

Tijuana Refugee Center Mission Trip Recap

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March 12- Tijuana Refugee Center

May 27-29 - San Telmo

June 18 - July 4 - Thailand

Oct. 8 Tijuana Refugee Center

Dec 16- 18

Christmas Outreach to
San Telmo

We have all been shocked by the horror and terror in Ukraine. Images of dead bodies, sobbing children, and over three million people fleeing their homeland break our hearts. The sheer destruction, inhumanity, and cruelty are beyond belief. No one could have imagined such turmoil in three short weeks. As we consider the plight of the Ukrainian refugees, God wants us to remember all the refugees in the world. Our brothers and sisters in Central America have faced unspeakable violence and poverty too. Worsening crime and violence fuelled by drug cartels and gangs have caused the huge influx of refugees at the Mexican border. In response to this need, twenty-four brothers and sisters from different churches, plus thirteen young Field of Grace missionaries, served at the Tijuana Refugee Center last Saturday.

Tijuana Refugee Church Center

When we arrived at the Templo Embajadores de Jesus Church, which opened its doors to refugees in limbo, we were struck by the sheer magnitude of the number of people living in the building and surrounding area. In addition, about 300 Haitian refugees live in another building nearby. People make do with whatever they have, wherever they are. Families try to care out their own family space on bunk beds and in large public rooms. Many of the parents must leave for the day to find day work.





Worship and Youth Ministry

The young Field of Grace missionaries led us in an uplifting time of praise and worship. We could feel the Holy Spirit among us. Many adults were moved to tears. The music helped to bring peace and calmness to the troubled and fraught lives of these men, women and children. The Youth Ministry team, led by different Field of Grace members, performed skits and shared their testimonials with the children and youth. We could hear the joy and excitement in the children's voices as the young missionaries played and danced joyously with them in the muddy parking lot.



Love Ministry

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to bring bags filled with shoes, clothes, baby wipes, toiletries, and other necessities to distribute at the Refugee Center. An older woman in the Midwest who heard about our ministry crocheted 100 baby items (hats, blankets, and outfits) for the refugee families. What an incredible act of sacrificial service. She purchased yarn and lovingly crocheted the pieces. She then shipped everything to us at her own expense.



Refugee Center Wants and Needs: We plan to serve at the Tijuana Refugee Center quarterly. It would be a blessing if every church could spearhead their own fundraising and purchase necessities for these refugees in need.





Medical and Dental Ministries

Thank you to Grace for her faithful service on the missions trips over the years. You have brought so much relief and comfort to many. We appreciate the physicians and health care professionals who volunteered to help the refugees. We pray that by treating their physical pains, we can open doors to heal and give hope to their souls. May our hands be representative of God's hands on Earth.



Women and Food Ministries

Denise and Angie led arts and craft time for the women in the Refugee Center. Women are the backbone of the family and it was a blessing to offer these women who have to manage the children, cooking, and cleaning difficult, crowded circumstances. They shared the hope and love of Jesus in the women's ministry. We provided a simple lunch to the people in the Refugee Center and hope to prepare a Chinese meal for the families in the center next time.



Reflection and Sharing

At the end of the day, our team gathered in the Terraza Church to share and reflect on their day serving at the Refugee Center. The Field of Grace young missionaries also shared their reflections and experiences serving in Mexico. We admire the dedication of these 13 college graduates who are committing seven months of their lives teaching children at the San Telmo Christian School. They not only run after-school enrichment programs but also minister to the entire community. They are role models for us all. It was a special time to reflect on the days' activities, the plight of the refugees, and pray for individuals like the woman who stood up and asked for God's care and support for her family. And still, there is hope. The laughter of the children reminded us that they are the future. I was reminded of

'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God. ' Micah 6:8





- **May God's mercy cover the refugees of Ukraine and Central America**
- **Let us open our hearts and generously support them in their time of need.**
- **Funds to repair the donated 30-seat bus for the San Telmo School. We are grateful for the donated bus but still need about \$12,000 in repairs and to obtain the necessary permits and insurance.**
- **-24 desktop PC's for a computer lab for the new San Telmo High School.**

To support Mercy Outreach Ministries, please either

- 1) Make a check out to Bread of Life Church, write MOM - "San Telmo Ministry" on the memo line, and mail to Bread of Life Church 2780 Lomita Blvd., Torrance, Ca 90505 - OR -**

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Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

God Bless,

Bill Liu

