### Dear OEPC Family,

I am excited to share with you about a God-given opportunity for our church. During the past summer I had the pleasure to speak with missionaries from the "El Rancho del Rey" mission in Monterrey Mexico about the possibility of a mission trip in the near future. Since that initial contact, I have learned more about this vital ministry and it's work among children in extreme poverty. After several conversations, we decided to pursue a trip this March and open it to our church as an exploratory mission trip. Mission trips are worthwhile experiences that impact not only our worldview but how we can join God in his kingdom work. Come and see what the Lord has done!

If God calls you to join us on this trip, you will have the opportunity to serve alongside well established and experienced missionaries, engage in ministry with the boys and staff, and work along side skilled construction workers on a capital improvement project within the mission compound.

The requirements for this trip are:

- OEPC Church Member/regular attender of OEPC or another Evangelical Church
- PA Child clearances
- Adaptable and flexible to a new culture and willing to exhibit Christ-like service to our hosts

OEPC has had a long history of financially supporting El Rancho Del Rey. Now we have an opportunity to 'come and see' what the Lord has done and is doing through your loving gifts and support over these many decades. The date has been set for: March 9-16, 2025 (including two traveling days). We are limited in the spaces that we can accommodate on this trip. If you would like to go please contact Marissa ASAP. The closing date to register is Jan 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you are unable to go but would like to support this mission trip, please consider helping by:

- **Pray** (See the prayer guide below)
- **Give** The cost per person to go on this trip is approximately \$1,300. If you would like to help, please consider making a financial contribution. You can do this through the upcoming Chili-bake-off contest that will be on Sunday Feb. 16 immediately following the service, or by simply making a check out to OEPC and write 'Mexico Mission trip' in the memo line. We would appreciate any contributions given to be received by March 1<sup>st</sup>

We are trusting the Lord to prepare our hearts as we serve at "EL Rancho Del Rey" mission. We are confident that God will bless, enlarge, and affirm the ministry our church has as we serve His purposes. May this continue to fuel our passion for local and world missions so that many will come to know Christ and make him known.

We look forward in anticipation to see the faces of these dear children at "El Rancho del Rey."

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# Mission Trip Prayer Guide "El Rancho del Rey"

## El Racho del Rey Staff

Pray RR staff will be encouraged and refreshed by our visit as we join them in ministry and loving the kids.

#### El Rancho del Rey Children

Pray for the continued healing and restoration of RR children and their families. Pray for many "divine appointments" as we get to know the boys and minister to them.

#### **OEPC** Mission Team

Pray for good health, stamina, provision, and protection over our trip. Pray that God will affirm each of us in our calling and gifting as we serve him.