

# HARVEST HANDS MINISTRIES

*Touching lives for Christ in Mexico since 1999!*



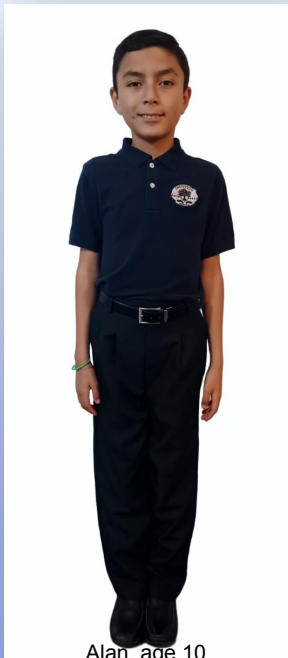
Isaiah 43:19 "Behold, I do a new thing; now it shall spring forth." Darby Translation



**2023 RESPLANDOR DE VIDA CHILDREN**

## **INSTITUTO HARVEST HANDS OPENED AUGUST 28, 2023!**

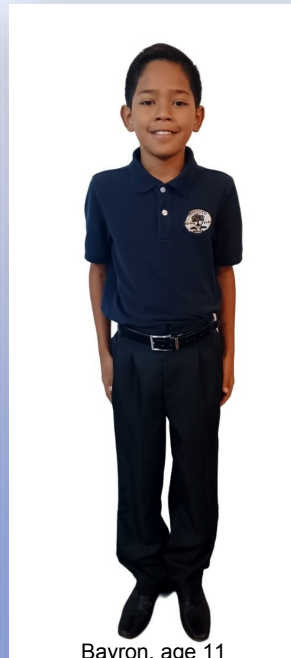
Pictured below are students in their new uniforms. Construction begins on the new school . . . See pg. 4



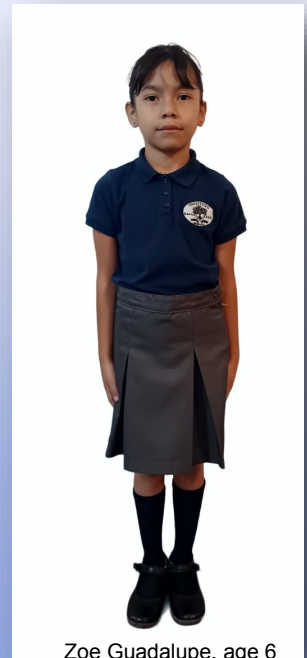
Alan, age 10



Brenda, age 12



Bayron, age 11



Zoe Guadalupe, age 6

## Resplandor De Vida Children's Home



Dormitory #2  
Chapel, Classrooms, Housing

Covered patio

Dormitory #1

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 neglect, poverty and abuse.

Currently 35 children call RDV home along with 10 children of our full-time staff. The directors and employees are dedicated to helping each and every 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, hygiene, music, and physical education are part of their daily lives at Resplandor De Vida. Above all, teaching the children about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and demonstrating God's love is guiding them on the path to eternal life.

### Why they are here

Resplandor De Vida has been a refuge for children for thirteen years as of October 2023. Some of the children have lived here for as long as 8 years. I have seen new arrivals as young as four and five years old crying at the dinner table while others around them are laughing and talking with one another. A traumatic experience to many of them for sure. Even an existence of neglect, hunger or abuse, if it is all you have ever known, can be difficult to adjust from.

I have seen those same children on my next visit to Resplandor joining in the laughter and joy that accompanies having spent a little more time there. Years ago, Joaquin Estupiñan, the founder and director of RDV, once said "Here the children get to be kids once again". Their innocence can be restored, whether from physical or sexual abuse or to not having to be the mom or dad to their younger siblings.

***We are thankful to be able to offer a safe Christian home to them!***

Each child that comes to live at Resplandor de Vida has their own story. The families are different but their experiences are often similar. Abandonment, abuse and neglect are often the bonds that tie these kids together. They understand each other's pain and you can see their empathy for one another especially at the altar during their weekly service as they often comfort each other through their tears and hugs. It is sad that the world must have places like Resplandor De Vida to exist, but it is good that we are here when a child needs us.



