

Bridge Builders for the Cross

A ministry committed to bridging the gap for Christ

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MEXICO

On March 18th, we met partners Shon & Janeene Young with Pastor Lorenzo Ortiz in Laredo, TX and crossed the border to witness the Cuba refugee situation in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. We visited 7 or 8 churches housing the Cubans and it is estimated there are 1,000 to 1,300 in the city. As we visited each location we heard stories of trekking through Guyana, Venezuela, Colombia or Ecuador and up through Central America into Mexico. They hiked through jungles, rode horses, boats, buses, trucks and cars. One group was on a raft for 9 days with no water or food for the last 4. We witnessed all types of sleeping arrangements with mattress to mattress on the floors of classrooms, sanctuaries and fellowship halls. Their biggest concerns were, are they going to get permission to enter the US; was the Mexican government going to deport them and were they going to be safe with the cartel violence in Nuevo Laredo. The Mexican churches are doing as well as they can, but it has been a challenge. We are very thankful for Pastor Lorenzo Ortiz in Laredo for organizing and helping the Mexican churches facilitate this effort. He has taken on a tremendous responsibility in providing various needs from this side of the border.

It appears that this will be an ongoing need for until the Mexican government determines what should be done to remedy the situation. Contributions can be sent for relief efforts to:

Bridge Builders for the Cross, PO Box 2623, Ada, OK 74821.



On Friday, March 17th, Pastor Joe and Michelle dedicated a new neighborhood soup kitchen and fed approximately 170 kids and adults! A representative from the mayor's office was there as well as other Mexican pastors and Americans. We helped with set up, preparation and serving. It was a wonderful experience! Kids will be fed Monday through Friday weekly. We appreciate our partners and their passion to help the community!

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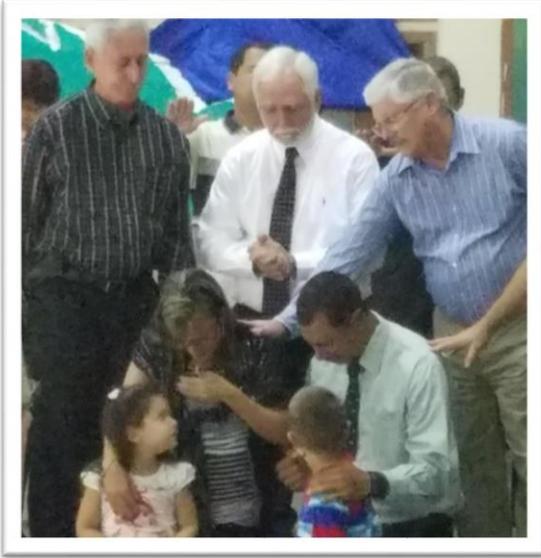
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Or



CUBA

It was celebration time in Cuba with the 75th anniversary of Free Will Baptists in Cuba! Our 5 member team got to experience the wonderful hospitality of our hosts with great food and fellowship.



There was great preaching, singing, commissioning of Cuban missionaries to Ivory Coast, Africa, our 2 pastors preaching to approximately 250 young people and a host of other activities.



We always enjoy visiting Ariel, Yadira and Emanuel with "Ministerio Nuevo Amanecer" (New Dawn Ministry) disability ministry. They are doing a wonderful work with disabled children and adults! We are privileged to partner with them. Our next trip to Cuba will be children's camp in July. **Come join us!**

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

In February, we partnered with phenomenal 6-year-old girl from Sulphur, Oklahoma who has a burden to help foster kids! What a testimony! Her ministry A'Layah's Lemonade for Love puts together backpacks full of an array of necessities for these kids which includes a Bible, "so these kids can learn about Jesus!" A'Layah says. Bridge Builders for the Cross is providing the Bibles and elated to partner with A'Layah!

She has caught attention nationally and was featured on NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt Inspiring America on March 27th. Keep up the great work A'Layah!



Providing Bibles in Mexico, Cuba and in the prisons are a large part of our budget. Would you like to help us provide some more?

A'Layah's LEMONADE for Love

A six year old child born drug addicted and placed into foster care - NOW dedicates her free time to ensure that every one of "her Foster Kids" have (what she determined to be) the basic necessities.

A \$10 DONATION CAN SUPPLY A CHILD WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- A BACKPACK
- A BIBLE
- A BLANKET
- A TOOTHBRUSH
- TOOTHPASTE
- A STUFFED TOY

WE SOMETIMES GET DONATIONS OF COLORING BOOKS & CRAYONS AS WELL!

For more information on donating, please contact Misty Robinson at 580-618-2643

"I just want to continue to embrace the little generous spirit that the Lord has blessed her with as long as possible... and pray that it sticks with her throughout her life," A'Layah's Mom

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