

Benjamin Hill Update

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Things continue to move forward at Kid's Kingdom-Farm In The Dell in Benjamin Hill, Mexico. It is such an honor and privilege to partner with Arturo and Lilia in this awesome project to serve developmentally disabled children, young adults and orphans. The dormitories are completed, painted inside and out, the bathrooms are tiled and the toilets and sinks will be installed over the next few days. The next phase of our work in Benjamin Hill is the construction of the dining hall. As donations are received over the next few months, those monies will be used to fund its construction. The grant we received from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund will pay for the appliances, tables and chairs, plates, silverware and glasses, pots and pans and small appliances. Now all we need is a building to put it all in!!!!

Our next trip to Mexico is scheduled for October 3rd – 10th. The cost for this trip is \$625 and includes your airline tickets, travel insurance, food, lodging and transportation (does not include meals on travel days). To reserve your spot or for more information contact Rev. Mark Christensen at pastormarkchristensen@gmail.com or 406-239-7642. You can also get in touch with Deaconess Reeves @ 549-3311 or 542-8838. Space is limited and a \$250 deposit (to purchase plane tickets) needs to be received by Deaconess Reeves by July 1st in order to reserve your spot.



Thanks to our LCEF grant monies the fencing around the property is now complete.



The site prep for the dining hall is now complete. The foundation has also been dug. Work on pouring the foundation will begin in the next couple of weeks.



Planting of the orchard is complete and the irrigation system has been installed. 25 orange, lemon, lime and grapefruit trees were planted. With lots of water, some fertilizer and a couple of years we hope to enjoy the "fruits" of our labors!

Last fall, Arturo and Lilia traded one street side lot on the corner of the property for 3 lots that are adjacent to the southwest side of the property (part of which is now the orchard). Included in that trade was a small home! It will be perfect for staff housing or emergency housing for women escaping an abusive relationship. Repairs and updates are underway to get it habitable.

