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LET'S TACO 'BOUT OUR MISSION GIVE YE THEM TO EAT

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ONE WOMAN. ONE VILLAGE. COUNTLESS LIVES.

Several months ago, we watched three graduates of our More Than A Bandage Community Health Promoters Program stand in front of nearly eighty children in a small frontier village. They confidently taught the importance of brushing teeth, demonstrated proper dental care, and applied fluoride treatments to every child.

We watched them lead, and realized something remarkable. Just eighteen months earlier, these same women had been students sitting quietly in the back of our classroom, unsure if they had anything worth offering. Today they are trusted teachers and leaders. Their neighbors listen because they were not outsiders—they were mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends from communities just like this one.

Then something unexpected happened. One of our mission volunteers removed his dentures and flashed the biggest toothless smile imaginable. The children burst into laughter. Even the adults couldn't contain themselves. In the middle of all the excitement, one little boy announced, "I'm going to brush my teeth four times a day!"

Everyone laughed. But we found ourselves thinking beyond that moment. How many conversations would happen around dinner tables that evening? How many brothers and sisters would hear that story? How many parents would remind their children to brush before bed because of what happened that afternoon?

That's how transformation begins—not through expensive buildings, but through trusted local leaders who share knowledge, compassion, and hope with the people they love. Your generosity equipped women with knowledge, confidence, and practical skills they now carry back into villages where healthcare information is often scarce. They teach young mothers about pregnancy, help families understand diabetes and heart disease, monitor blood pressure, recognize emergencies, and provide health education in churches, schools, and community gatherings.

People often ask if a gift really makes a difference. We wish they could have stood beside us that afternoon. They would have seen children laughing, women leading, and families learning. They would have witnessed healthier communities taking shape and understood that every gift becomes far more than a donation—it becomes hope, confidence, healthier families, and the love of Christ made visible through neighbors serving neighbors.



GYTTE'S SUMMER MINISTRY IS IN FULL SWING!

Summer has brought a season of growth, learning, and preparation across the communities we serve in Central Mexico. And lots and lots of gardening and planting!

Recently, community members gathered for hands-on workshops focused on environmental stewardship and sustainable living. Participants learned how to create nutrient-rich compost for home gardens and transform recycled paper into beautiful handicrafts. These practical skills benefit families economically while helping care for God's creation.

Thanks to our generous goat sponsors, we welcomed 20 new goats to the ranch, along with Jed, our new Alpine buck. We pray this breeding season will be blessed with healthy kids and a thriving herd. Through our Livestock Development Program, these animals provide training, improve food security, and create sustainable opportunities for the families we serve.

Meanwhile, we are putting the finishing touches on the interior of our Hope on Wheels trailer. This mobile ministry resource has been specially outfitted to support disaster response, construction projects, medical missions, and community health fairs. We look forward to seeing how God will use this new tool to expand our reach and strengthen our service to communities in need.

As this busy season continues, we invite you to pray for safe travels, successful trainings, renewed strength for our staff and volunteers, and for the women serving as Community Health Promoters. We also ask for your prayers that the Hope on Wheels trailer will become a powerful resource for sharing Christ's love through practical service and compassionate outreach. We hope you will pray for abundance with our planting.



THE LADIES HAVE ARRIVED!

Jed has officially met his herd! Arriving in Cata's pickup, we welcomed beautiful Toggenburg, Saanen, and Alpine does to the family. Recognizable by their distinctive markings and excellent dairy qualities, these hardy goats will strengthen our breeding program and expand opportunities through our Livestock Development Program. They will be old enough to breed starting later this year.



MAKING A SPLASH AT STAFF APPRECIATION DAY!

When the summer heat turned up at the Tree of Life Training Center, we decided to cool things down the best way we knew how—with water games and lots of laughter! Our staff appreciation celebration was filled with friendly competition, soaked clothes, contagious smiles, and memories that will have us laughing for months to come. From surprise splash attacks to spirited team challenges, everyone—from the office to the ranch (and our families)—joined in the fun.

At Give Ye Them To Eat, we know that ministry is hard work, but we also believe in celebrating the incredible people who make it possible every day. A huge thank you to our amazing staff for all you do. You are appreciated more than words can say—and yes, getting completely drenched was absolutely worth it!



LET'S TACO 'BOUT SAYING YES TO GOD'S CALL

One year ago, we crossed a border with far more questions than answers, along with an equal measure of excitement and fear. We sold, donated, packed, released, and let go of a life we had spent decades building. We exchanged familiarity for uncertainty, comfort for calling, and certainty for faith. We stepped into Mexico as newly appointed Global Missionaries, trusting that God was already at work long before we arrived.

This year has not been a vacation or picture-perfect, but it has been perfect with God. If you've followed our blog, you know we've experienced some amazing adventures. We've also navigated paperwork and patience, language barriers and cultural humility, unexpected challenges and beautiful surprises. We've learned how to build a life from the ground up in a place that once felt unfamiliar and now feels increasingly like home.



One of the greatest gifts Mexico has given us is a deeper appreciation for people. We have met neighbors who help complete strangers, families who genuinely enjoy spending time together, and communities that take pride in their traditions and are eager to share them. Fiestas, religious celebrations, and neighborhood gatherings aren't simply events—they are the threads that bind communities together.

Mexico's culinary heritage is extraordinary, shaped by generations of tradition and regional flavors. Every meal tells a story, and sharing food has opened doors to friendships, meaningful conversations, and a deeper appreciation for the culture we are blessed to call home. It has even inspired us to spend more time cooking and trying new recipes!

Living as missionaries has also challenged us to rethink our lifestyle. Living on a different budget has made us more intentional about how we spend money and prioritize our resources. More importantly, we've discovered we simply need less than we once thought. Fulfillment doesn't come from accumulating more possessions, but from meaningful relationships, purposeful work, and living in community.

