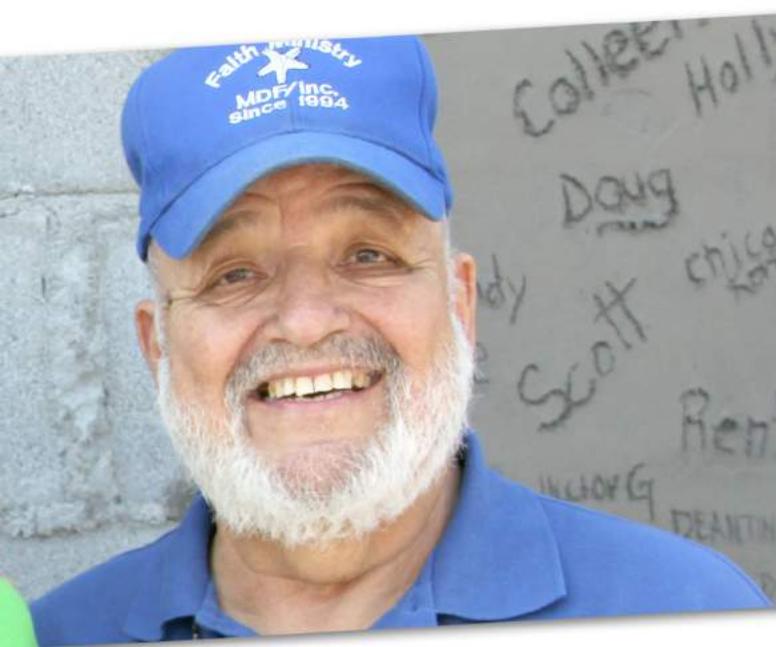


OUR BROTHER DEANTIN

On October 25, 2018, our founder Deantin O. Guerra, Jr., went home to the Lord. Deantin started Faith Ministry in 1994 with the mission and vision to share the love of God with his Mexican brothers and sisters and to help families living in poverty on the border. He remained passionately involved with the ministry throughout this year, and despite his physical limitations, he visited Reynosa in June with his daughter and her church's mission team. It was in Mexico where he was truly in his element, laughing, sharing stories, and meeting new people. We are eternally grateful to Deantin, the ministry he started, the legacy he left, and the lessons he taught us. We will continue to make a difference and, as Deantin always said, do it all "in His name and for His glory!"



HOUSING & MISSION WORK GROUPS

This year, we built 38 houses for families in need: 30 in Reynosa and eight in Miguel Alemán. We had a total of 22 mission work groups come to work with us with a total of 338 volunteers from North Carolina, Alabama, Indiana, Texas, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Arizona, New York, Ohio, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Washington, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Scotland.



COMMUNITY WELLNESS

We treated an average of 30 to 35 patients a day, five days a week, at our clinic in Reynosa, and several nurses and medical professionals visited us from the U.S. to use their skills to serve our community. Between 15 and 20 children came daily to the nutrition program at the clinic, and we continued to feed babies through the infant feeding program. In Miguel Alemán, around 20 kids came once a week for a meal through our nutrition program. Outside of Miguel Alemán in a community called Guardados de Arriba, we hosted 25 to 30 children once a week for a meal, Bible lesson and activities.



We continued work in our garden in Naranjito this year, harvesting fresh produce for our children's nutrition program, as well as for our local volunteers.



SUMMER INTERNS

This year, we had a total of nine interns work with us over the summer, the most we have had in a single summer in almost 10 years! They came from Texas, North Carolina, Florida, and Indiana to volunteer and help where they were needed. They were a blessing to the ministry in many ways, including helping with mission work groups, shadowing in the medical clinic, taking pictures, and building relationships with the local community.



OUR NEW COMMUNITY CENTER!

In September of this year, we dedicated our new community center in Miguel Alemán, a project that started 14 years ago. We were so excited to complete the center after lots of hard work by our local staff for the past four years, as well as years of generous support by friends across the U.S. We are eager to see how God uses this center as a place for fellowship, learning, and growth in our Miguel Alemán community.

EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT

We ended the year with 175 students in our scholarship program, having added 22 new students this year, as well as 10 brand new sponsors. We had 37 student graduates at the end of the 2017-2018 school year, including 10 high school graduates.



This year, we graduated two apprentices from our foreman apprenticeship program, and we graduated three students from our new children's music program. We continued to make great pieces of furniture in our woodworking shop for families receiving homes, and our sewing program brought eight to ten women to the clinic each week to learn and sew together.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Our three churches had a fantastic year under the leadership of Pastor Carlos and Pastor Benito. In Reynosa, around 25 people came regularly to services, and around 40 people attended services in Naranjito. Another 30 children and youth attended Saturday morning kids' club for songs, crafts, and games. In Miguel Alemán, around 70 people attended weekly services, and the church continued to host activities and events at their mission in Guardados de Arriba. Each church also hosted VBS for the children for a week this summer. This year, we continued our partnership with Berea Bible Institute in Monterrey, bringing new interns to help Carlos in Reynosa and Naranjito and Pastor Benito in Miguel Alemán. In April, Berea's entire student body visited Reynosa to put on special performances for the kids for Children's Day.



CHRISTMAS FIESTAS

We served more than 1,000 adults and kids this year through our Christmas fiestas. We hosted celebrations with fellowship, food, prayer, carols, and candy. This year, we decided to give every kid a soccer ball, and they loved it! Through these fiestas, we were able to take some of the burden around the holidays off of the families in our community and give them the chance to reflect on the real reason for Christmas.



THIS WAS ALL MADE POSSIBLE BY SUPPORT FROM FRIENDS LIKE YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH & MUCHAS GRACIAS!