

Baja January 2008 Trip

1/18/08 Friday. We crossed the border at 9:00 AM, once again God's angels getting us through the border check points with all the things He was sending for the people he cares so much about in Baja. We arrived at the Mission base at 2:00 PM.

Our first stop was at Triqui Village where we were able to bless Kiara (the Granddaughter of Martha, the Dedicated volunteer for the Day Care Center) with a gently used bicycle. For Martha, God had sent an oil burning light, as they have no electricity in their home. Thanked with smiles, we returned to the base, passing out bottles of "agua" along the way. Again, thanked with smiles.

Our first challenge was that we were unable to utilize the dining room to organize and distribute all the items (due to Lisa Miara visiting on a speaking tour. We were privileged to hear her in Israel. Her organization is Springs of Hope which ministers to Victims of terrorist activities.) As we backed into the parking lot by the bunk houses to utilize them to organize and distribute, we were met by many "hands" to help us unload all the wonderful things sent to Baja.

One such pair of hands was David. A Triqui Father "hired to just move some dirt at the Mission". It was obvious to us God had him in mind by sending many needful things for his family of 3 boys, 1 girl and his wife. He found many dishes, clothing and bedding. He returned later with his wife, as they found more needful things for their family.

Other helping hands were Juana , Marisa, Norma and Melchor who also found many wonderful things. We have found that these deliveries are just like the Widow's Oil. It seems as if there is no end to the items. The arrival of the clothing was also timely for Marina, from La paloma Children's home. She had just lost most of her clothing in a clothes dryer mishap. Also thanking the Cornerstone people and friends was Peggy Sopher, who also received some groceries. Last visit, we able to bless her with a little gift of money and she said that money was used to purchased a Christmas Tree, the first one her family had been able to have in years. We then delivered food and dinnerware to Johanne Manzano for their family and La Paloma Children's Home. We ended a great day by treating dinner for Angela and Kevin at Baja Fiesta.

1/19/08 Saturday we began early with the electrical project at Rafaela's. We completed the ceiling lights in 4 rooms and (temporarily) the porch, and electrical outlets in 3 rooms. The best part was hearing Rafaela praying to God, thanking HIM for the lighting. As always, Rafaela outgives us. We were able to provide the Triqui day care center (Ruth-Ann) with some very nice sharp knives that she was praying for and other items. We then returned to the Mission base to find Clint, Daniel and Dominic there having delivered a trailer full of food. They had been delayed one day because of a fuel problem with Clint's truck and had to spend the night on the Grapevine. We were blessed again to be able to treat some of the Missionaries and the Food Delivery team to a wonderful dinner at Gaston's at the Beach.

1/20/08 Sunday, before heading home, we headed for Kim Rodriguez's house to deliver flooring and then to the rear of the property to Angela's Trailer. We were able to completely fill the fresh water

tanks on her trailer from our trailer and then do some routine maintenance on the trailer. From there, we were able to once again, treat some of God's wonderful missionaries to a lunch of Fish Tacos as we headed out of town. We crossed the border at approximately 6:30 PM that evening via Tecate crossing with a miraculous trouble free journey (except the part about being rear ended by our own trailer when we made a sharp turn and broke out our rear window. Good thing no passengers!) We arrived home Monday afternoon approximately 3:00 PM.

1/23/08, Kevin Cross delivered items to new Day Care Center "Que Vive los ninos" and this is what he said: ***Wednesday they were open and had a doctor there helping sick people. Hannibal gave me a tour. It's not much to look at right now, but they have big plans for caring up to 60 children during the strawberry season and when there is a lot of work. They were soooo happy to receive the carpet, vacuum, water diapers, toys etc. Hannibal took the carpeting out of truck and IMMEDIATELY put it to use in a play area for the kids. They are involved with International School of Ministry at <http://www.isom.org>.*** He also expressed his appreciation for everything involved with the trip.

Two weeks before the trip, we had no money and had no idea how this trip would be accomplished, but at the time we left, we were miraculously provided with \$850 to make the trip. This was a result of many people who stepped out to help us. As a result, we were able to leave much needed cash with some of the missionaries to enable them to continue their work.

Our fully loaded trailer was a result of many friends and members of Cornerstone. It is such a privilege to arrive with "full" hands because of others. Thanks to all who gave in any way. (including the prayers that got us across the border and kept us safe.)

There are many needs left and prayer requests we would like to share a few.

Rafaela: Hanging porch light for under eave, 14 2 romex with ground. Percolator coffee pot (camp stove type), coffee with creamer and mugs.

Angela: Corelle dishes. Bamboo fencing 8' x 50' , misc electrical, termite/ant in ground sticks, Jumper cables.

Kevin: Student Back Packs. CD players (new or gently used)

Ruth-Ann: Lamp oil (for Martha), set of mixing bowls, tea kettle, new gate for day care

Karen Wind: VCR player and digital camera (to replace stolen ones)

Johanne Manzano: Cereal bowls and spoons. Prayer for Steve's Health