



Ysleta Lutheran
Mission Human Care

FALL 2023



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Here at **Y**our **L**utheran **M**ission, we are so thankful for the prayers, encouragement, and support received as YLM transitions into a new season of sowing and harvesting. God's kingdom work continues moving forward in the border of El Paso and Juarez, where the "fields are white for harvest" (John 4:35).

Within this Fall 2023 Newsletter, you will see the way God continues to bless through the good works He determined beforehand, along with the challenges and opportunities for continued growth. The ministries of YLM are thriving and God's love, grace, and mercy are being shared through hundreds of acts of kindness by hundreds of brothers and sisters in Christ. The blessings resulting from the labor of love taking place are a hundred-fold, and we pray for multiple opportunities to share them with you. Thank you for the love and care you pour out through your time, talents, and treasures.

May God, our Everlasting Father, bless your days with grace, mercy, peace, and joy!

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at YLM

CARE FOR REFUGEES

As a church growing through loving and serving God and people, San Pablo Lutheran Church has sought to pair the Gospel message with caring for hurting people through their ministry. In August, their members came together to assemble 176 to-go home cooked meals of baked chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, salad, and bread roll to distribute among hungry migrants living in the streets of downtown El Paso. In September and October, members of San Pablo will be making 50 flannel blankets to give migrants during the upcoming cold



months, along with hygiene items, snacks, and a Bible in drawstring bags. The opportunity for San Pablo to share God's love was made possible thanks to those who donated through YLM's Refugee Care and Compassion ministry.



JOY IN THE DETENTION CENTER



YLM staff bring into the Detention Center an enthusiasm and eagerness to share the Word of God through teaching and music. The men and women, awaiting to learn of what their future will be, enjoy coming in on Saturday afternoons to hear God's Word for them and sing praises to a God who promises to never leave nor forsake them.

Bibles in multiple languages are distributed every Saturday, and for these men and women who have very little of their own, they become a precious gift they hold near during the uncertain days and weeks ahead.

Partnering with local churches, and visiting pastors, has allowed for these men and women to hear God's Word in a variety of ways and styles, yet remaining constant in the one truth: In Jesus Christ, their sins are forgiven, they have been made righteous, and they are new creatures called forth.

June: **394 men & women**
July: **1,004 men & women**
August: **727 men & women**
September: **898 men & women**
Bibles Distributed: **741**



ENCOURAGING EDUCATION

Annual distributions of brand-new backpacks have been successfully completed for 2023. Each mission-church in El Paso and Juarez ensured the students of their congregations and communities received **backpacks, which totaled 985**. This is not the only way the lives of students are being changed. The "Stay in School" Scholarship program has **granted 21 scholarships** for the 2023-2024 school year. In September, one of the sponsors came

from Minnesota to YLM to meet her university student. Jan Bostrom has been sponsoring Michelle Lira, 19yr old deaconess at La Santa Biblia working through her third year at the Universidad de Ciudad Juarez. She is dedicated to helping Michelle finish her studies and looks forward to coming to her graduation in 2026.



YLM's Podcast will be released the first week of November! Go to www.ylm.org to listen to the first episodes!



GIVING TUESDAY

November 28, Support YLM

Stay in School Scholarship

Call (915) 858-2588 for more information!

Building Eternal Homes

Perhaps a little two-room house doesn't seem like much, and maybe a skit, a few songs, some crafts, and a hot dog may be too little, but for the communities receiving these blessings, it is an impact going beyond what is temporary...it is about building eternal homes. The Servant Event teams who served from June to September experienced the joy of being part of this eternal building. Houses were constructed, VBS was led, laughter enjoyed, laundry done, and podcasts recorded, blessing these serving missionaries with a glimpse into eternity in the work they came to be a part of.



Hales Corners Lutheran Church, Hales Corners, WI



Trinity Lutheran Church, Centralia, IL



Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Ham Lake, MN



Bethel Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Canada



Rev. Luther S. Allen III, Virginia Beach, VA

Our 2024 Servant Event Mission Trip Schedule is Open!

Prayerfully consider putting together a Servant Event Team! Contact us at (915) 858-2588 or email luz.soto@ylm.org to get information on the service opportunities available through our Servant Event ministry!

Why Volunteer at YLM?

These four women-Claudia, Gloria, Yolanda, and Flavia -have been long-term blessings to the establishment and growth of YLM's ministries. Gloria, serving the longest at 33 years, loves opportunities to grow in loving her neighbors and discovering the love of God through fellowship and teamwork. Flavia, volunteering 8 years, makes the trip from Juarez to the mission several days a week to help where needed, experiencing the love of God through the kindness and care of others. Claudia has served for over ten years, assisting where needed. Yolanda has been serving since 2019, and thanks God for the invitation from YLM's staff to volunteer, for it helped with her depression. We are truly thankful for the blessings volunteers give to thousands in El Paso and Juarez through the time and talents they invest into the mission of YLM.





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“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...”

Hebrews 10:23-24



YLM 2023 AT A GLANCE



FOOD

5,980 Food Baskets



EDUCATION

985 Backpacks
21 Scholarships



HEALTHCARE

\$259,032 in Medical
Supplies for Mexico



SHELTER

8 houses, 2 repairs,
1 Community Center



SPIRITUAL

30 baptisms,
4 VBS for over 500 kids



VOLUNTEER

12,615 Hours,
\$233,378 value of hours