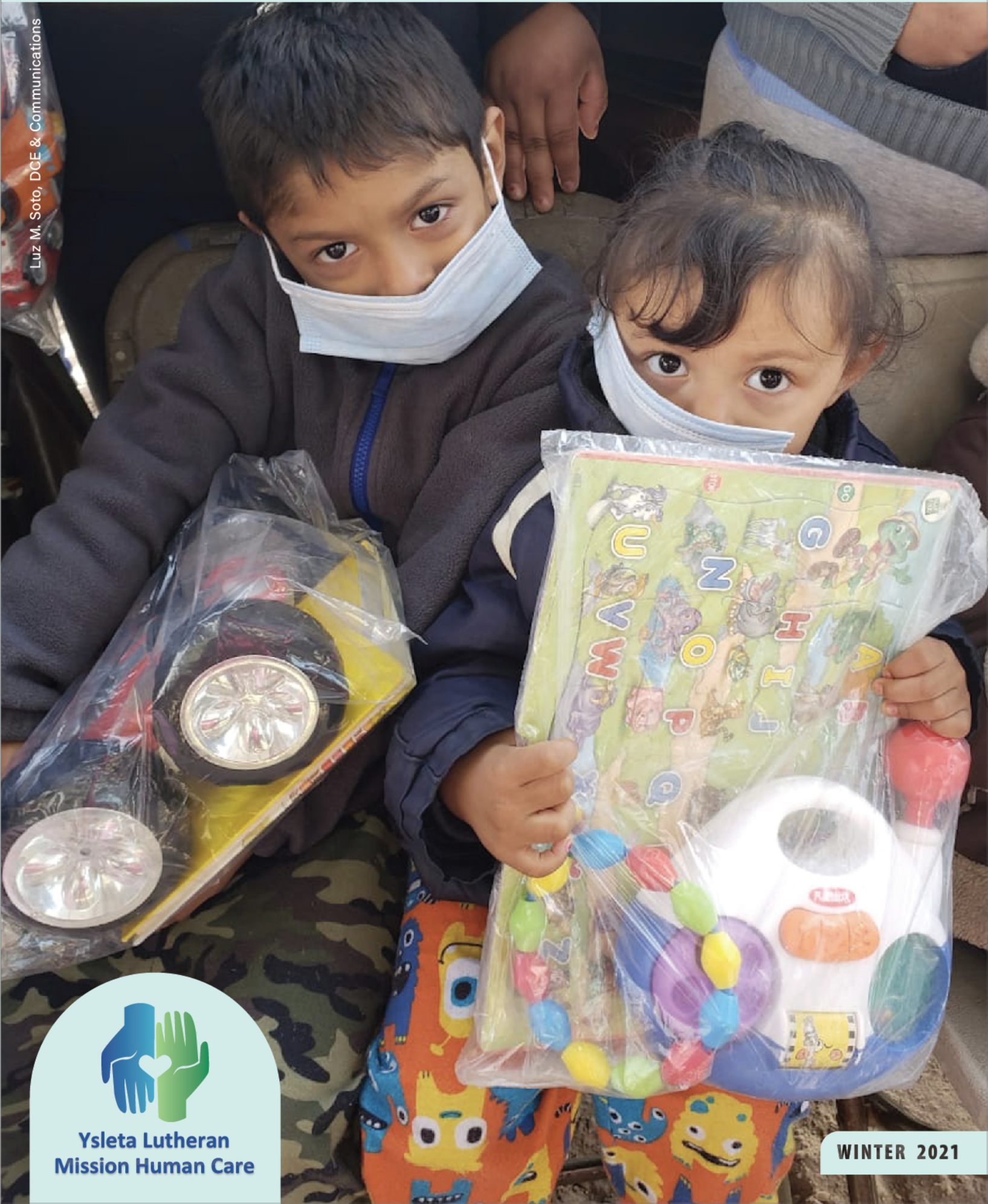


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CHRISTMAS CONTINUES IN THE BORDERLANDS



Thanks to the generosity of so many individuals, church families, and organizations, YLM partnered with mission-churches to reach out to their surrounding communities offering toys and jackets for their 2020 Joy Distribution.

SAN PABLO LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the Lower Valley area, families are living paycheck to paycheck, with many suffering even more due to loss of jobs or work hours. **Partnering** with YLM allowed San Pablo Lutheran Church to show some tangible love through the generous giving of produce, non-perishable food, items, toys, and jackets on December 19th, which marked their **Annual Joy Distribution**. What an absolutely joyful day it was with people driving in to pick up food, toys, jackets, as voices rang out, thank yous and God bless yous shared by all.