# 13th Anniversary Celebration October 6, 2023



Some of the young children at Resplandor



Garry Mathewson, President  
Harvest Hands Ministries



Praise Team



Praise dance team



Resplandor De Vida Staff  
Daniel, Santos, Lucio, Paco, Miguel, Jonathan  
Lupita, Rocio, Jasmine, Dalia, Joaquin, Jasmine, Candy, Brisa, Lizett



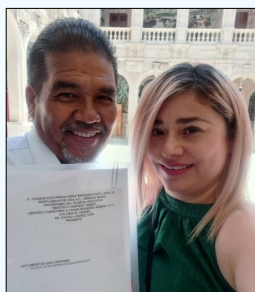
Praise dance team



Joaquin Estupiñan and Garry



# Instituto Harvest Hands



Joaquin & Dalia, directors of Resplandor De Vida Children's Home, receiving the official documentation of certification by the State of Chihuahua government offices for Instituto Harvest Hands. August 2023

**“The harvest is great, but the workers are few.”**

Luke 10:2

## Name Origin of Instituto Harvest Hands

It is the proposed name for the Institution and was chosen taking into account that the United States ministry that supports and solves our economic needs has that name (Harvest Hands Ministries). And in honor of this ministry we have decided that the school has the same name. Harvest Hands in its translation to Spanish is based on the verse in the Bible that is found in **Luke 10:2** where it says: **“The harvest is great, but the workers are few.”** The name means that there is much to do, to plant and few workers who are willing to help. So the purpose of Harvest Hands Institute is precisely to sow, through our service, first to God and then to the children and we know that in some time what has been sown in knowledge, preparation, and values will be harvested, and the fruit will be mature, honest and responsible adults, capable of sowing to others what they have learned, not only academically, but also teaching others what they have learned from the Word of God. By Dalia Menchaca

## Building a School

It has been the desire of Harvest Hands Ministries and Resplandor De Vida for many years to open our own school right on site at the RDV property. It has been a slow process because of Covid shutting everything down for two years and the ever changing regulations imposed by the State of Chihuahua. In August 2023 however, we were officially recognized by the State and have opened our new Christian primary grade school, “Instituto Harvest Hands”, named by Joaquin and Dalia.

This first year we are combining grades 1&2, 3&4 and 5&6 to create three classrooms. In addition to the children in those grades living at RDV, we invited the public around us to enroll their children and we accepted 26 of those children. Even more desired to attend, but lack of space prohibited us from accepting any more students. We are excited about the opportunity the opening of the new school offers. Our prayer is to have an impact on the lives of the children and their families in the local community.

**In the coming months our efforts will be focused on building a new school facility** on the property that we have owned for this purpose. As funds, manpower and expertise allow, the work will begin as soon as possible. In fact, it already has! Loads of dirt have been brought to the property to begin to level it out and the machinery to do this has been contracted as of this writing. Mission teams are invited to come help us and to be a part of this wonderful new phase of the work the Lord has called us to do. Visit [www.harvesthandsministries.org](http://www.harvesthandsministries.org) for more information on bringing a team to the mission field of Mexico.

By Garry Mathewson



Leveling the ground for the school, Oct. 2023



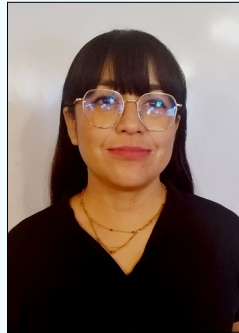
Instituto Harvest Hands children and staff 2023-24



# Instituto Harvest Hands Teachers



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Certified Teacher



Blanca Jasmine Rodriguez Saucedo



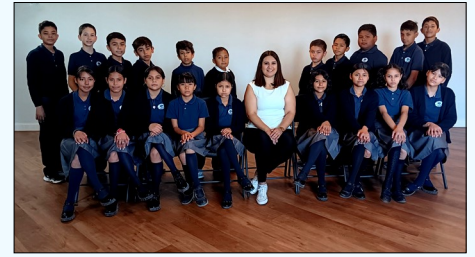
Jasmine Ariana Angeles Hernandez  
Certified Teacher



