HARVEST HANDS
MINISTRIES

2026 NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 27 years of touching lives for Christ in Mexico!

"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me." — Matthew 18:5 BSB



Instituto Harvest Hands 2026-27 168 Students

"Many families have chosen our school precisely because they want their children to grow up knowing the Word of God and learning to live according to its teachings." Dalia Menchaca, Principal



Resplandor De Vida children joining our mission team for breakfast

Mission Statement

The mission of Harvest Hands Ministries is to nurture and disciple families, particularly impoverished children, by providing care-giving and educational programs so that they might reach their full potential and know the hope in Jesus Christ.

Resplandor De Vida Children's Home

The heart of our ministry in Juárez, Mexico



IHH Primary School & RDV dormitory • 2026



Aerial view of RDV properties

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 Estupian 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-five 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.

2010 – 2026

Sixteen years sharing God's love with children at RDV



Instituto Harvest Hands

Primary school • six grades • Christian values education



FIRST GRADE



FOURTH GRADE



SECOND GRADE



FIFTH GRADE



THIRD GRADE



SIXTH GRADE

Instituto Harvest Hands began its fourth school year with an enrollment of 168 students. The growth from 62 to 168 students over the last 3 years has been exciting, and the positive reputation of the school continues to spread into the surrounding neighborhoods. All six grades have either reached or are close to reaching the maximum attendance allowed per class. The school system has therefore granted us permission to have 35 students per grade to accommodate the demand. We are blessed to have the opportunity to touch the lives of so many young people by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them. Christ is central to everything IHH does and many of our students would know nothing of Jesus and God's love if not for their attending Instituto Harvest Hands. The children receive a quality education, Bible lessons, attend a service each week and through teachers and staff, see examples of Christians living out their faith.



It is our desire to attain state certification for a Kindergarten as well for the next school year. Please pray that all requirements will be met in the allotted time frame which will allow us to have an impact on the lives of even more children.

Instituto Harvest Hands

Message from the Directors



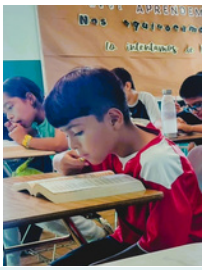
First day of school



Daniela Andrea



Independence Day Celebration



The Gift of God's Word



Joaquin Estupinan & his wife, Dalia Menchaca, Directors of Resplandor De Vida and Instituto Harvest Hands Primary School

Sowing values, transforming lives, and building a future with hope

by Dalia Menchaca

Harvest Hands Institute, IHH, has been a great blessing for many families in the neighborhood, becoming much more than just an educational institution. It is a place where children find opportunities to learn, grow, develop their abilities, and, above all, experience God's love. Our goal is to raise children who are academically prepared, and also whole human beings, capable of facing life's challenges with wisdom, responsibility, love, and faith. Behind each student is a story, a family, and hope. At IHH, we have witnessed significant changes that inspire us to keep working with love and dedication.

Héctor and María José are cousins and are in 3rd and 5th grade, respectively. Both enjoy attending classes, spending time with their classmates, and participating in the activities offered by the school. In addition to their academic schedule, they are part of the after-school program, a service that represents significant support for their family, as they are under the care of their grandmother. For her, IHH is a special place, where her grandchildren receive education, attention, and care in a safe environment, full of Christian values and principles. Over time, both the children and their grandmother have learned to deeply value what this school represents in their lives.

Diego and Benjamín are two brothers whose experience at IHH has also yielded very positive results. Since joining the school, both have shown significant improvements in their behavior, discipline, and the way they relate to others. Their mother expresses deep appreciation for the work done with her children. Like her, many other mothers have recognized the importance of having an institution that not only cares about grades but also about behavior, values, spiritual formation, and the well-being of each student. One of the characteristics that sets Harvest Hands Institute apart is its Christian identity, and for this reason many families have chosen our school precisely because they want their children to grow up knowing the Word of God and learning to live according to its teachings.

At IHH, teaching about Christ is an essential part of our mission. Therefore, we strive for biblical principles to be present not only in lessons but also in the way we treat children, resolve conflicts, encourage respect, and show love toward others. Educating requires patience, sensitivity, dedication, and especially, a heart willing to serve. Our greatest reward will be to see our students grow into men and women prepared for life, with firm principles, sensitive hearts and a faith that accompanies them at every step. Because in the end, our greatest purpose is for children to get to know Christ and discover the purpose God has for their lives. 'Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.' Proverbs 22:6 — RVR1960

Please see the enclosed form to sponsor a student at Instituto Harvest Hands. Your support assists us to employ State Certified teachers, provide school materials, a daily meal, transportation, an after-school program, and more.

