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Wrapping it up...please help

All the stucco inside and out is now completed. We are working on security fencing and gates. Our work list for August and September consists of four sets of stairs to the second floor, an electric transformer tower, one 5000 gallon fresh water tank, and three septic tanks.

Two board members just returned from Eagle College: Bob Ebels (board chair) and Ron Brouwer (project director), shown in the picture going over building details with Ramon Solis (Eagle College Director). We have 14 projects to complete by end of this year. (visit web site for complete list). The plan is to open the school in the fall of 2013! It was a blessing to see first hand how "GOD" has and is blessing this project. Please help us finish the school in the next 12 months.

Bob Ebels

Next tips:

A November trip is being planned and skilled electricians are needed for one week. Contact Ron Brouwer (836-2567) if you can help.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the new school year that begins August 20 at Eagle College and the teachers as they prepare.



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News from Hope for Kids Mexico

Summer 2012



Our 6th grade graduates, Ireri, Leonel, Alejandra, Elian, Dylan, Isaac and Idanna pose for a photo at an area-wide graduation ceremony.

Congratulations Graduates!

Also, kudos to the 4th, 5th and 6th graders at Eagle College! An area-wide math competition was held in Miguel Alemán for this particular age group. There were 17 schools that participated, and our very own Eagles came in first place!!!!

Eagle College not only teaches principles based on biblical truths and teaches the students English; it is also an academically top-notch institution. Congratulations students and teachers!



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Our God is World-Wide!

by Ron Brouwer

A few months ago I received an email. I didn't know the person or address and was hesitant to open it up. I thought Open or Delete, Open or Delete, reluctantly I opened it. It went like this...

"I love what you are doing in Mexico at Eagle College. I love the kids and the stories, I want to help, please tell me what I can do. PS- I have lots of ideas."

Well, the "I have lots of ideas" part got my attention so I shot an email back asking about the ideas. We exchanged many emails and I liked what I read. I wanted to know more about this person so I asked, "what is your name, where do you live, are you married, where do you work, how did you hear about Hope for Kids Mexico?" This was the reply...

"My name is Natalie, I am a 8th grade student, I live in Amman, Jordan. I am half Spanish and half Jordanian. I had to write a term paper on violence in the world and chose the Cartels in Mexico. Hope For Kids Mexico came up in a web search and I fell in love with what Eagle College is doing for the children."

Natalie spoke to her middle school and other adult groups in her city and on April 11 had a bake goods sale and raised \$160. She also had an ice cream sale at her school and raised \$40. She feels it's not enough and wants to tutor other students to raise additional funds. I can't help but think how much she has done and is willing to do for Eagle College with the resources she has and what little I have done with how much God has given me.

The children of Miguel Alemán live in fear every day. If we don't help bring Jesus to them they will be lost and at the ages of 12 to 14 they will be running drugs and at 16 they will be carrying an AK-47 for one of the cartels. The Bible says the world is a dark place and we are the light of the world. Isn't it time we turn on the switch?

Meeting Yuly

by Jane Hoichkiss

About two years ago, after attending the Hope for Kids banquet, I felt a desire to sponsor a child to attend Eagle College. As a result Juliana Patricia Coronado Robledo entered my life. This shy, sweet, happy little 7-year-old now calls me Grandma Jane. In April I was able to travel to Miguel Aleman with a group from Victory Point, my very first, but not last, mission trip. While there I was able to meet Yuly and got to know her as well as her mother, father, big sisters and brother. I cannot begin to explain the love that I felt for Yuly and her mother and the rest of the family. I only knew two Spanish words, "gracias" (thank you) and "te amo" (I love you), but it was enough. When I put my arms around Yuly's mother, Norma, and she put her arms around me all I could say was "gracias, gracias, gracias". It was difficult to let go of her. I was so grateful to God for this little girl, for the love we share and for the mother and father who guide her every day. I felt a love and a feeling of gratitude for Norma that was immediate and I know she felt it too. We are both in love with her daughter.

While in Mexico I was able to spend two days with Yuly's family, a bit of a challenge as I speak no Spanish and they speak no English. However, God had that under control. Norma had a computer with translation capabilities. Hallelujah! We could communicate! We spent the rest of our time together getting to know each other, giggling over funny translations, and sharing our life's sorrows and joys. In the end I gained a beautiful Mexican



sister and now four Mexican children who call me "Grandma Jane". I am determined to learn to speak Spanish so we can talk faster at our next meeting. While there I was frequently overcome with emotion knowing that God had brought us together, that even though we couldn't speak each other's language we shared a love that was greater than any language barrier.

The purpose of the trip was to help at Eagle College in Miguel Alemán, but I received so much more than I gave. God has blessed me with the love of a beautiful Mexican family who has enriched my life. I can hardly wait to go back. Gracias, gracias, gracias!



Ron Brouwer, Pastor Ramon and Bob Ebels

Spring Banquet Update:

THANK YOU • THANK YOU • THANK YOU!

Our Spring Banquet, "Let's Wrap It Up!", was a huge success. We collected enough funds to purchase **all** 98 windows and 13 doors.

Currently the security fence is being completed and gates installed that will make it possible to begin installation of the doors and the windows.

We still need to purchase 35 doors at \$250 apiece. Would you consider purchasing a door?