

BORDER *Reflections*

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Dear Friends in Christ:

....every tribe and language and people and nation.... reminds us that through the merit and power of Christ's sacrifice, God's purposes will be accomplished, fulfilling the Abrahamic promise of blessing to all nations.

....every tribe and language and people and nation.... took on another dimension for Kay and I this fall as we began teaching ESL here at Village Seven. The total ESL class includes 40-50 refugees and immigrants from Africa, Korea, Iraq, Syria, France, Peru, Mexico, Iran, Russia, Nepal and more as people arrive from around the world.

Our students are 4 African ladies from Liberia and Burundi. As we build trust and relationships with these ladies, they tell us of the horrible conditions and persecutions they escaped from. As their English improves we talk about God and present the Gospel to them.

I'm always awestruck with God's plans. He commands us to "Go" in **Matthew 28**. But if we decide to be complacent by just sitting on our hands, no problem, God just "brings" the mission field to us through refugees and immigrants, look at **Acts 17:26-27**.

....every tribe and language and people and nation.... is very much evident as we work along the US/Mexico border with BEAMM. To see how God is orchestrating His plan through the BEAMM Ministry to reach His people is most humbling and truly a blessing.



Scripture reveals to us the Spiritual battle that will rage during the end times. This battle has never been so apparent as it now is in the Juarez area.

The violence and murders are higher than they've ever been, with incidents coming closer to our churches in Juarez. The methods of terror include offering protection to individuals for a price; with or without payment their demise is usually the same.

A very disturbing movement in the Juarez area is the expansion of Santa Muerte, worship to a Saint of Death. The drug traffickers actually pray and sacrifice to this creepy idol. They also are offering the heads of their murdered victims as a sacrifice to this Death Saint. Even more disturbing is the number of people who are joining this demonic cult. Some of the signs and symbols are now showing up on this side of the border.

Ministry Update

Las Tierras Community Church, El Paso

Recently a group traveled to the border from Chattanooga, TN, and worked on the Jesus and Maria Rodriguez house. Remaining rough electrical and plumbing were completed, windows and entry doors provided by the Rodriguez's were installed, and the sheetrock hung and taped. Jesus and his brother supplied and installed the HVAC duct work.



In the daily morning devotional Pastor Padilla reminds us that this dwelling, like all man made structures, will in time crumble. While God has given each worker the gifts and skills to build something that will in time crumble, He has also planned eternal impact because of this house.

The Holy Spirit through Pastor Padilla will not only work in the hearts of the Rodriguez family, but their friends and the neighbors as well, using this house as the stepping stone.

As God continues to bless the growth of Las Tierras Church through the hard work of Pastor Manuel and Kim Padilla, so do the financial needs increase for the ministry. Please pray with us that those needs will be filled.

Encinitas, CA, Metal Building

The building is currently being stored in El Centro, CA, awaiting shipment into Mexicali. Church planter Julio and Arlete Navarro continue to work through the final details for the land purchase. However the owners of this property continue to be a problem so another site is being considered. The new site has existing facilities with a vacant lot next door for the metal building.

Nogales, MX

The new BEAMM church plant is progressing very well with Josue & Martha Mayo, Obed & Brenda Uc and Jacinto Ordonez leading the charge. Jacinto is in his final year of seminary which will be completed through extension and the mentorship of Josue Mayo while also serving in Nogales.

Juarez Community Center Land

Praise God that a 2-acre piece of land for the Community Center has been purchased. The building plans are being completed and a capital campaign will begin soon. If the violence in Juarez subsides by next summer, BEAMM will once again take teams across the border. The tentative plan is to build the perimeter wall around the site and to also start the building.

Iglesia La Vid, Laredo

Dan and Becky Young are now relocated in McAllen, TX, to take up the role as BEAMM eastern regional directors.

Future Plans

In March we will be joining a team from Texas to continue work on Iglesia La Vid in Laredo. Our goal is to complete the building and pass final inspections for occupancy. However, this will require \$30,000 to complete. Please pray with us that God will provide the necessary funds.

In February we will be returning to El Paso to work with a group from Kansas. We plan to continue interior finishes in Jesus and Maria Rodriguez's house.

Sometime this winter we plan to meet with the Western Regional leadership for pre-construction meetings in Mexicali to start planning the community center project. Again praise God for the metal building donated by John DeWald of Encinitas, CA.

Prayer and Praise

Thank you for continuing to pray for us. *Please* remember these praises and requests in your prayers:

- Praise God for the growth at Las Tierras in East El Paso. Pray for leadership to emerge from the congregation.
- Praise God for the outreach opportunity with the Pena and Rodriguez families in Montana Vista. Pray that the Holy Spirit continues to work in their hearts.

- Praise God for the growth of His kingdom through the BEAMM ministry along the US/Mexico border.
- Pray that God continues to bless the church plant in Nogales.
- Pray that God will insure a smooth closure on the Community Center land in Mexicali and that funding will be available for the construction start-up.
- Pray for Pastor Manuel and Kim Padilla as they lead the ministry in Montana Vista and pastor Las Tierras.
- Pray God will provide the funds and teams for completion of Iglesia La Vid in Laredo.
- Pray God will continue providing our monthly support as well as one-time.



The BEAMM ministry is very grateful to its partnership churches who share the vision for advancing God's Kingdom along the border. Again, we too, thank all of you for your prayers, encouragement and financial support! If you haven't already done so, please sign up to be a BEAMM Prayer Warrior! Just go to the BEAMM web site, www.BEAMM.org, then click on this icon to sign up!

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