF OUR HISPANIC BROTHERS FROM ST. PAUL, ORANGE, CA, FOR SHARING A DONATION OF CLOTHING THAT HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO MEMBERS AND NEIGHBORS OF THE CHURCH.



WE THANK GOD FOR THE VISIT OF CPTLN MÉXICO (LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRY). IT WAS A TIME OF BLESSING FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY. WE COULD SHARE A CLASS FOR THE CHILDREN AND A WORKSHOP FOR CHURCH CALLED FAMILY ALTAR ALL WAS LEAD BY VIKY AND OMEGA. ALSO, ON SATURDAY, WE HAD MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSISTANCE. WE DESIRE TO CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE NEW SPACES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL. LET US PRAY THAT THIS WORK WILL NOT BE IN VAIN IN THE HANDS OF THE LORD.

WE HAD HAIR CUTS, DENTAL ASSISTENCES, KIDS BIBLE CLASS AND CHURCH WORKSHOP



WE ALSO THANK GOD FOR THE TIME OF BIBLE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN IN OUR CHURCH. WE ARE HAPPY TO SHARE GOD'S BLESSINGS BY PROVIDING HIS WORD AND SOME NUTRITIOUS FOOD. CURRENTLY, WE DO NOT HAVE A BUDGET; WE TAKE FROM OUR FOOD PANTRY TO SHARE WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOHTHS; WE PRISE THE LORD BECAUSE THERE ARE ALMOST 25 CHILDREN AND YOUTHS COMING EVERY SATURDAY MORNING, WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS TO GOD TO PROVIDE WHAT IS NECESSARY BECAUSE AT THE BEGINNING THERE WERE 5 CHILDREN BUT NOW IT IS MORE COMPLICATED TO SHARE 30 NUTRITIOUS MEALS. BUT WE ARE HAPPY BECAUSE GOD IS FAITHFUL, AND EVERY SATURDAY, HE MULTIPLIES THE FOOD WONDERFULLY AS HE MULTIPLIES THE FISH AND THE LOAVES!



ONE YEAR AGO 4 KIDS COME FOR BIBLE CLASS

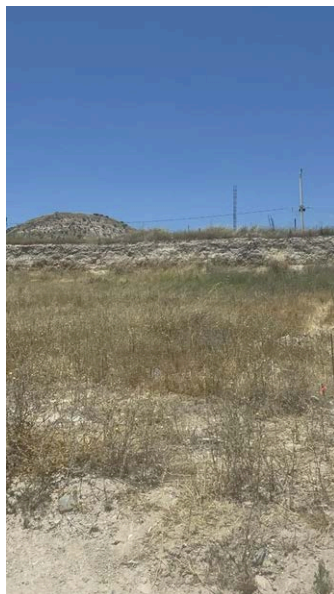


NOW MORE THAN 25 KIDS AND YOUTHS ARE COMING FOR BIBLE CLASS AND BREAKFAST.

MEXICAN SAYS: YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR DREAM. WE CONTINUE WORKING ON THE MISSION IN MARGARITAS, EAST OF THE CITY, ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS; WE THANK GOD THAT NEW PEOPLE AND CHILDREN ARRIVE DAILY. WE PRAY AND DREAM THAT GOD WILL ONE DAY HAVE A MORE PROMINENT PLACE TO MEET SINCE OUR DEAR SISTER DAVIS OPENED HER SMALL HOME, BUT THERE ARE MORE AND MORE OF US, AND THE SPACE IS LESS.



THE LAND IS EXPENSIVE, BUT WE PRAY TO GOD THAT HIS WORK THERE WILL PROSPER, AND IF IT IS HIS DIVINE WILL, WE CAN HAVE A NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NEAR FUTURE. WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS TO CONTINUE THIS WORK, MAINLY THAT GOD PROVIDES A GOOD VEHICLE AND RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION.



A NEARBY LAND COSTS AROUND 45 THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT DREAMING AND WAITING ON GOD HAS NO COST. I DREAM OF BEING ABLE TO PLANT A CHURCH AND A PRESCHOOL FOR THE MORE THAN 9,000 RESIDENTS OF THE MARGARITAS NEIGHBORHOOD.

FINALLY, I WANT TO SHARE SOME GOOD NEWS WITH YOU. WE ARE PARENTS AGAIN OF A BABY BOY WHO IS COMING IN SEPTEMBER. I ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR MY WIFE AND FAMILY.



I SAY GOODBYE TO YOU, TRUSTING IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD FOR YOUR LIVES AND MINISTRIES, WHICH IS LOVELY AND WHERE HE HAS GIVEN US OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, IN WHOM HIS CHURCH IS NOURISHED AND GROWS TO THE GLORY OF HIS NAME.