Grades 1-2



Grades 3-4



Grades 5-6



Carlos Manuel Torres Nuñez, Certified Physical Education Teacher



Morning exercise before classes begin



Jesus Daniel Guerra Jimenez, English Instructor

Daniel teaching English class



# Resplandor De Vida Child Sponsorship 2023



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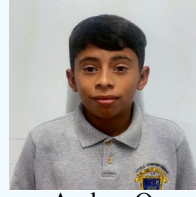
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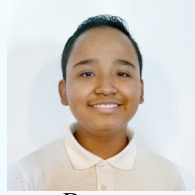
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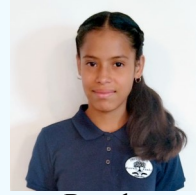
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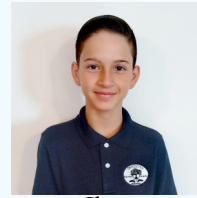
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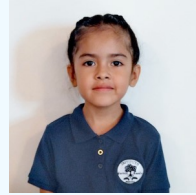
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Zoe A.



Zoe M.

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# About Our THREE Sponsorship Programs

## Harvest Hands Ministries offers THREE different SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS:

1. **CHILD SPONSORSHIP** - Please see page 6 for the information on sponsoring a child to live at Resplandor De Vida Children's Home. Your sponsorship assists in providing the care, shelter & needs of a child such as food, pajamas, winter coats and personal care items. The cost is \$35/mo. Or \$420/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 82 children/young adults for their education. This opportunity will enable them to achieve their 6th grade, 9th grade, high school diplomas and for many a college degree! A high school diploma is a must and a college degree is a huge blessing and a key to a better future in Mexico! Your sponsorship provides tuition, backpack, scholastic & sport uniforms, shoes, undergarments, personal hygiene items, sneakers & bus fare. The cost varies, generally from \$275-\$750 annually. The cost to sponsor an RDV child to attend school is \$475/yr.
3. **INSTITUTO HARVEST HANDS STUDENT SPONSORSHIP** - Student sponsorship of a colonia 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 26 colonia children enrolled at IHH. The cost to sponsor a colonia child as a student is \$35/mo. Or \$420/yr. Please see enclosed coupon.

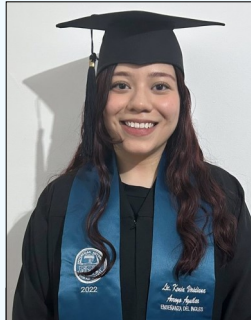
## Our 2022 & 2023 Mexican Student Sponsorship Program College Graduates



**Jehu Enrique Lechuga Padilla**

### License in Law

I had the honor to graduate with a law degree, but, my true passion and dedication is in ministry and offering help where it is needed most. In addition to my work at a feeding program for children, my law degree has permitted me to be a valuable resource for parents in my community. I am available during the mornings in order to provide legal advice in civil and family situations. Many people that live here lack resources to confront injustices or don't have access to the necessary legal information. I feel honored to be able to help them to understand their rights and to make informed decisions. My time at the ministry, my legal advice and my leadership at church are all aspects of my life that are filled with joy and purpose.



**Kenia Viridiana A. Aguilar**

### English Teacher License

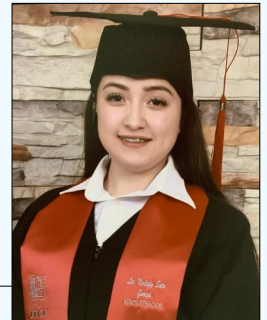
One year before finishing university in 2022, I had the opportunity to give some classes at UAJC (my university). These classes were part of my practice and helped me to develop my teaching skills. Thanks to God, I worked as an English teacher at UACJ for 1-1/2 years. I have students in their first semester and students that are at the point of finishing their careers. The joy to see them change into professionals and to know that I was involved in their lives, has no price. I know that UAJC will be offering new jobs for full time next year, so I am also practicing in my free time, taking additional courses and learning new skills and tools that I can use in class. With effort and the guidance of God, everything is possible.



