

2016 was a fantastic year, filled with new challenges, areas of growth, and countless blessings from God. As a loyal supporter of our ministry, you helped make this year possible, and we cannot thank you enough!

## HOUSING & MISSION WORK GROUPS

We built 38 houses for families in need: 26 in Reynosa and 12 in Miguel Alemán. We had 22 mission work groups come to work with us with a total of 250 volunteers from North Carolina, Indiana, Texas, Alabama, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, South Carolina, Ohio, Arizona, Washington, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Illinois.



## COMMUNITY WELLNESS

At our medical clinic in Reynosa, we saw 35 patients a day, five days a week. Medical volunteers came from North Carolina and were able to see an additional 200 patients during their week here. A medical student from South Carolina spent the summer interning with us and assisting Dr. Joaquin.



In Reynosa, around 25 kids came every morning to have breakfast through our children's nutrition program. We hired Oralia to our full-time staff to cook for and run the program, and we made strides to make the food we serve healthier and more nutritious, taking advantage of our garden in Naranjito to provide fresh produce. Pastor Carlos taught the kids Bible verses and songs, and the kids became pen pals with a children's Sunday School class at a church in Indianapolis, IN, sending encouraging letters and drawings back and forth. Through our infant feeding program, we gave formula to 160 babies this year, providing them with the necessary nourishment to grow. In Miguel Alemán, around 15 to 20 kids came once a week for a meal at our children's nutrition program.



In Naranjito, we started a garden this year. We planted and harvested corn, cucumbers, melons, squash, carrots, and more, getting both the mission work groups and the church involved in the process. José became the caretaker of the garden, and a church grant allowed us to purchase a water tank, hoses and other tools that helped us produce better crops and share those with the children's nutrition program.

In Miguel Alemán, our major project of the year was the construction of our community center, a dream that has been a decade in the making. Our hope is that the center will be used to expand our children's nutrition program, host church activities, and teach classes and lessons.



## EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT

We ended the year with 158 students in our scholarship program; we added 32 students this year, as well as 20 brand new sponsors. We also had 32 student graduates at the end of the 2015-2016 school year, including five high school and two college graduates.



We expanded our skills training program this year to include two new areas. We opened up a woodworking shop in Reynosa and began building benches and bunk beds for families who receive homes through our ministry. We launched a foreman apprenticeship program to teach the skills necessary to be a construction foreman, and our longtime volunteer Julio was our first apprentice. We also continued our sewing program under the direction of Oralia. Through a generous donation, we were able to gift each woman in the program with a sewing machine of her own, giving everyone an opportunity to practice at home.



# SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Our three churches had a strong year under the leadership of Pastor Carlos and Pastor Benito. In Reynosa, around 50 people came regularly to service on Sunday mornings and prayer services during the week. In Naranjito, around 40 people attended service on Sunday and Wednesday evenings; another 20 to 25 kids and youth attended Saturday morning for songs, crafts and games. In Miguel Alemán, around 60 people attended Sunday services; in addition, Pastor Benito began an outreach to an area of the town called Guardados de Arriba, where around 30 to 35 people attended a service and children's program on Saturdays. Each church also hosted VBS for the children for a week this summer. This year, we also continued our partnership with Berea Bible Institute in Monterrey, bringing two new interns to help Carlos in Reynosa and Naranjito and Benito in Miguel Alemán.



# CHRISTMAS FIESTAS

This year, we served 1,000 adults and kids through our seven Christmas fiestas. We hosted celebrations with carols, prayer, fellowship, food, and presents, hoping to bring joy to families and allow them to focus on the true reason for the season. Because of the overwhelming response we got, we had a surplus of 300 toys that we were able to give away to other missions to bless even more kids.



WE THANK GOD FOR AN AWESOME YEAR, AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PART IN IT. GOD BLESS!