Faith in Action

Pastors Noe and Suky Beltran
Tammy Hayson
Lindsay Schell





Women's Bible Study at Iglesia Juan 14:6
Pastor Noe street ministry

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."
Colossians 3:17 Berean Standard Bible

Pastors Noe & Suky Beltran

We have had the privilege of knowing Pastors Noe and Suky for more than 28 years. They are dear friends. Both have attended seminary (one an AOG, the other a Baptist) and soon after graduating, they started their own mission reaching out to the poorest of poor in the outskirts of the City of Juarez. Harvest Hands has helped them with the construction of a church, pastoral support, Sunday School material, vehicles to pick up the people for services, school supplies for their mission and more. Their church, Iglesia Juan 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.", is involved with evangelizing their community, discipleship, and teaching the Word of God. We continue to support their efforts and frequently have American mission teams do a Vacation Bible School at their location.



Our Volunteer staff Tammy Hayson

Tammy has been on staff with Harvest Hands for 19 years. She has been a vital part of the ministry serving in various ways such as support to Garry & Terry, Harvest Hands' Registered Agent, bookkeeping, shopping for our student programs and children's home monthly supplies, assembling newsletter mailings, and in a nut shell, 'Our right-hand gal in many areas!'

Thank you Tammy!



Our Missionary Lindsay Schell

Lindsay has been on staff for 1-1/2 years now and we are grateful for all her help to Harvest Hands and the ministry work in Mexico. The children at RDV and IHH love Lindsay and we know she shines brightly for Jesus in their lives each day!
Lindsay lives on site, works with each child to write letters to the sponsors and coordinates the RDV & IHH sponsorship programs for Harvest Hands. She also assists Tammy with monthly shopping for Resplandor, Terry with various administrative projects, and Garry with teams.

Thank you Lindsay!

2026 Mission Teams

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who comes to serve



Justice For All
Rock Valley, IA January



Calvary Chapel Seneca Falls
Seneca Falls, NY February



Life Church Buffalo
West Seneca, NY June



Fluvanna Community Church
Fluvanna & friends • Jamestown, NY July



His Providence Church
Swansea, MA August



Bemus Point Methodist
Bemus Point, NY August

An opportunity that could change your life...Join us on a mission trip!

We are a non-denominational ministry upholding traditional Biblical values and host week-long mission trips to Mexico. Resplandor De Vida Children's Home is located in a rural area outside of Juarez, 18 miles from the Santa Teresa, NM, Port of Entry, just over the border from El Paso, TX. Visit www.harvesthandsministries.org for more information.

Message from the Mathewsons

A note from founders Garry and Terry Mathewson

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will remain—so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you." *John 16:16 BSB*

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

Writing this letter to you all at this time each year is a humbling experience. It is an opportunity to reflect on how the Lord has put us in a position to be used by Him to accomplish things that we could never have done on our own. When I look back on all that has been done over the years, I ask myself, "How did all this happen?"

Terry and I said "YES!" to missions when we knelt at the altar of our church in December 1995. We began our journey as missionaries to Mexico by attending language school in Guadalajara, Mexico, and graduated as a family with our 2 sons in October 1997. Harvest Hands Ministries was founded and incorporated as a non-profit organization in August 1999.

Harvest Hands is a bridge between the body of Christ in the United States and the body of Christ in Mexico. Together, with our prayer partners and supporters, wonderful things have been accomplished for His Kingdom, all Glory to God!

Resplandor De Vida and Instituto Harvest Hands have been able to touch more lives than ever before! ***What was once an uninhabited desert around us is now being filled with families who are building small houses made of cement blocks or wooden pallets. Our school offers these new neighbors a safe place for their children to attend and receive a quality, Christ-centered education. People who need to know Jesus are moving in all around us!***

We ask you to pray for the staff of Harvest Hands, Resplandor, the school and everyone near us in Mexico so that we can continue the Lord's work, be a blessing to the children, and serve as the hands and feet of Jesus to bring His Good News to people in a dry and arid land who need God.

Pray • Share Harvest Hands with others • Support
Join a mission team • Sponsor a student

Thank you! To God Be ALL Glory!
In Christ's Service,
Garry & Terry Mathewson

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Prayer Requests

- Resplandor De Vida Staff
- IHH Staff
- Garry Mathewson - Hosting Mission Teams
- Opportunities to share at new churches
- Monthly Financial Support
- Student Sponsors for Instituto Harvest Hands

Our Programs

The work continues through education, care, and the Gospel



Resplandor De Vida • Children with handmade dolls from Fluvanna Community Church

HARVEST HANDS MINISTRIES • 2026–27 PROGRAMS

RESPLANDOR DE VIDA *Opened in 2010*

A Christ-centered home caring for 25 children alongside its full-time staff and families. Daily life centers on education, nutrition, stability, prayer, Bible study and the love of Christ.

INSTITUTO HARVEST HANDS *Founded in 2023*

A Christian primary school located at the RDV site. Enrollment totals 168 students for the academic year 2026–27.

CHILD & STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS *Began in 2000*

Sponsorship supports children at RDV, students across Juárez and the operating needs of IHH. Child/student sponsorship is $45 per month or $540 annually.

MISSION TEAMS & OUTREACH *Began in 2000*

Visiting teams are involved in various work projects, evangelism, Vacation Bible Schools, food dispensing & prayer during community outreach.