**Mireya Fiallo Manzo**

### License in Psychology

It is a pleasure to inform you that this year, 2023, I started to study for a Master's Degree in Psychology, thanks to God and to you continuing to support me financially. For this reason, I'll inform you that after I finished my license in Psychology, I started to work in a daycare as an "Early Learning Teacher", from infant to 3 years old. Although they don't pay me as a Psychologist, nevertheless, to work with children is a gift that God has given me and it is a pleasure to do. After hours, I have obtained patients with whom I work in personal therapy.



**Nallely Soto Garcia**

### License in Administration

#### Human Resource Specialty

It is a pleasure for me to greet you after this time and to be able to tell you a little about my process to which you have formed a part. The place where I am actually working is a vehicle agency called Touche Motors. Previously I was in the warranty area that was only validating if a car continued to be under warranty. Also in client services and a human resources agent. But now that I have graduated, my main job is to interview future employees to give them job opportunities, fulfill employment campaigns, as well as some training that is done at the beginning of employment, and the functions that I held in warranties. Thank God that I have learned many things.

## 2023 Mission Teams



Justice For All  
Rock Valley, IA January 2023



Calvary Chapel Seneca Falls & The Rock Church  
Seneca Falls, NY/Lakewood, NY February 2023



Bemus Point Methodist Church  
Bemus Point, NY April 2023



His Providence Church  
Swansea, MA August 2023



Cloverdale United Reformed Church  
Boise, ID October 2023

**A huge thank you to our  
2023 mission teams! You  
did an outstanding job  
serving at RDV  
and we appreciate you all!**





# Children's Photo Gallery



Resplandor De Vida Children's Home  
Summer VBS program



Summer VBS program



Singing 'Gloria a Dios' with all  
her heart on this ukulele!



Learning to bake  
cupcakes with a team



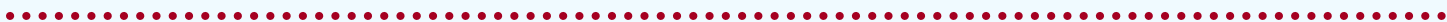
Children were gifted new scooters by a supporter of Harvest Hands



Lots of Love here!



January team painted a mural with the young girls.  
Their handprints made the flowers.





# 2023-24 Student Sponsorship Program



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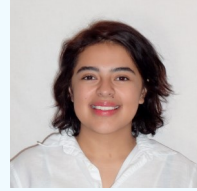
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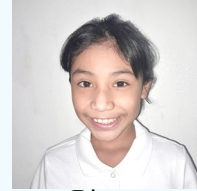
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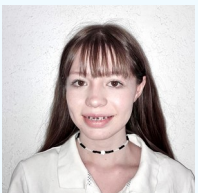
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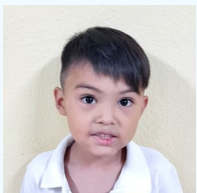
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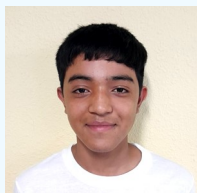
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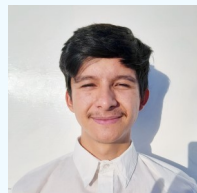
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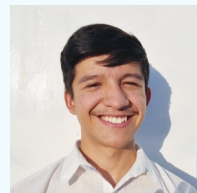
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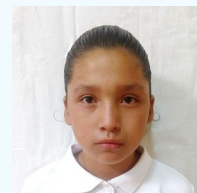
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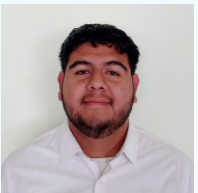
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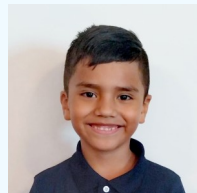
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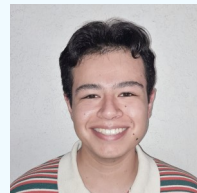
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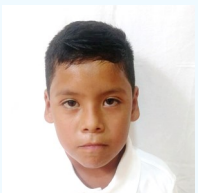
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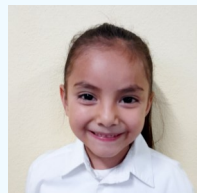
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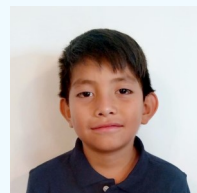
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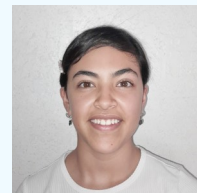
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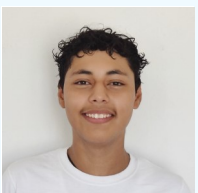
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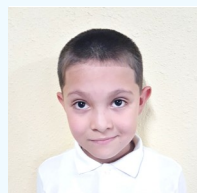
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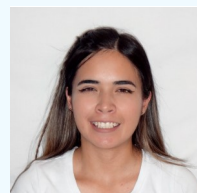
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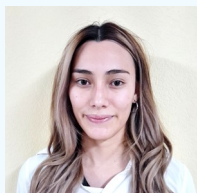
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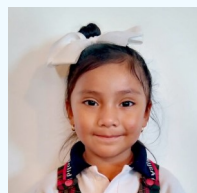
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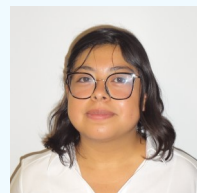
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## Message from the Mathewsons

