

"We're going to put together our own first aid kit using egg cartons and drywall mud."

It's what the pastor's wife at the local feeding kitchen humbly admitted to us upon receiving a new, state-of-the-art first-aid kit.



Pastor Abelino (yellow shirt), Mireya (grey blouse) and Erika (multicolored blouse) were delighted to receive this new first aid kit.

It's stories like these that remind us of the Lord's love and attention to detail in our lives.

We have partnered with Pastor Abelino's feeding kitchen for three years now. We have seen the Lord's favor over them from the moment we began construction in April 2021. Last July, a group traveling from Iowa to build a home also brought large first-aid kits to donate to various ministries they visited. One of those places was pastor Abelino's kitchen. Both Mireya, the pastor's wife, and Erika, a church member who serves in the feeding kitchen, have some medical training. They told us they had prayed to somehow be able to get a first aid kit. They had already brainstormed how to make one using whatever they could find. Lo and behold, a team gifted them a large, stylish, wall-mounted first aid kit stocked with supplies to better equip them and better serve the needs of the community!

Only God could have done that! He knows all our needs. We must simply be faithful to Him and to what He has called us to. We are grateful to be used by the Lord to help facilitate these types of miracles for the people of Tijuana, Mexico.



A team from California and Washington joined forces to build a house for a mother and her two children.

2023 Highlights

- * We, Justus and Michaela, moved to Tijuana in March and served our first season at Puente de Amistad as full-time missionaries hosting short-term mission teams.
- * Eight houses were built for needy families.
- * With the help of a team from Ottumwa, Iowa, we began renovating the more than 20-year-old kitchen at our mission base where we hosted the teams.
- * At least 120 people accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior through ministry in rehabilitation centers, orphanages, nursing homes, feeding the homeless, feeding kitchens and more.



This is the previous kitchen. It served us well for over 20 years!



This is the new kitchen. Although it's not finished, that's how it looks now!

Prayer Points

- * Pray for the feeding kitchen and other ministries with which we collaborate.
- * Pray for the last two teams of the year and their construction projects: the construction of a church from September 13 to 17, and the construction of a house from December 2 to 9. Pray for favor and safety for all who travel, build, and minister.
- * Pray for the staff at Puente de Amistad (*Bridge of Friendship*) as we prepare for the upcoming 2024 season. We have 22 teams on the 2024 calendar (this year of 2023 we had 14 teams).
- * Pray for hearts to open and be willing to receive the Gospel of Jesus in Tijuana.



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