We have the privilege of serving alongside an extraordinary team of dedicated staff whose compassion, resilience, and commitment reflect Christ's love in tangible ways. They have not only welcomed us to Mexico, but into their lives, and we are better people because of them.

Perhaps the most important lesson has been learning to recognize God's presence in ordinary places. We have experienced God at the ranch, visiting communities, and working alongside colleagues during medical missions. We've also found God in conversations, traffic delays, shared meals, and unexpected acts of kindness—like the stranger who shared his umbrella and food with us during the Cinco de Mayo parade. This year has reminded us that God is not confined to church buildings or special occasions. He meets us right where we are—in the middle of everyday life, with tacos!

When we said yes to God's call, we left behind what was familiar and stepped into the unknown. One year later, we can say without hesitation that God has been faithful every step of the way. To each of you who has prayed for us, encouraged us, and supported our ministry—thank you. You have been part of every mile traveled, every relationship formed, every lesson learned, and every life touched through this ministry.



Give Ye Them To Eat
Mark 6:37

YOUR SKILLS CAN BE *Someone's Miracle*

Join a Give Ye Them To Eat (GYTTE) Medical or Dental Mission Team and Bring Hope, Healing, and Christ's Love to Communities in Need.





PROVIDE ESSENTIAL CARE
Many families have limited access to medical and dental services. Your expertise can make an immediate impact.



SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE
Every patient encounter is an opportunity to demonstrate God's compassion in tangible ways.



SERVE ALONGSIDE LOCAL PARTNERS
Work with trusted community leaders, churches, and health promoters who continue caring for families long after the team returns home.



EXPERIENCE LIFE-CHANGING MINISTRY
Mission team members consistently report deep spiritual growth, renewed purpose, and a stronger connection to God's call.

WE ARE SEEKING

- PHYSICIANS
- NURSE PRACTITIONERS
- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
- REGISTERED NURSES
- DENTISTS
- DENTAL HYGIENISTS
- PHARMACISTS
- MEDICAL & DENTAL SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

LASTING IMPACT

- ✓ Strengthen community health initiatives
- ✓ Support local health promoters
- ✓ Encourage families and church leaders
- ✓ Expand access to care in underserved communities
- ✓ Help establish healthcare ministry in a new region

Will You Answer the Call? 

JOIN A GIVE YE THEM TO EAT (GYTTE) MEDICAL OR DENTAL MISSION TEAM

 Puebla & Expanding Communities in Mexico

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 **BRING YOUR SKILLS. SHARE YOUR FAITH. TRANSFORM LIVES.** 

Other Ways to Support the *Give Ye Them To Eat* Mission

Thank you for your interest in supporting the ministry of Give Ye Them To Eat (GYTTE). Even if you can't travel to Mexico, you can still play a vital role in transforming lives and strengthening communities through mission.



PRAY

Mission partners are the foundation of this ministry. We invite you to pray for our missionaries, mission teams, Community Health Promoters, partner communities, and the families we serve. Your prayers sustain and encourage the work God is doing throughout Central Mexico.



GIVE

Many supporters find fulfillment in helping fund projects that create lasting impact. Financial gifts can support home construction, livestock programs, scholarships, medical outreach, clean water initiatives, community development projects, and essential equipment needed to continue serving others.



DONATE NEEDED SUPPLIES

Churches, United Women in Faith groups, Sunday school classes, and community organizations can help collect much-needed medical supplies, hygiene items, school supplies, and materials for the hygiene and house kits distributed through our Hope on Wheels ministry.



SHARE THE MISSION

Help spread the word about GYTTE. Invite us to speak at your church, civic group, school, or organization. Follow us on social media, share our stories, and encourage others to learn about the life-changing work taking place in Mexico.



BUILD A LASTING PARTNERSHIP

Many supporters feel called to establish a covenant relationship with GYTTE. Long-term partnerships provide stability and help expand programs that empower women, strengthen families, improve health, and create sustainable change for future generations.

 *Together, we can bring hope, health, opportunity, and the love of Christ to communities throughout Central Mexico.* 



WHERE FAITH & FARMING MEET

From the very beginning of creation, God entrusted humanity with a sacred responsibility: stewardship. In Genesis, God placed Adam in the garden "to work it and take care of it." That calling remains just as relevant today. We are caretakers, not owners, of God's creation. The land, water, animals, and natural resources are gifts from our Creator, entrusted to us for the benefit of present and future generations.

This biblical understanding of stewardship is reflected in the principles of permaculture. Rather than working against nature, permaculture teaches us to work with God's design. Healthy soil nourishes plants, plants nourish animals and people, and every part of creation contributes to the well-being of the whole. When we honor these natural systems, we participate in God's ongoing work of sustaining life.

At the Tree of Life Training Center, families learn soil conservation, contour terracing, composting, drip irrigation, and other sustainable agricultural practices that restore the productivity of their land. As eroded hillsides become fertile once again, we are reminded that God is a God of restoration.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We invite your prayers, support, and presence. Give! Collect items from the Wish List! Enter into a Covenant Relationship! Send a Mission Team! Pray! Share our Story!

Read our blog: <https://frommoletohistory.blogspot.com> Let us know how you would like to get involved: klewis@umcmmission.org or plewis@umcmmission.org



For five decades, GYTTE has supported families as they move from survival to sustainability through faith, relationships, and practical development. Founded as a social outreach initiative of the Methodist Church of Mexico, GYTTE walks alongside families facing hunger, poverty, and limited access to essential resources—creating pathways toward dignity, resiliency, and hope. More information can be found on Facebook and GYTTE.org. You are invited to donate to the ongoing programs of GYTTE through GBGM Advance No. 7629A.