**How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"**

Isaiah 52: 7 World English Bible translation

**The Rock: his work is perfect, for all his ways are just. A God of faithfulness who does no wrong, just and right is he.**

Deuteronomy 32:4 World English Bible

We have been privileged to have been a part of many events over the past twenty-four years that have blessed countless people as we served others in the Name of Jesus in the mission field of Mexico. From 1999-2004 we built a new church for the congregation of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Guadalupe. During those years we held a feeding program after school for the local children in Guadalupe and also hosted mission teams that helped with the church construction and ministry to the poor in pueblos such as El Faro and Fronteriza Baja.

Our Mexican Student Sponsorship Program began in 2000 and has helped hundreds of children and adults to continue their education, some all the way through college so that they might have a better future and provide for their families.

Resplendor De Vida Children's home construction began in 2005 and opened its doors in 2010 to take care of impoverished children from difficult situations, some for as many as eight years and counting.

Instituto Harvest Hands Christian primary grade school has just opened, bringing with it a new chapter in the story of Harvest Hands and Resplendor De Vida. We give God all the glory for His Faithfulness in orchestrating all the facets of these two ministries!

The faithful prayers and financial support from churches, businesses and individuals are the reason Harvest Hands is able to accomplish the Lord's work in Mexico. **We are a bridge from the body of Christ in the U.S. to the body of Christ in Mexico so that they may be blessed and be a blessing to others.**

**Will you join us in continuing the work God has called us to in Mexico?** There is much yet to do. As we step forward in faith, we covet your prayers for His guidance, provision and perfect timing in all that we do. We also ask for prayer for Harvest Hands' staff, volunteers and the children and staff of Resplendor De Vida.

**Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...**

Ephesians 3:20 World English Bible

Serving the Lord in Mexico,  
Garry & Terry Mathewson  
Founders

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## HARVEST HANDS MINISTRIES 2023

### 2023-24 HARVEST HANDS MINISTRIES PROGRAMS

**RESPLANDOR DE VIDA:** HARVEST HANDS has constructed a children's shelter in the outskirts of Juarez, MX. This is a home to impoverished children ages 4-18 and is located 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 35 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 with 55 students enrolled.

**CHILD SPONSORSHIP:** This is an opportunity for you to sponsor individual children at Resplandor De Vida Children's home. Please see page 6 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.

**82 MEXICAN STUDENTS SPONSORED DURING THE 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR:** This year 82 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, under garments, backpacks, personal care items and school supplies are provided.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY BAG PROGRAM:** School supply bags were distributed in Mexico to needy school age 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 also fully supports the directors and staff of Resplandor de Vida monthly.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIAL:** HHM provides Sunday School material to 3 locations in Mexico.

**AMERICAN TEAMS HOSTED:** Five mission teams were hosted this year. Teams are currently booking for 2024. 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.

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