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Julie's Corner

Serving in their Sweet Spot



Team at the Garden Home

Thanks to you all for your faithful prayers and financial support as we traveled to Juarez, Mexico with Amigos en Cristo Ministries once again in June. Our time in Juarez is always fruitful. Praise God!

A team of 16 from 4 churches: Cherry Hills Church and Hope Church, Springfield, IL; Grace Baptist, Taylorville, IL; and Bethany Church, New Hampshire, came together to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Many activities were going on during our time there. Carol Diedrichsen and her team led a sewing clinic over

three mornings, then Dr. Saira Silas and her team led a medical clinic in the afternoon distributing medications and caring for 29 patients. After that, Dr. Silas and Art Caban conducted health talks about nutrition and diabetes. Art Caban joined Dr. Silas to discuss this common disease that challenges many of our brothers and sisters in Juarez.

Art also assisted Don Tucker in teaching our students English. Unfortunately, Don had been in a motorcycle accident the Friday before our arrival. He suffered from

broken ribs and hurt his back and was unable to write and teach as usual. What a blessing to have Art, who speaks fluent Spanish, on our trip in this time of need.

Chris Herrington, Jerry Quick and their team continued working on the AeC caregiver's home--the Garden Home—begun this past March. All walls were sanded, painted and the kitchen cabinets were assembled and installed. May all who live there be a light in that rapidly growing neighborhood!

We are thankful to ALL the team members for bringing their gifts, talents and their time. How lovely it is when people serve “in their sweet spot!”

Please continue to pray for Don Tucker for healing and for Dave Hampton as he plans to stay for another few weeks so that he can continue working on the Garden Home.

Praise be to God for your prayers and support!

-Julie Zara

Musicians Advance Arts Center Vision

In the past, Gretchen Harrison has blessed kids by sending down violins and violas to Juarez, but what a special treat to have her work alongside AeC staff member Santiago Luna with the students. She, fellow music enthusiast Jonah Morsch and Santi hit it off and spent as much time as possible during the week teaching each other and kids.

Having a local musician with connections is sure to pay off as AeC moves towards finishing the Frank Amorosi Fine Arts Center. Gretchen has promised to work with

Santi in repairing and acquiring what's needed to further the program for our students.

God has gone way ahead of us in linking the hearts of these musicians and artists like Alfred Tellez and Dave Hampton on both sides of the border. The arts center will be the first in this area and greatly expand ministry outreach. Smack dab in the middle of a growing neighborhood and being built by locals, the arts center will be something the whole community can be proud of!



Santi and Gretchen with music students



Gretchen, Jonah and the music students

Scenes from Juarez

Photos clockwise from right: daddy with sick little girl at clinic; Sheri Garcia, TC Morsch, Saira Silas setting up the clinic; participants enjoying sewing clinic; learning some sewing skills.

