

# Mission News

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## **Our Purpose:**

To glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ. To this end, we share and demonstrate God's love through the power of the Holy Spirit by meeting basic spiritual, emotional, physical, and educational needs of those in Mexico and beyond.

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## *Impact One Life - Become a Sponsor*



Each of the children and teenagers entrusted into our care in Baja, Oaxaca and Tijuana are truly precious gifts of God. All the houseparents and staff do their best to care for them, nurture them and raise them into disciples of Jesus. But there is another group of people who play a vital role in their development and growth – their sponsors.

Obviously, the financial investment of \$30 a month is important as money is an essential part of raising children. But the most important part of sponsorship is the relational and spiritual investment made by the sponsors. These are children who have been abandoned by a parent and the fact that someone chooses them through sponsorship is an important part of their healing.

When I was serving in Oaxaca, I quickly realized that these sponsors that the children call “Tio” and “Tia” are truly family to the children. They had pictures of their sponsors carefully preserved in photo albums or hung on their wall next to their beds. They frequently asked for prayer for their sponsors. And at our annual graduation party the graduates would always mention their sponsors when they gave their speeches of gratitude.

If you would like to play this significant role in the life of a child go to: [www.ffhm.org/sponsorships](http://www.ffhm.org/sponsorships) or call Linda in the US office at (949) 492-2200.

*By Janelle Keller, Executive Director*





*Marisol*

# CONGRATULATIONS

## MARISOL

The TJ House is my favorite place. It is my place of peace and I feel safe when I am there. I will miss this home: the carne asada and volley ball on Saturdays, our obstacle courses in the yard, playing games and singing karaoke. I will miss going to church together and coming downstairs for pizza. I will miss each of the people I live with and this house which is full of joy and fun.



*TJ House family*

I am so thankful to Foundation for His Ministry for what they have provided in my life and the opportunities I have received through them.

*Marisol Cervantes*

I was born October 11, 1995 in San Quintin, Baja California. When I was ten years old both of my parents got sick, and everything in my life changed. When I was 13 I went to live at the children's home in Vicente Guerrero. Seven months later, my mother passed away and then a few months after that my dad passed away too. My only hope of a future was at the children's home, so I stayed there.

Over the last nine years I have realized that my life has been extremely different from what a "normal" child's life should be. In time I have come to love my time growing up in the children's home. I have experienced blessing upon blessing.

In arriving at the TJ House, the blessings have continued. I have studied Marketing and will finish my academic studies in June. At the TJ House I have come to know people with great hearts and have made good friends.



# Increased Mobility for Irma



*Irma*

Irma is a 19-year old girl, born with spina bifida, who was a part of our learning center for children with disabilities. She just

graduated from high school and is excited to attend university, hopefully this fall. Since she was small Irma has walked with bent knees, making it difficult to transport herself long distances. She walks with a walker.

With the help of Dirk and Mary Kos she was granted a chance to see doctors at Shriners hospital in Pasadena, CA.

The first step was to get her a medical visa. Irma was very nervous about this as she had applied for a visa last year and was denied. This time she got help filling out the paperwork and Angelina, Irma and I took a trip to the US consulate in Tijuana.

We prayed for God's will to be done, that we would accept the results. It was a difficult prayer as we were hoping for a positive outcome, but we had peace that in the end the right decision would be made. I walked her into the consulate and we sat in the chairs waiting to be seen by the agent at the window.

Irma walked up to the window with her walker and spoke to the agent. She had all of the paperwork she was supposed to have with her, answered all of the questions succinctly and then in greater detail when asked and in the end she was granted a visa.

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# Increased Mobility for Irma



*Irma during her exam*

We left and did a little dance just outside of the doors. She started to cry in happiness and relief. Only a week later the visa was ready to pick up, meaning we could make the appointment that had been scheduled.

We got up to the border and the guard took our paperwork. He asked why she was entering the US. I explained her need for medical help at Shriners and told him we were staying for two days. He said okay and to have a good time and we were on our way. Yet again God provided with a kind border officer who was able to put Irma more at ease.

We stayed in a hotel less than 10 min from the Shriners hospital, and arrived to our 10am appointment with plenty of time to spare. We saw both a pediatrician and an orthopedic surgeon, who checked out the flexion and extension of each of her legs. They had her walk with her leg braces and they talked to her about what kind of an outcome she was hoping.

God knows what we need and his timing is perfect. She picked up her visa one week before her scheduled appointment. And to top it all off, she was granted a 10 year tourist visa, so she is able to cross the border for any follow up work.

On the 27th, I picked up Irma where she lives with her mother and two brothers. She gave her mom a tearful hug and we started toward the US. We talked about expectations, what her hopes were for this appointment, what she expected to see when she entered the US for the first time, things she was hoping to do or see once we got there. It was a good trip full of conversation and a lot of laughing.

When we arrived at the border you could see the nerves starting to take over again. She was worried the border guard wasn't going to let her come into the USA. I tried to explain to her that it's not a big deal, we weren't carrying anything illegal and she had all of the correct paperwork.

In the end, the doctors do not believe she would benefit from, nor does she need to have leg straightening surgery. They believe they can straighten and strengthen her legs with the use of better orthotics. She was fitted for a new set of braces that we will pick up at the end of this month! It will be exciting to see how this improves her mobility.

What a great trip and what a blessing that there are people willing to sponsor this young woman in her quest to be able to walk more easily. We have so much to be thankful and grateful for!

*Jessica Brown*  
*Baja Medical Clinic Coordinator*



# Oaxaca, Land of Intrigue



In a southern state of Mexico lies a rugged land full of diversity and contrast. It's made up of over 157 spoken languages, cultures, and ethnic groups. Many of these groups still do not know Jesus Christ; many have no one to tell them.

Bob Sundberg assessed the situation and gave thousands of hours to the task. He drove to the remote areas, and when he could no longer drive, he walked. Bob ate what he was served, often resulting in food poisoning.

He came from Detroit, also the place I was born, and miraculously has survived three liver transplants. His courage and determination are legendary. He is my modern day hero. Our adopted son Charles Curtis, also came from Oaxaca. We have had the special privilege of working side by side with Bob.

I walked the mountain side and found a little home where hollyhocks grew by the door. Hollyhocks grew in our backyard in Detroit. I admired the lovely blossoms and was invited into this humble home. I prayed for my precious new friends in a foreign land, in a foreign culture.

Esteban and Yadira also ministered in Oaxaca where there were no known believers. They poured out their lives to establish a church in the remote village of Santa Maria. They now oversee our outreach.



Thank you for your prayers and faithful support of our missionaries serving in Oaxaca.

*By Charla Pereau, Founding Director*



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By Rose Adler

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By Mabel Mulko

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By Lynn Parish

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By Vicky Johnson

**Mr. & Mrs. Tom Linvog**

**Samara McLennan's**

**60th Birthday**

By The Leighton Family