

News from our Mexico Mission

Excitement continues to grow at Kid's Kingdom Imuris and Kid's Kingdom Benjamin Hill as the children and staff prepare for Christmas. They are especially thankful for the generosity of First Lutheran in providing gifts for everyone. As they celebrate the love of God giving the best gift ever, the birth of our Lord and Savior, they can also celebrate the love shared by a very special congregation.

The tile work in the dining hall is almost done. I forget sometimes how large a project that is, the square footage of the dining hall is right at 2,800 sq. ft. and we are also tiling the walls of the kitchen which adds another 400 sq. ft. to the tiling project. The trees in the orchard are looking good, they continue to grow and blossom, we look forward to a small crop of fruit this year, and Good Lord willing, we'll be supplying lots of fresh fruit in the years to come for the children and community. Also, planting has started for this year's garden!





A special thank you to some very special mission partners who donated the necessary funds for us to purchase an additional parcel of land (with a small house on it) that borders property we currently own. As time and funds permit, we will rehab the house and that will give us additional housing for staff, guests or emergency housing for families in crisis.

Speaking of special mission partners, we received a special gift from one couple to cover the start-up costs for the school thru the end of the school year (May of 2021), a gift from another couple to pay for the snacks, meals and supplies for the Saturday

morning and Sunday evening Kid's Club for the next four months and finally, another gift, from yet another couple is helping with the tuition for 5 High School students for the winter quarter and providing funds for food expenses.

We currently have two trips scheduled for the first part of February. First Lutheran will be heading south from February 4th-11th and Cross of Christ from Anthem, AZ, will be at the orphanages from February 11th-16th. We are currently working on our list of projects and mission outreach ministries. If you are interested in joining us, the cost is \$395.00 plus the cost of your airline ticket (currently about \$200). The \$395.00 covers the cost of meals, transportation, travel insurance and housing. For more information, contact Deaconess Reeves or email Pastor Mark, pastormarkchristensen@gmail.com.

May God give you the Peace and Joy of this Christmas Season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

In His Service,

Pastor Mark, Deaconess Reeves, the Mission Teams and Mission Supporters