

A LOOK AT 2019



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

2019 marked 25 years of making a difference on the border in Mexico, and we hosted a special fiesta to celebrate, with a total of around 350 attendees, including 60 visitors from the U.S.! We set up a "festival" in Naranjito with food and drink, face painting and games for the kids, and a Faith Ministry "museum." We sang some of our favorite songs, heard speeches from the local community and U.S. volunteers about the impact of Faith Ministry, prayed over the ministry and the next 25 (and more!) years, and ended with, of course, "Unidos, Unidos." Here's to the next 25 years... and more!



HOUSING & MISSION WORK GROUPS

This year, we built 39 houses for families in need: 34 in Reynosa and five in Miguel Alemán. We had a total of 29 mission work groups come to work with us with a total of 419 volunteers from North Carolina, Indiana, Alabama, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia, Illinois, Arizona, Pennsylvania, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Tennessee, Washington D.C., Florida, Louisiana, New York, Ohio, Washington, and Scotland.



COMMUNITY WELLNESS

We treated up to 35 patients a day, five days a week, at our clinic in Reynosa. A team of medical students volunteered, as well as an eye doctor, a rheumatologist, and a dental hygienist. Around 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, we continued the nutrition program at the complex and at Guardados de Arriba, and we expanded to include the community center. Nurse Betty retired at the end of the year after 25 years with Faith Ministry, and a new nurse Ana filled her shoes.



Our garden in Naranjito thrived this year, as we harvested fresh produce for our children's nutrition program, as well as for our local volunteers and the church.



SUMMER INTERNS

This year, we had a total of seven interns work with us over the summer. They came from Texas, North Carolina, and Alabama to volunteer and help where they were needed. They were a blessing to the ministry in many ways, including helping with mission work groups, taking pictures, and building relationships with the local community and the groups.



THE DEANTIN COMMUNITY CENTER

This year, we started construction on the Deantin Community Center in Naranjito. It will be a place for community and fellowship to follow Deantin's vision and honor his life and love for our Mexican community. We made great progress this year, building the walls up to four rows, digging new footers, and adding bathrooms. We are so excited to continue this project in 2020!



EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT

We ended the year with 193 students in our scholarship program, having added 38 new students this year, as well as 19 brand new sponsors. We had 54 student graduates at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, including 10 high school and three college graduates.



This year, we trained two new apprentices through our foreman apprenticeship program and continued teaching guitar and drums through our children's music program. Our woodworking shop produced beds for families and beautiful furniture for Naranjito, 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 wonderful year with Pastor Carlos and Pastor Benito. The churches in Reynosa and Naranjito continued their weekly services and hosted several events together, including a great Children's Day celebration, and the kids and youth kept loving kids' club in Naranjito. The church in Miguel Alemán hosted their weekly services and continued their mission in Guardados de Arriba. Each church hosted VBS over the summer, as well as activities throughout the year. In May, youth from all three churches attended a youth conference in Monterrey hosted by the Berea Bible Institute, where everyone learned a lot and had a blast.



CHRISTMAS FIESTAS

We served over 1,000 adults and kids this year through our Christmas fiestas. We hosted celebrations with fellowship, food, prayer, carols, candy, soccer balls, and toys. Our hope is that these fiestas lift the burden off families in our community and allow them to reflect on Christ's love at Christmas.



TRAVEL

This year, David and Colleen took a trip to Charlotte, North Carolina. They had the chance to reunite with old friends, as well as make connections with new friends. David co-preached, and they both had the chance to share a special presentation about the ministry. We love the opportunity to travel and share about what God is doing here on the border!

FRIENDS LIKE YOU & SUPPORT LIKE YOURS MADE 2019 A FANTASTIC YEAR. THANK YOU SO MUCH & MUCHAS GRACIAS!