



TIME AWAY WITH OUR FAMILY!

# SERVANT SENDERS

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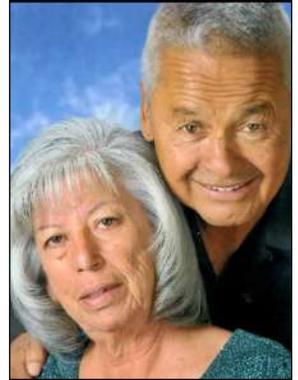
**POLICE CADETS**—In April a new class began with 580 cadets. Isaiah and Pedro were invited once again to teach Bible for one hour every Saturday of the six months these cadets will be in training. Two weeks later the class dropped to 380, a normal weeding out process. Three weeks into the training, Isaiah decided it was time to share the plan of salvation. 180 cadets responded! Wow! Next we needed Bibles. We called a dear friend on the East Coast who helps us get Bibles. We asked if he could help us get 200 Bibles for the cadets. By the end of the week he had ordered and sent us “1116” Bibles! Yahoo.....

All of the white you see in the photo, are open Bibles.



**ARMONDO & LAURA**

Some of you that came on mission trips with us in the beginning (93' and on) to build houses and spend time at an orphanage may remember Armondo and Laura who had “La Vid” orphanage. They were the ones who helped us understand the culture, the need, the errors many well intentioned Americans make and most of all how to live by faith. Their example of being bold, following God’s lead and stepping out in faith encouraged us to do the same. We are forever grateful to them. I was glad a friend let me know of Armondo stepping into Heaven April 8, 2021. Please keep Laura and their ministry in prayer.



**NEW TO US BLESSING!** Friends that are like family are always a blessing. That is how we feel about Connie and Kevin. We walked through the most challenging time of our lives' together, and now have a son, ours, and daughter, hers in heaven waiting for us. Recently Connie was blessed with a new car from her hubby. For years she had a beautiful suburban that was like new. She decided the next home her baby would go to was ours.

Not only that but she reached out to friends to fill it with needed items for Mexico. We are so grateful. Trust me, it will get much use for the Glory of God!



**STATE POLICE** In June it will be one year that we have been going to the state police station in Juarez doing devotions, praying for them and counseling them. A few weeks



back Javier went to the station to check on how to import a car his brother from Tucson wants to give him. When he arrived they grabbed him and said, “Oh good you’re here.” They were having a meeting of the top municipal police, state police, federal police, military, national guard, and special forces. He thought, Nolan always says to be ready so here I go. He taught on unity, not knowing the meeting was about that very subject. Afterwards off to the side a General waited to speak to him. He said, who are you, I have never heard teaching like that. Why are we not doing this in all the state? He happened to be in charge of the security for the president of Mexico. Javier told him what we do in all the stations and have been doing over the years. The next week when he went to teach he saw someone come out of a office and video his teaching. Then a week later a drone was sent out to video what he was teaching. We don’t know the plan for these videos, but God does. Nolan tells the men, be consistent, obedient to God’s calling and word and he will open the doors!

**SAYING GOOD BYE** It is never easy to see our students graduate and move on, but as Nolan says we are “Servant Senders, not servant keepers. Lorenzo and Victor graduated in February and continue in ministry. Lorenzo with the soldiers and National Guard and Victor at the academy when possible. Both have secured local jobs.



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**HARD WORK, LOVING HEARTS** We like to come alongside other ministries and encourage the leadership, who often have no one to pour into them. One such couple, Miguel and Viri, in their late 30's, are the directors of "Casa Hogar de Esperanza" (House of Hope). They take in the elderly that no one wants. Families drop them off and some never come back to visit them at the home very far south-west of Juarez. It is a nice facility and right now houses about 20 men and 5 women. However their main support source was Miguel's grandparents pension. They passed away a few months ago. His parents started the home, but are in their 70's, both have had Covid and not fully recovered and are unable to help. They have someone who pays the electric bill and the city supplies the water to a cistern since there is no other water source in the area. The government supplies rice, beans, oil, flour...the basics. They have 4 local workers, when they can pay them \$50 per week. This week when I went to see Viri and let her pour out her heart, she said, "I just wake up sad and I don't know why." (Stress!) Then she said that they had enough to pay the workers this week, but not next. Our men go at times to help clean, but most of the time there are no cleaning supplies. Viri and Miguel have three teenagers who help and sacrifice a lot. Schools are still closed so school is online with a cell phone if you have one. When they can't afford workers the kids take up the slack. Can you imagine how much laundry alone needs to be done daily from accidents to clothing, bedding, food spills and such. This couple humbly go about their work as they have done for most of their married life, trusting the Lord to provide. Please lift them up in your prayers! If the Lord leads you to bless them contact us, we'll pass it on.



