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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF MUSIC MINISTRY

For twenty years, **Mariachi San Pablo** has traveled throughout the United States to over 106 cities, sharing the **Gospel "mariachi style."** They've played at churches, conventions, community centers, and many other places. It was a joy to begin their twentieth year celebration at San Pablo Lutheran Church, where they were founded in 2001.

"This is the first of many ways we will celebrate this milestone," Rev. Stephen Heimer, trumpeter of Mariachi San Pablo, shared in-between songs, "We will be recording our 20th Anniversary CD, traveling to share God's love through music, and share how God changes lives through Ysleta Lutheran Mission."

This first concert had over 40 attend, with several hearing Mariachi San Pablo for the first time; everyone enjoyed the music immensely. What a joy to worship the King of kings through mariachi music, which transcends culture and language barriers.



YLM AT LWML CONVENTION

An LWML grant was awarded to YLM's Adelante Ministries in 2019, and so, with great enthusiasm and excitement, two of YLM's staff members attended the **39th biannual LWML Convention** held in Lexington, KY to share how the grant helped advance the ministry.

A new music building to include a recording studio, virtual classes and recordings of music resources, an intern to help develop and expand outreach resources through music, and coming soon, a 20th Anniversary CD of Mariachi San Pablo. Once again, **thank you to all LWML women who voted to grant YLM these funds!**

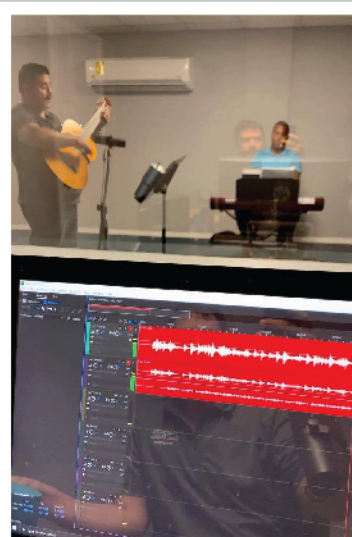
MUSIC BUILDING RENOVATIONS DONE!

One of the biggest challenges YLM had in further developing its music ministry was not having space dedicated for music education or resource-building, making it difficult for the Adelante Ministries to grow and expand.

"One of the goals to be fulfilled by the LWML grant is to renovate one of the buildings for the music ministry," Rev. Stephen Heimer, Director of Adelante Ministries, explained when the monies were

received February of 2020, **"It will include a classroom, a piano lab, and a recording studio."**

A year-long project, with office personnel being relocated, new windows installed, even walls going into the room assigned to become the recording studio for soundproof purposes, was **finally completed in April of 2021**, with the first recordings taking place in July. Thank you to all who helped make this dream possible!



Miguel and Pastor Benito record tracks for upcoming CD



FAITH IN ACTION

This summer, over 113 people made the journey from different states to bless the people at YLM, El Paso, and Juarez. The team from California blessed a single disabled mother by providing livable rooms, and a bathroom, for her twin boys. Two families received houses in Kilometer 30, with over 30 kids learning of God's love at a 3-day VBS, and over 2000 people receiving Spanish bibles, children's books and toys from the Pierre, SD team. Three buildings on the YLM campus received much needed exterior painting thanks to four local El Paso youth groups and a first-time youth group team from Sioux Falls, SD. A family in Sparks was blessed with an addition to their home, and renovations to a handicap bathroom, through the help of the Colorado team. Kids in the community around San Pablo Lutheran Church were loved on by a team of teenagers from Lubbock. Mission-churches in Juarez received much needed repairs of their facilities thanks to the team from Minnesota.

These beautiful servants put in **over 30,000 hours of loving labor**, serving with eager hands and open hearts.

What a beautiful blessing to witness their faith by their works!



St. John from Covina, CA helped remodel two rooms and a bathroom in Sparks



Faith Lutheran from Pierre, SD raised two houses in KM 30



Hope Lutheran from Lubbock, hosted a 3-day VBS at San Pablo



Mason and Levi, with the St. Paul Loon Lake team from Vergas, MN, did minor repairs to the roof of Santisima Trinidad



Abiding Savior from Sioux Falls, SD pray over a young woman for the growth of her newly planted church

Thank you for blessing so many in El Paso, Sparks, and Juarez through your acts of love!