SAN PEDRO Y SAN PABLO

Kilometro 30, in the outskirts of Ciudad Juarez, has no running water and houses are built out of pallets, tires, cardboard, and plywood. One of **YLM's partner** mission-churches, **Santisima Trinidad**, adopted this community of hurting and struggling people, and started a home-church named **San Pedro y San Pablo**. Many of these kids are unused to having anything new, but thanks to generous supporters, over sixty children received new toys, jackets and blankets on Christmas day.



LA SANTA BIBLIA

Through the months of October and November, **Deaconess Rosy Lira**, serving both La Santa Biblia in Anapra and **Cristo Rey** in downtown Juarez, transported toys, jackets, blankets, and food from YLM every week. On two Wednesdays, December 23rd and January 6th, over 400 children received toys and jackets, along with tamales and hot chocolate provided by members of **La Santa Biblia**.



ADVENT WITH MARIACHI SAN PABLO

Towards the end of 2020, much has been happening behind the scenes for the **Adelante Ministries** and **Mariachi San Pablo**, much of it in preparation for 2021.

Renovations on the music building are almost done and music classes for guitar, guitarron, and piano have begun. Members at Zion Lutheran, both in person and virtual, enjoyed the mariachi-style music for their Wednesday Advent services.

Those familiar with Mariachi San Pablo's music love to listen to the lively traditional Christmas songs.

CHRISTMAS BAPTISMS IN CUBA



Over the Christmas season, Assistant **Pastor John Benito Morejón** from San Pablo Lutheran Church, traveled to Cuba to visit family and encourage the ongoing ministry taking place through art and music.

The months leading up to his visit consisted of on-line instruction to adults seeking to get baptized.

During his stay there, Pastor Benito **baptized six adults**, among them the music teacher dedicated to reaching hearts and minds of children for Jesus through music and art. Adults also participate in this evangelism ministry, and God's Word is making its way to those in Cuba hungry for the Bread of Life.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR JUAREZ

During the **2020** pandemic year, all kinds of needs have increased dramatically.

An anonymous donor reached out to ask how **YLM** can facilitate her desire to bring help to people in Juarez. **YLM** became the needed bridge between the new donor and a non-profit organization in Juarez.

Three oxygen concentrators and personal protective equipment were **donated** to various medical institutions in Juarez with limited funds.



FOR ALL THE SAINTS

"His Master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!'" *Matthew 25:21*

Though their absence is felt, joy overflows for we are certain we will see them soon. What joy is felt when saints march into the eternal kingdom!

For more details on these beautiful saints and their work for God's Kingdom, go to our website www.ylm.org

PASTOR JOSE RUIZ



served alongside Rev Dr. Karl Heimer at San Pablo Lutheran Church for many years.

He helped begin the Mariachi San Pablo, introducing many young children, teenagers, and adults to the joy of sharing the Gospel mariachi style.

ADOLFO CASTAÑON PANO



was a dedicated servant of God at La Santa Biblia and Cristo Rey in Anapra. He worked alongside Deaconess Rosy Lira, bringing much needed help and God's Word to their communities. He had a heart for people and a desire to be a pastor. His son, Pedro, has stepped in to help continue the ministry his father left behind.



BERTHA PÉREZ,

a member of San Pablo Lutheran Church for years, loved God and His church. Along with other faithful women, she cleaned the church, assisted in organizing fellowship events, prepared communion trays for Sunday mornings, and provided beautiful altar flowers. Her last gift of love was donating towards needed remodeling for the Parsonage.

PASTOR MARTIN TOVAR, and his wife BLANQUITA,



were a ministry team dedicated to the spiritual growth of those in their care. They helped plant and grow the San Lorenzo mission-church, assisted many Servant Event teams in reaching out to the Tarahumaran Indians living in the Chihuahua mountains. Their son, Pastor Misael Tovar, will be continuing the work of God's kingdom at San Lorenzo.

A MISSIONARY family



Jon and **Christine Drieling** have been part of mission trips to YLM since they were teenagers. Now, some thirty years later, they dedicate time every year to come to YLM and serve, bringing with them their children. Both Jon and Christine want serving others to be natural for their children.

When they brought their oldest child to **YLM**, at the time two years old, they wondered how he could serve at his age. Two-year-old Liam went around hugging child after child, and they would hang on to him. What a revelation to his parents to see how God called their two-year-old son to serve through hugs needed by these children he encountered.

"Teaching our children about following God's will and living out His plans is very important to us," Jon shared one day during their nine week stay in the fall of 2020. "The best way to teach this is to model it for them as well as we can."

