

HARVEST HANDS MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 26 years of touching lives for Christ in Mexico!

**WE LOVE
BECAUSE
HE FIRST
LOVED US.**

1 JOHN 4:19 (KJV)

RESPLANDOR DE VIDA



15 Aniversario

October 2, 2025, marked the 15th year since Replandor De Vida Children's Home received their first eight children. We consider it an honor to have had the chance to speak into the lives of all the children that have resided here, to share with them God's love, and what Jesus did on the cross.

Resplandor De Vida Children’s Home



Dormitory #2 Covered Patio Dormitory #1
 Chapel, Classrooms,
 Staff Housing



American Team Site

Resplandor De Vida Compound

Resplandor De Vida (RDV), a Christ-centered home for impoverished children, located in the outskirts of Juarez, Mexico, opened in October 2010. Harvest Hands Ministries works together with Joaquin Estupiñan and his wife, Dalia, Directors of this home, and the RDV staff, sharing in a desire to help children and their parents overcome the challenges of severe poverty. Currently, twenty children call RDV home along with our full-time staff and their children. The directors and employees are dedicated to helping each child in all aspects of their development. This means concentrating on their physical, mental, and especially their spiritual well-being. Prayer, bible study, education, proper nutrition, rest and hygiene, music, tutorial help, and exercise are part of their daily lives at Resplandor De Vida. Having structure in their routine along with loving discipline has brought stability to what was previously for many a chaotic and dysfunctional life. Above all, teaching the children about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and demonstrating God's love will guide them on the path to eternal life.

Instituto Harvest Hands

The opening of Harvest Hands Institute Primary School in 2023 has allowed us to touch so many more lives in Mexico. Not only are the children in academic studies but they also learn about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We have potentially six years of their young lives to help mold their characters and instill in them Biblical values



that will help to guide their steps for the rest of their lives. The staff of IHH set an example of how Christians behave and treat others. We believe that our opportunity to reach souls for Christ will continue to grow over time and we look forward to seeing the changes occur in our students as they are taught the Word of God.

Instituto Harvest Hands



FIRST GRADE



FOURTH GRADE



SECOND GRADE



FIFTH GRADE



THIRD GRADE



SIXTH GRADE

Grades 1-6 are taught by degreed, certified teachers.



ISMAEL

Our newest staff member is Ismael. He speaks Spanish and English and teaches music to the children living at RDV and computer classes at IHH. He joined the staff in August this year.



CARLOS

Carlos is a degreed physical education instructor at IHH and oversees our after-school recreation program. He has been with us for four years.



JONATHAN

Jonathan is the Christian Values teacher for both RDV and IHH. He teaches directly from the Bible and uses a curriculum supplied by Harvest Hands throughout the week. Jonathan also brings a message to the children at RDV during their weekly devotional service and has been with us for 3 years.

Resplandor De Vida Child Sponsorship 2025-26



Aldo Portilla



Aldo Vicente



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I have chosen to sponsor _____ @ \$45/mo. or \$540/yr.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

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Other forms of payment are: Online banking, ACH, PayPal, PayPal Giving Fund (no fee).

Venmo: Harvest Hands Ministries @HHM99

www.harvesthandsministries.org/Donate

About Our THREE Sponsorship Programs

HARVEST HANDS MINISTRIES offers THREE different SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS:

1. CHILD SPONSORSHIP - Your sponsorship assists in providing everything necessary to care for a child. The cost is \$45/mo. or \$540/yr.

2. STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - Student sponsorship includes sponsoring a child/adult for their educational needs at Resplandor De Vida Children's Home or in the area of Juarez & nearby communities. Currently, we are sponsoring 68 children/young adults. This opportunity will enable them to achieve their 6th grade, 9th grade, high school diplomas and for many, a college degree! Your sponsorship provides tuition, backpack, scholastic & sport uniforms, shoes, and more. The cost varies, generally from \$275-\$750 annually. The cost to sponsor an RDV child to attend school is \$540/yr.

1. INSTITUTO HARVEST HANDS STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - Student sponsorship of a local community child enrolled at IHH, the Christian Primary School located at Resplandor De Vida Children's Home. Your sponsorship assists in supporting the operating expenses of the school including books, school supplies, breakfast, utilities, and staff salaries. Currently there are 123 local community children enrolled in IHH. The cost to sponsor a student is \$45/mo. or \$540/yr. Please see the enclosed coupon.

How We Share the Gospel

Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday School curriculum, Evangelism in the local community, Chapel Services, Support to churches



Pastor Ignacio Garcia and his wife, Isa, of Jehova Jireh, Juarez. Our teams visit their church for Sunday services. Pastor Nacho translates and leads worship for team VBSs at RDV. We have known them since 1999 and their whole family has received the blessing of an education through Harvest Hands' Student Sponsorship Program; Pastor Nacho & Isa graduated from universities in our program. We provide **Sunday School curriculum** to them on a regular basis.



Visiting Americans who come on short-term mission trips bring **Vacation Bible Schools** to Resplandor De Vida and the local community children as well as to Pastors Noe & Suky's church.



Pastors Suky & Noe of Iglesia Juan 14:6, Anapra, MX. John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** They fervently serve the Lord and have an active church reaching out to Juarez. We provide **Sunday School curriculum** to this church. Their children are learning about Jesus!



Students at Instituto Harvest Hands learn about the bible during their **Christian Values classes** weekly. Jonathan, their teacher, also brings the message to their devotional services in our chapel.



Blanca, a teacher at IHH, sharing the story of Jesus with the children at the RDV **chapel service** in April.



Home visitation in the local community is done by our visiting teams. The teams bag beans, rice & flour to hand out and pray with the families, sharing Christ.



