

Making Space To Make Disciples

JESÚS MARÍA PROJECT

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The Need: *What a blessing to see the Lord's hand at work in Jesús María! Each week as we prepare for church we take off the door so those standing outside are able to hear. Imagine going to church each week and not being sure if you will be able to sit inside. People continue to come and worship even if that means being crammed into a small space.*

In Mexico there is ALWAYS room for one more.

The Idea: *We already have a church because we have a group of believers coming together each week to study, fellowship, and worship together. The idea is to have a place where we can all fit and have space left over so others can come. Funds will also be used to help support a local Mexican missionary.*



How you can be involved:

- *Pray - the Lord will continue to grow His church in Jesús María*
- *Come visit - and see how you can be involved in the ministry in Mexico.*
- *Give - Funds are required in order to proceed*

How Can I Give?

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Fernanda, Andrea (summer intern), Darlene, Miguel, Iris, and Lupita

Meet a new sister in Christ, Iris

Have you ever found yourself saying, “I remember when gas only cost .50 cents a gallon” or “I remember when we didn’t have the internet” or “I remember when we use to call someone instead of texting.” We live in a world of constant change, some change is good and some is bad. The best and most eternal life change comes when the Holy Spirit works in the heart of a sinner and the sinner changes from condemned to redeemed from dead to alive. What a privilege to see this kind of change in Jesús María! Praise the Lord!!

Iris is a woman with four young kids, and one of them is unique in at least two ways. First of all, she has blond hair in a dark-skinned Mexican family. She also has a problem with her brain. Her name is Fernanda.

We met Iris, her husband Miguel Angel, and 4 kids this summer after they became good friends with some summer interns. The challenge for the interns was to initiate and sustain friendships with the purpose of seeing people come one step closer to a relationship with God through Jesus. It is the same challenge for those of us who serve vocationally on the field. Faith is a bit like the best possible virus...it spreads through personal contact

One morning, during our devotional time in the small, two-bedroom house that we rent for our church, we prayed for the families that, in one way or another, had been impacted by the love and appreciation extended by each intern. As we finished praying for five special families, one of these special families knocked on the door of the church. There was Iris and her kids, and her husband Miguel Angel also, informing us that the latest brain scan done on Fernanda had given her reason to celebrate. There appeared to be no further inflammation. Fernanda was still sick, but at least not getting any worse

Iris and her kids then made that huge step that we all pray for...they went from participating in the ESL and basketball classes to actually attending a Tuesday night Bible study. Shortly after, Rod met her on the street, close to the church. She had difficulty expressing exactly what she wanted to say, but said that she couldn’t believe that people like us actually existed, that she felt so loved, so accepted by us and with us. And no wonder. Every time we saw her and her family, and especially her daughter, a lot of hugging happened! The Lord transformed a relationship of complete strangers into one of total trust.



Iris and kids with 2 summer interns, Melissa and Micah

A few weeks later, Iris put her faith and trust in Jesus Christ. The next Sunday, she related how the Lord in his gentle, persistent, and powerful way brought her to understand her need of a Savior. Her perspective on her home and her life in general has begun to change.

This is what happens when love is extended with an open hand and a sincere heart. This is what happens when someone experiences love, joy and peace in a world full of everything but those sweet fruits. This is what happens, sometimes, when a man or a woman comes to understand the supreme love that God has for them, and the supreme price He paid to prove it. Oftentimes, more often than not, God chooses to use the most imperfect of instruments, us, to be the powerful dispensers of truth packaged in hugs and whispers of genuine, unadulterated love.



Fernanda