Viri and some of the ladies

**MECHANIC'S** What a blessing for our men, when men or women come to equip our men in their ministries. One of those teams has been faithful year after year to come and work on our men's cars and teach them how. It is a challenge as most of the vehicles are ones we consider ready for the Junk Yard! Ha-ha Thanks Jacob, Brady, Jack and others from CWC in Colorado Springs.



**MARRIAGES** it is so very important to pour into marriages in this day and age. It is the hardest job we will have and the one we are least trained to do. It requires selflessness, patience, good listening skills, communication, forgiveness, and many other things along with the most important to have Jesus Christ as the foundation. We are so grateful to pastors, teachers and leaders who have come to pour into our pastors marriages so they in turn have skills to use while counseling the police, firemen, soldiers, those in rehabs, church members and neighbors. Thanks to dear friends Neil and Robin for coming and teaching "3 2 1 1". A tool used in communication and care of one another.



**MIGRANTS** The situation is consistently changing and we try to be flexible to be used in whatever way the Lord leads. We want to

see not the "problem or crisis" but the opportunity. At first we were feeding them at the shelters and giving a short teaching and asking for prayer requests. We would fill up at least 5 to 6 pages of requests. The situation has changed again and many agencies are filling the need of food. We also adjusted and realized the children are waiting with their parents, in a shelter, not able to go out and play, go to school, or church. So we bring it to them. At two shelters our men teach a bible lesson, memory verse, sing songs with actions, color, pray, and give a snack. We find many times the moms and dads participate. To them it is church!

**YOUR SUPPORT** of Servant Senders has made these following ministries possible.

- \* 6 police stations w/ over 2500 police, 3 times a week, 2 times a day-devotion, pray, & counsel.
- \* Police academy every Saturday w/ class of 380 cadets. One hour of bible weekly for 6 months.
- \* Every week a pastor goes to the State police to teach, do devotions, pray for and counsel.
- \* A pastor is assigned to each of 9 fire stations at least once a week to do a devotion and pray.
- \* A pastor goes to a new military outpost to share and pray with soldiers on Sundays and goes on Wednesdays along the border to the National Guard assigned to protect the border.
- \* Pastors go to 5 rehab centers to teach the word of God. Their hope is to start a U-turn in Juarez.
- \* Most of our men have kids feeding programs called; "Feed My Sheep." Where they teach the word, memorize verses, play games, do crafts, and serve food and help with school work. These programs are sponsorship programs to help keep kids in school.
- \* A pastor goes weekly to the local jails and give a message and brings food.
- \* We have 8 churches, 3 house churches, 5 home cell groups, 9 kids clubs-sponsorship, and feeding programs.
- \* We are working in 3 migrant shelters and with your generous donations we have been feeding 50 + families weekly who have been without work due to covid and restrictions.
- \* A precious couple passed away from Covid days apart and left a lot of teaching material that was donated to us to be used.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Prayer for the Migrants and our ministries with them.

- \* **Needed**—funds for a car for pastor Temo. He and his wife were hit by a drunk driver. The guy must have been connected to the cartel as he got off and didn't pay a cent.
- \* **Needed**—pkg of children's socks and underwear, school supplies, food funds
- \* **Blessings**— Pastor Chez and Laura got a nice metal gate closing in their ministry area to be safe for the kids who come. The area has a lot of cartel influence and gun activity
- \* **Blessing**— Marie enjoyed having the Ruidoso C C ladies come down, take her to lunch and bless her with gift cards. A few months later Nolan got the same blessing from the men of C C Ruidoso. Feeling loved and cared for!
- \* **Blessing**—Nolan & Marie enjoyed a week vacation with their son Curtis's family In His service, Nolan & Marie Schockey and the Servant Senders family