- St. John Lutheran Church from Covina, CA
- Faith Lutheran Church from Pierre, SD
- Peace with Christ Lutheran Church from Aurora, CO
- St. Paul Loon Lake Lutheran Church from Vergas, MN
- Hope Lutheran Church from Lubbock, OK
- CrossPoint Church from El Paso, TX
- Ascension/Zion/San Pablo Lutheran Churches from El Paso, TX
- Abiding Savior Lutheran Church from Sioux Falls, SD



2022

SERVANT EVENT CALENDAR IS OPEN AND FILLING UP FAST! CALL TO RESERVE YOUR WEEK!

Prayerfully consider putting together a **Servant Event Team** within your family, 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!

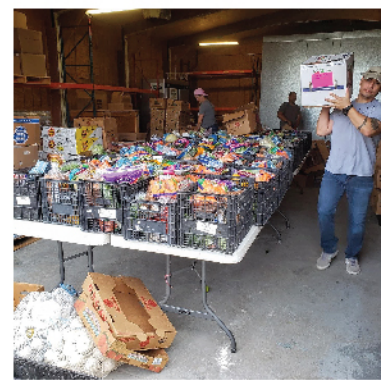
A PALLET-WIDE PRAYER



As food insecurity increases in El Paso, and across the border in Juarez, San Pablo and YLM have worked together to help families put food on their table. The need to centralize the Emergency Food Program became obvious when COVID brought changes to the way things were being done.

The need for a pallet-wide cooler within the Food Warehouse became a prayer, along with a concrete driveway to make use of the forklift easier on rainy days. This prayer's answer came through the generosity of **Trinity Lutheran Church** in Stamford, Connecticut. Once Trinity found out about the food ministry, and its impact on the communities of El Paso and Juarez, they **sent funds to make the pallet-wide cooler a reality, making the process of distributing to over three hundred families every week simpler.**

Thank the LORD for all His blessings, and many thanks to all our brothers and sisters in Christ, not just Trinity Lutheran in Stamford, but also to everyone who continues to support this critically needed area of mercy.



Over a hundred crates are generously filled with vegetables, fruits, and other perishable products



Nine pallets of produce and dairy fit inside the new cooler in the Food Warehouse



SPRING BAPTISMS IN JUAREZ



Pastor Stephen assisted in baptizing six people at La Santa Biblia

As the pandemic caused greater need to surface within the Anapra community around La Santa Biblia, people coming for help to provide for their families have been encountering the love and care from those who share God's love through simple acts of kindness. Every Wednesday morning, **Rev. Stephen Heimer** from Zion Lutheran Church, assists in bringing God's love through His Word and music. "It's a joy to be able to **partner with YLM and La Santa Biblia**, to reach out to the **people** here in **Anapra**. We see how God moves through people and it is an awesome experience."

Pastor Stephen shares the beautiful simplicity of the Gospel, and those who hear, are seeing their need for **God's love in Jesus Christ**. Several baptisms took place in Cristo Rey the month of March, and at La Santa Biblia, six were baptized outside of the 53' storage container on the edge of the empty church lot the Saturday before Easter.



Pastor Benito assisted in baptizing six people at Cristo Rey

A WILLING heart

Over fifteen years ago, **Rosy Lira** came to YLM like many others; to get food for her family. A single mother living in Juarez, facing financial difficulties, she resourcefully sought ways to provide for her children. Eventually, she began to help with the mission-churches across the border.

“Rosy is a wonderful example of planting seeds and having patience,” Rev. Dr. Karl Heimer, CEO of YLM and Pastor at San Pablo Lutheran Church, shared, “In the passing years, we have seen how the Holy Spirit moves in and through her, visibly bearing His fruits in her willingness to serve God and others.”