As a missionary family, they have discovered the joy of serving God and others, which has brought them closer to God and to each other. They hope more families will seek to bring their children to YLM, where they can experience mission work and **service to God** and others in a safe and welcoming environment.



2021

SUMMER AND FALL SERVANT EVENT CALENDAR IS FILLING UP FAST!

Prayerfully consider putting together a **Servant Event Team** within your family and friends, neighbors, or church family! Contact us at **(915)858-2588** or **luz.soto@ylm.org** to get information on the different service opportunities available through our Servant Event ministry!

YLM's 2021 PRAYER LIST OF NEEDS

This mission is God's mission, and it is the mission of every single person who has, and is, part of its work of advancing God's kingdom. Through the support of missionaries in heart and body, prayers for financial help are answered in mighty ways!

Dedicated supporters of the mission make it possible for all the work being done at, and through, **YLM** to change lives through simple acts of kindness.

In helping continue the needed physical improvements of a campus that's become a **"home away from home"** for thousands of servants, the Matthew 25 commission continues to be fulfilled by helping those in need.



All thanks to God, much has been accomplished, but more still needs to get done. Prayerfully look over our **2021 PRAYER LIST OF NEEDS** to see how you, or your church, can help continue doing God's ministry by ensuring YLM will still be here, ready and able to serve, for years to come.

NEEDS & IMPROVEMENTS

- Foundation repair and reinforcement for Music Building and Thrift Shop
- Concrete driveway by Food Warehouse
- New YLM/San Pablo Lutheran Church Marquee sign/relocation
- Adobe repair for campus buildings
- Exterior paint and supplies for buildings
- Desert Landscaping for mission campus
- New carpet for San Pablo Lutheran Church
- Electrical wire and fixtures to re-wire Thrift Shop
- Parts to repair swamp coolers
- New doors for Dormitory rooms
- Windows for Parsonage
- Shelving and storage for musical instruments
- Covered Playground
- Patio/Sitting Area for Outdoor Prayer Garden
- Picnic Tables
- Resurfacing parking lots

SKILLS & TALENTS IN FOLLOWING AREAS

- Concrete
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Painting
- Carpet Installation
- General Flooring
- Swamp Cooler Repair/HVAC
- Building Design
- Landscaping Design
- Landscaping Labor



"Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." ~1 Peter 4:10

When you become an Amigo and donate monthly, you help feed multiple families, increase resources for missional work in El Paso and across the border in Juarez, bring God's Word to thousands in detention centers and prisons throughout the United States.

Join Amigos to ensure God's ministry continues taking place through YLM!

Yes! I want to become an Amigo with a monthly gift of: ... \$10 ... \$25 ... \$50 ... Other \$ _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Options:

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Routing Number: _____ Account Number: _____

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VISA ... MasterCard ... AMEX ... Discover ... On the 1st ... 15th of every month

Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____ Expiration Date: ____ / ____

OR please have a YLM representative call for credit card/bank draft information

Scan to go to YLM website to donate monthly and become an Amigo de Ysleta!
WWW.YLM.ORG



Signature: _____

Date: _____

Gather food, toys, blankets, backpacks, and/or school supplies by sponsoring a **YLM Donation Drive**. We collect donations year-round. For further information on how you can help, contact **Miguel Muñoz** at miguel.munoz@ylm.org or call **(915) 858-2588**.



Celebrate and teach about missions by sharing about **YLM's work on the border!** Schedule a **ZOOM** presentation or **in-person visit** for a **YLM Speaker** to join your event! Contact **Luz Soto** at luz.soto@ylm.org or **(915) 315-6704**.

ADELANTE MUSIC CAMP

July 27-30, 2021

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March 15, 2021

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"I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!
He is the Rock, His works are perfect and all His ways are just. A faithful
God who does no wrong, upright and just is He."

Deuteronomy 32:3-4



What an amazing beginning to a much anticipated year! We are so grateful for your unwavering support and encouragement as we continue God's work in the Borderland. We are full of joy and overflowing with blessings, for God remains faithful and has kept the ministries of mercy moving forward.

We have seen God answer prayers, open hearts, break through walls, and move in amazing ways. What a blessing for us to be a part of God's plan to save mankind! As we continue to faithfully serve, we invite you to continue being a part of God's perfect works through YLM. Have no doubt your generosity will bring kindness, compassion, mercy and love to those whom God seeks –the hurting, the needy, the lonely, and the lost.



*May God, always faithful, bless our year with many opportunities
to bless others, just as He blesses us!*

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at YLM