



## Merry Christmas from the Hunsaker Family!

The last quarter of 2023 at Puente de Amistad was very exciting! It may be one of the most exciting, personally satisfying and fruitful times for our family here. At the end of the summer, First Church of Ottumwa, Iowa, pastored by Pastor Mark Hornback, along with donations from Open Bible Church of Rapid City, South Dakota, pastored by Pastor Randy Brock, allowed us to remodel both the kitchen like the dining room in Puente de Amistad (*Bridge of Friendship*).

The Ottumwa team, led by our longtime volunteer, Crystal Umphress, worked hard painting rooms and installing the kitchen. The old white kitchen we all knew and loved was the original. With this old stove Amalia Espinosa had literally fed hundreds of teams over the years. We hope and pray that the new kitchen will serve just as well and work just as hard during the next two decades of ministry at Puente de Amistad. Here are photos of the finished kitchen and dining room as promised in our last newsletter.



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In September we began a very exciting construction: a 28' x 40' church! This project was a combined effort of three different teams.

Our local church, Westside Church, in Chula Vista, California, took a day trip, painted all the siding, and completed all the prep work for the upcoming construction. A team of seven guys from Clear Lake, Iowa, came to frame the exterior of the church. In November, a crew from Calvary Chapel, Castle Rock, Colorado, came out and did the interior finishing work, finally completing this special project. We have never tackled such a complicated project in such a short time. The church consists of a sanctuary, office and two bathrooms.

Pastor Jorge had been praying for a church building for a long time. He had been on a spiritual retreat and felt the Lord telling him to tear down his house to make room for a new church. He had no idea how the Lord was going to provide, but he was determined to be faithful and obedient. The Lord was right, for there to be enough space for the new church, his house had to collapse. And, in the same calendar year, Puente de Amistad was able to build him and his wife a new home and church!





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Pastors Rolando and Rubi Coronado are pastors of Parousia Open Bible Church in Tijuana, Mexico. Their church is very close to the Puente de Amistad base in Tijuana. For the past few years, they have been serving their community by running a tutoring program for children in their neighborhood. Children can eat and receive help with their math and English homework. They also offer music and boxing classes every week for children.

A week before Thanksgiving, Pastor Rolando contacted us about a very difficult situation that had come to his attention. Two teenagers who were participating in the boxing program informed Pastor Rolando that their brother-in-law had demolished their house and now they had nowhere to sleep. They rented a small room at the neighbors' house for the last few nights. We knew we had to do something. So, on Thanksgiving Day, the entire Puente staff got together to build a room for Noel and Gael. The two teenagers came in during the construction and were also happy to help. Their room was ready just in time as it rained heavily the next day and they were able to stay dry.

The Lord has blessed Puente de Amistad abundantly over the past year and it was a blessing to be able to help the boys during this time of thanksgiving.



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To finish off the year, we had our last team in early December. The Gospel Fellowship team had been planning to build for Nidia, a woman who faithfully volunteers at the "Con Ganas de Seguir" (*With Desire to Continue*) feeding kitchen, run by Pastor Abelino and Mireya Jacombe, since their last short-term mission trip in December 2022. Throughout 2023, we had to do a lot of small projects to ensure the workplace was ready for the teams to return.

Nidia has volunteered at her church and the feeding kitchen for years. Three years ago, her husband left her and her three children to fend for themselves. She continued to trust that the Lord would provide for her family and continued in the ministry in which she had always been active. It was an honor to be able to help a family that loves the Lord and has served so faithfully no matter what life throws at them!



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We know that things are difficult for many people economically. Inflation has affected us all! Now more than ever, we want to express how grateful we are to all of you who have supported our family through financial donations over the years. We couldn't have been here or continue to serve in God's field without your continued financial support.

Everything that has been accomplished in this newsletter was because of you. Thank you and God bless you!





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