Pastor Manuel Barraza and his wife, Tita, of Templo Buen Pastor (The Church of the Good Shepherd), Guadalupe, MX. Our teams built a new sanctuary for this church which was dedicated in 2004 after 5 years of construction. We had a feeding program for children for many years there. They just celebrated 54 years as a congregation, Glory to God! **Sunday School curriculum** is provided to this church as well by Harvest Hands.



But Jesus said, "Allow the little children, and don't forbid them to come to me; for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones like these."

2025 Mission Teams



Justice For All, IA
January 2025



Calvary Chapel Seneca Falls, NY
& The Rock Church, NY
February 2025



Bemus Point Methodist Church, NY
April 2025



Life Church Buffalo, NY
June 2025



His Providence Church, MA
July 2025

**A huge THANK YOU to our
2025 mission teams!**

**You did an outstanding job
and we appreciate you!**

Thank You

Children receiving
school supplies and
totes at RDV



Message from the Mathewsons

It has been a busy year for Terry and I. Five mission teams came to Resplandor De Vida during the first seven months. It was good to have Terry escape the office and join me to host two of those teams. It opened my eyes to how important it was to have a woman's viewpoint and observational powers at the American team site to help organize and put things in order. Terry was blessed to be able to spend time with the children at RDV and IHH.

This fall I had the opportunity to share the ministry in WA State and then in New England at a supporting church with Terry. I then flew to MN to speak followed by driving a 'new to us' 15-passenger van down to El Paso with Jeff Caswell for the mission teams that will come to serve with us. A second van was also donated at that time for the children's home.

Harvest Hands Institute continues to grow, with 138 students enrolled this September. The school has been well received by the community and our reputation for offering a high-quality education has spurred this growth. As a Christian school, we can introduce Jesus Christ not only to our students but to their families as well. We embrace this privilege wholeheartedly.

How You Can Help: The children's home is a blessing to those who reside there, and Harvest Hands Institute touches the lives of more children each year. The growth along with other factors have brought familiar challenges to Harvest Hands in 2025 in a more critical way. The U.S. dollar has weakened in Mexico since January and with the increase in taxes and benefits for our nineteen employees, our monthly budget has seen an increase of approximately \$7,000 per month. We ask you to prayerfully consider helping us to care for and educate these children by supporting the work we have been called to for the past 26+ years in Mexico.

Would you also consider presenting Harvest Hands Ministries to your church? You might want to suggest a short-term mission trip to RDV for your church, or perhaps you know someone who has a heart for children who may be willing to help. Please visit our website for more information: www.harvesthandsministries.org. Thank you and may God bless you!

In Christ's Service,
Garry and Terry Mathewson
Founders

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speak at your church or group?
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LINDSAY

Lindsay Schell joined the Harvest Hands staff in July as a full-time missionary and lives at RDV. She first came to RDV at age 17 on a short-term mission trip. Lindsay then went on to college and received a degree

in Forensic Chemistry. She had been teaching Science and Spanish at Finger Lakes Christian School in Central New York when she returned to RDV once again. Her love for the people and children of Mexico was obvious, and the Lord put it on her heart to answer the call to serve there. Lindsay assists with our 3 sponsorship programs and happily serves where she is needed. The children love Lindsay, and she is a trusted confidant by other staff members. We are excited to see Lindsay grow in her missionary life and are very thankful for her service to both HHM and RDV!



HARVEST HANDS MINISTRIES

2025-26 HARVEST HANDS MINISTRIES PROGRAMS

RESPLANDOR DE VIDA: HARVEST HANDS has constructed a children's shelter on the outskirts of Juarez, MX. This is a home for impoverished children ages 4-18 and is in the Desert Farms colonia. God has called us here to work with the poorest of poor. Dormitories #1 & #2 are open and now have 20 children living there. The mission at RDV is directed by Joaquin Estupiñan and his wife Dalia.

HARVEST HANDS INSTITUTE: This primary grade Christian school officially opened at Resplandor De Vida in August 2023 and now has 138 students enrolled.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP: This is an opportunity for you to sponsor individual children at Resplandor De Vida Children's home. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for more information. Your help is a great assistance to keeping the doors open at RDV!

INSTITUTO HARVEST HANDS (IHH) Student Sponsorship: Please see enclosed coupon to support a child.

MEXICAN STUDENTS SPONSORED DURING THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR: This year 68 students are attending school from Kindergarten through University because of the scholarships provided by HHM supporters. Tuition, bus fare, books, scholastic & sport uniforms, shoes, sneakers, undergarments, backpacks, personal care items and school supplies are provided.

SCHOOL SUPPLY BAG PROGRAM: School supply bags were distributed in Mexico to needy children. These school supplies were purchased and assembled by friends of HHM.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX PROGRAM: Annually, Harvest Hands Ministries has a drive to collect gift boxes for children in Mexico. The list of suggested items to go in the boxes is found on our website. This year, gifts will go to the children at Resplandor De Vida Children's Home & Pastors Noe & Suky Beltran's church. The children are so delighted with these Christmas gifts!

SUPPORT: HHM supports Pastors Noe & Suky Beltran's church in Mexico and fully supports the directors and staff of Resplandor de Vida monthly.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIAL: HHM provides Sunday School material to 3 churches in Mexico as well as Resplandor De Vida.

AMERICAN TEAMS HOSTED: Five mission teams were hosted this year. Teams are currently booking for 2026. A Short-Term Mission Trip Brochure is available on our website.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: HHM helps the needy with prescriptions, medical needs and surgeries when possible.

FOOD DISPENSING: Visiting American teams make food bags to pass out in the local colonia (community) on their cultural day. Food is also dispensed at Pastors Noe & Suky Beltran's church.