

# Mission Grant Story • March 2021

## MUSIC OUTREACH, CLASSES, AND RESOURCES ON THE BORDER

**Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas — \$98,400**

For 17 years, the music ministry at Ysleta Lutheran Mission (YLM) has proven to be a success, reaching out to the unchurched and being a witness to the mercy and grace of Christ, as well as building relationships with music students and training leaders.

One success of this music outreach ministry can be seen in the performing group, Mariachi San Pablo. Their mission is to reach their community through music that inspires and touches the lives of those who hear it. Through the years, members of this group have ranged in age from children, to teenagers, to senior citizens. Some have been lifelong Lutherans, and others are newcomers to the church whom God has brought to faith. While reaching out with the Gospel to those who hear their music, this group has been a ministry of God's love and grace to its members as well.

A young boy, indifferent to the church and religion in general, became involved with the music classes and Mariachi San Pablo. He enjoyed

serving others with his growing music skills. He learned traditional hymns, contemporary praise songs, and the liturgy of our church that were taught in the classes. Since becoming a member of the church, he has served the Lord in various positions.

YLM has repeatedly seen the outreach efforts of this ministry bear fruit as students grow in faith as well as in musical ability, and the Mission yearns to see this discipleship multiplied locally and around the country. To expand this life-changing ministry of reaching out to new students and to increase their services and resources, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care (YLMHC) needs to better equip their classroom and rehearsal space. It also is essential for them to purchase new equipment to enable future recording projects. The mission grant "Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border" will assist in funding this expansion.