



# Burkempers on the Border



Border Evangelism And Mercy Ministries (BEAMM)

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**We want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas!**

As we look back over this past year we have much to be thankful for, including all of you! Thank you for your prayers and generosity that provided us the opportunity to move to El Paso this past summer, as well as erase the deficit in our account with MTW. You have encouraged us greatly and we deeply appreciate each one of you !!

**God is Great and He is our Provider!!!**

Since our move to El Paso in August we have been building friendships and connections. Along with coaching Jossi's soccer team, which has opened doors to meeting new people in the community, we have been connecting to the Las Tierras Church here by getting involved with small groups, ministry opportunities with the church such as work days and church picnics, as well as a men's leadership study on Saturday mornings.

**Eph 3:20** Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, accordingly to the power that works within us.



Looking west through the Grand Canyon

**Prayer Request:**

- For health concerns for Jossi who has a bulging disc and is in physical therapy, and for John who is recovering from Salmonella poisoning and is regaining strength slowly.
- For our efforts in raising support, that many more doors would be opened for us to share Gods great work!!
- That the violence in Juarez, MX would subside for the peace and safety for the citizens of Juarez and in particular the churches "Promesa de Vida" and "Frontera de Gracia"
- Wisdom for our Leaders at MTW and BEAMM as they make decisions for the future.

## DO YOU HAVE YEAR END GIVING PLANS?

As the end of the year draws near, many of you will be thinking about giving donations for the end of the Tax Year. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to our account. Although we are in much better shape than we were last year at this time, we have no reserve in our account. We will also have some one-time financial needs before we begin ministry, such as permits to cross the border and visas. If we have one low month on giving we would go into deficit once more, which would mean we would again have to get part-time jobs as we continue raising support.

God has opened many opportunities to share with churches and individuals about the ministry and our needs this past fall. Please continue to pray that God would bless our travels as we speak with churches and that He would raise up partners so that we would be able to start our ministry here on the Border soon. Currently we are at 77% which means we still need \$1,800/month in support.

We have been extremely blessed over the past year and see God's work in all that has been provided. We rest in the assurance that He will provide the last portion of our support needed to reach 100% of our funding.

Four weeks of travel, Five churches, 13 States, MTW Conference, and The Grand Canyon!

Recent travels visiting churches across the Midwest and in Arizona allowed us to spend Thanksgiving with friends. We were also able to get a few hours visiting the Grand Canyon. What an awesome sight of Gods Creation it was! We are so thankful for your prayers and support over the past years.

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## Christmas in Juarez

We recently attended the annual Christmas party for our Central Region team of BEAMM ministries in Juarez. As we drove into Juarez and near the Promesa de Vida Church, we saw life going on as normal. There were businesses operating and people walking the streets. Yet the violence has effected every part of life in Juarez. Many people have asked us why are we going to such an area. And as we think about the message and significance of Christmas we can not ignore the fact that God's chosen are among those in Juarez as well. **If anyone needs the gospel message of hope, redemption, and grace it is our brothers and sisters in this Mexican city that has been ravaged by violence.** We must not lose sight of the fact that God is in control. We must remember this as we work with the churches in Juarez. We must not try to get caught up in trying to answer questions beyond our understanding such as why God allows such violence but to put all of our trust and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 1:23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US"**