

Dear Family and Friends,



I finally made it back to the Los Angeles area, yeah! I am glad to be around. I am so looking forward to seeing many of you!! My deepest apologies for not staying in touch more regularly.

I hope that you and your family members have stayed healthy during these challenging times. My time in the Mexican village was very challenging but at the same time full of joy for the many opportunities and doors that were opened to bless many families and their children. This season Bridge To The Nations was the light in many dark places, the light of Jesus was bright and shining to the least of the least. In the middle of sicknesses, poverty, hunger and violence Bridge To The Nations was present and with YOUR collaboration, we were able to assist many people in the middle of the pandemic.

- Bridge To The Nations started a vegetable garden. People in the village were able to come and cut veggies for their own consumption. Such a blessing!!
- Bridge To The Nations was able to provide meals for up to 50 children every Saturday, WOW!



- Bridge To The Nations participated on the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Christmas program. We received and gave out 100 shoe boxes!!! Some of these kids have never received a Christmas gift before. I wish you were there to see their faces as they unwrapped their shoe boxes.
- Bridge To The Nations offered the 12 Weeks Samaritan's Purse Discipleship Program for Children ages 4-14 once a week with 30 of them graduating from the program. The children were issued a Certificate of Completion and a Children's Bible. One of the kids memorized 10 Bible verses and recited them during the graduation ceremony. Amazing!



- Bridge To The Nations sponsored a trip to the Aquarium for kids with perfect attendance to the discipleship class. We had too much fun. These kids had never gone out to the city.



- Bridge To The Nations hosted a Rap Christian concert with my friend Eliezer. Children and adults had a great time as we rapped the Gospel away.



- Bridge To The Nations' church and mid-week Bible study remained open for Bible study, worship and prayer (YES, we followed CDC guidelines).
- Bridge To The Nations conducted many door to door visits offering people prayer and encouragement in time of great need.
- Many children out of school and going to work with their parents to pick tomatoes. My heart was broken for these children. Their parents do not have any way to get internet on their cellular phones nor the knowledge to navigate the web to help their children with their online classes. Many of these children will not be returning to in-person classes because they are too embarrassed to be behind in their education. Praying about offering classes for these children.



- Doña Engracia, my elderly friend of many years graduated from this earth to heavenly places and I had the honor to officiate her graduation. I met her and her husband about five years ago when he was on his death bed but recovered after asking Jesus into his heart. Thanking God that she passed on peacefully and is now with her beloved Jesus.



- Bridge To The Nations was able to facilitate conflict resolution and mediation assistance to parents who, due to the amount of stress during the pandemic, took out their frustrations on their children.

- Bridge To The Nations had the honor of provide a three month internship for a student from Bethel Supernatural School in Redding, CA. This was a great opportunity to mentor and for the student to learn about cross-cultural missions.



- I had the amazing opportunity and blessing to introduce Jesus to a couple of cartel members. They were totally changed by the power of the cross, delivered from drugs, alcohol and freed from cartel activities!

- Bridge To The Nations had the joy of hosting a team of young people from different parts of Mexico and the United States for a week. They so encouraged everyone with their loving and caring attitudes and helped out with some construction projects.



- I had the opportunity to teach a mission class for Ekballo Pasadena in the South of Mexico. It was an honor to share about Bridge To The Nations vision and my work in the village with Indigenous People's groups to many young people and to teach about the unreached in Mexico.





I will be getting some much-needed rest and spending time with family members and friends while in the area.

If you would like to hear more about Bridge To The Nations' vision and my work with the unreached People groups in Mexico, I am available to meet with you, your church, your small group, one-on-one or zoom.

Would you consider partnering with Bridge To The Nations financially? We really need monthly partners and one-time gifts are welcome. Any gift of any amount would be greatly appreciated. You can donate via PayPal below, or on our website bridge2thenations.com, or by check to our address P.O. Box 92018, Pasadena, CA 91109.



Thank you for taking the time to read this report and most of all, **THANK YOU** for your financial support, prayer and collaboration!

Much Love and blessings,

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