Rosy is serving as a deaconess at two of the mission-churches in Juarez, and these last seventeen months, she has gone above and beyond, becoming the only avenue through which much needed resources could be taken into Juarez for the four mission-churches who partner in ministry with YLM.

“If it weren’t for Rosy, so many people would not have had food or blankets or a lot of other things during this pandemic time,” Maritza, a member of San Pablo Lutheran church and long-time volunteer of YLM, explained, “She was willing to help with more than just the mission-churches she’s responsible for when no one else could.”

Rosy has taken food, blankets, jackets, backpacks, toys and other needed resources across the border, not just to the two mission-churches she helps oversee—La Santa Biblia and Cristo Rey—but also to San Lucas and Santisima Trinidad. Since the pastors of those mission churches had no way to get across the border after it closed for all but US residents and citizens, Rosy became their only way to receive resources they needed for their congregations and communities.

“She inspires others in Mexico to help,” Pastor Stephen Heimer, who works with Rosy in providing biblical instruction to those who attend La Santa Biblia on Wednesday mornings, shared of her, “She mobilizes a lot of people to make ministry happen. It’s beautiful to see her big and generous heart in action.”



Men, women, and teenagers learn more about God and His Word through virtual courses hosted by the Seminary at the Dominican Republic



Close to 400 backpacks with school supplies taken to Juarez



Children and teenagers come to La Santa Biblia or Cristo Rey for food and words of love



God’s Word and love is shared with children and their parents



Towels, linens, and other household items are taken across the border for refugees



READY FOR SCHOOL!

Four-year old **Renata** and her sister **Miranda** **worked together** to help sort through school supplies in preparation for **filling backpacks** by the Zaragoza Rotary Club the next day. **YLM** has given out thousands of backpacks full of school supplies to children in El Paso and Juarez for the last eight years. **This year, over 800 children received new backpacks and new school supplies**, made possible by people like members of the Zaragoza Rotary Club filling and distributing hundreds of school backpacks, as well as those who ordered backpacks in bulk and had them delivered directly to YLM. Individuals and churches collected new school supplies and delivered them to YLM. As little Renata and Miranda learned, it **takes multiple people to come together to help those in need!**



President of the Zaragoza Rotary Club helps fill backpacks with school supplies



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Help us reach our goal of \$5,000 by September 30! How? Donate \$25 or pledge to donate \$1 for every mile you Run/Walk for Kindness all of September

Registration opens on August 20th and continues to the end of September. We will mail you a **custom-made Bib Race with your very own Race Number to wear for a photo op!**

Your donation will support the acts of kindness taking place at YLM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of your willingness to help at our YLM campus! If you are local, or would like to **spend a week (or two) at YLM**, please give us a call at **915-858-2588** and ask for **Scott Juengel** for more information on how you can help to further **grow the kingdom of God!**



"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 \$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Options:

Checking Account Savings Account

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Routing Number: _____ Account Number: _____

Please charge my:

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: _____

Host a YLM ZOOM Mission Sunday! 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 M. Soto at luz.soto@ylm.org or (915) 858-2588.



Education is a fundamental necessity for a successful future. Many children in Mexico have to give up school by the time they're 13 due to the expense of continuing high school education. Prayerfully consider donating to our Stay in School Scholarship program to help children pursue a brighter future.



The AmazonSmile Foundation recently surpassed \$290 million in donations to charities worldwide! Support YLM by choosing us as your charity of choice! Continue to shop through smile.amazon.com and Amazon will give 0.05% of the price of eligible items to YLM.

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 (915) 858-2588.

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"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8



What a privilege it is to be used by God! As the blessings abound, so do the good works. Within the pages of this **Spring/Summer 2021 Newsletter**, you will find joy and gladness in the outpouring of God's love through simple acts of kindness. We have been so blessed by God, through you, and we thank Him for you daily, as we continue to partner together to grow the kingdom of God. Thousands of people, young and old, are not only hearing the Good News, but they are experiencing it through faith in action. Thank you for being a part of this essential ministry in the Border cities of El Paso and Juarez.



May God, abounding in grace, fill you with His love so others can taste His goodness and seek His heart.

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at YLM