

# Shine on MEXICO

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Tue, 15 June. Subject: grant funds! :)

Hello! Kate,

We got the grant check for the majority of the cost of the new machines! (\$2,660.00 From Faith Community Lutheran Church in Longmont.)

Blessings!

-- Timothy

From Kate:

WOO-HOO!!! AND just in time! Three girls are working towards the scholarship. We will now have enough used machines in working order for them!!! Two more machines broke down this week and we took in 4 new girls in the last week. I will be able to take my time in having the other old machines ready for future scholarships. It will be so, so nice to teach everyone on the same model! Right now we have 6 different models.

God is REALLY moving as danger picks up here in Mexico.

Thanks for the GREAT news and say a special thanks to our family at Faith Community!

One of our greatest needs will be to have our sewing tables and cutting tables built. We don't need deluxe models, but do need to be able to expand or fold out for more space. A few shelves on the side would be helpful too. (Our cutting mats and templates are very worn as well.)

I believe our closets are still in the works, but we have to wait for the dust to settle after the elections in Chihuahua. I am trying to hone some better organization skills. The girls are busy bees, showing up early and staying late when they have a little free time.

Fani is doing the most difficult top stitching any of the girls has tried. All along she has wanted to rise above the norm and give something better back to God. -In fact, she has been completely unsuccessful with the simpler patterns. This week I sat her down to the one machine that has a quilting foot and can drop the feed dogs. I told her to just take a new practice square and draw whatever comes to her fingertips. She is now filling in around the cross with a stipple design. It's looking real nice. She attributes it to an answered prayer and the beginning of a mountain top experience.

Many major spiritual breakthroughs this week!!!

I sent a photo of me this time, taken by Gisella. The guitar is my birthday gift from Elena, and I'm sitting on a quilt named Esperanza, made by, you guessed it...Esperanza. In HIS grip, Kate

June 17

From Kate,

I now have our 1st Emerald 116 at home and am going over the manual and playing. The retail price has gone up to \$425 and my bid for \$269 was accepted. (This was the lowest possible and only for 12 or more machines.) I am wishing I could have one at home now too! Perhaps they'll be kind and sell me one at a later date for the same price. The quilting foot now comes standard with the package. The bobbins are not your standard WalMart variety, but they are throwing in a box of 100 for free, and each machine comes with 3. These machines have a closed casing and do not need to be oiled--ever. We will get a free tuning and adjusting in one year and shouldn't need anything before then.



There are some standard fabrics which we use all the time. Hobby Lobby sells them for \$6-8 per yard. I buy it at WalMart for a top price of \$4.50/yard. I would like to be prepared for when our Zaragosa WalMart prepares to remodel. They will likely discontinue selling fabric and put all that is in stock on sale for 1/2 price or less. It would be smart to buy whole bolts at that time. I think we have 6 months or so before they start. I want to try also to have a little money on hand for when I encounter a favorite quilting fabric in their \$2/yard stuff. Purchasing the whole bolt will save a lot of money in the long run.

Elena is going to do a little research to see if there is quality quilting fabric available in Juarez at a lower price. Mexico will always appreciate our keeping business local when possible. I just told her about the machines. Shes pretty jazzed. Still no word on the closets.

Well I'm going to start preparing for my work week at the hospital. Have a great week and give everyone a holy hug for me!  
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### Aprons & Virtuous Women - By KATE

#### New Product Offered: Aprons!

I got on the web and found similar items for \$28 to \$42 each. (I believe we can be very competitive and still have room to spare.)

Perla is the 1st girl to complete an apron on her own. (We use a quilt block and scraps left over from a project.) When another class can't be held, I get the privilege of having all the interns in my classroom. My regular students are glad for the extra time, but there are always students who are not yet ready to enter the regular sewing program. We have several ideas to keep them busy using leftover scraps that are too small to use for another quilt or materials that can't be put to use because of texture, content or quality.

Perla and 3 other new interns were present to help cut out our first aprons. She caught on very quickly and has now also sewn our 1st curtain and valance for the dining room windows. She wanted very much to buy her apron but was disappointed when I told her she couldn't. You see, Perla still had not locked in on staying in the program. I reminded her that the block stands for a life freely given to God and radically changed by Him. The use of scraps symbolizes the virtuous woman who is a good steward of all that God provides. The apron represents, then, our ongoing relationship with our Creator.

She said it is just too hard to decide to stay for such a long time. I said, then decide only to be where God wants you today. I told her that every day I decide to live for God. From there I just follow His leading. One might ask, "What are my options?" Annelly knows that there are only 2 options: When you do not choose to freely serve God, you have chosen to be a slave for the devil.

What do I have to give up? Just ask Angelica. "God doesn't want 10% any more. He wants everything." Angelica found it easy at first to say "Here is my life, God; Do with it whatever pleases you". Later, she learned to entrust God with all her belongings, past and present. "I had to face the fact that I was worried about losing my car because I didn't trust it in God's hands. I hadn't really given it to Him.

"Our sewing class is spiritual," says Fani. "I hit a wall one day. Everything I sewed I had to rip out. I just couldn't get it right. My quilt is for Jesus; I want it right. The next day Maestra Kate told me to read the devotional for the class." (We read the Spanish version of "My Utmost for His Highest", by Oswald Chambers). "I couldn't even finish without crying. I knew I was holding back something from God. Maestra Kate gave me some private time with God in the Library. I poured out my heart to God and He filled me up. When I returned to class, the wall was broken down!"

Fani was working on her borders at time. God uses this time to teach them to have holy borders. Soon they will go out into the world, but this time they will have His strength and protection.

Chalk up another victory!

Pictured here is Ana, beginning the 1st cuts on module #6. The blocks (representing a life; a relationship with Christ) are formed, but pretty rough around the edges. -Like a new life in Christ at the end of the 1st mountain top experience. We each stop here and examine how each block lines up with the standard. Here, Ana can see the beauty of her new life with Christ in the center. The plastic template represents the Word of God. She sees the work He has begun in her, and accepts that there are rough edges. In order to line up with God's



Word, some edges will have to be cut off to make others prosper. Her eyes water as she makes the 1st cut. She realizes for the 1st time that the “pruning” has been painful, but the Master has lovingly had her best interests in mind. She asks me to play that song again and again that says, “mold me, change me, heal me, use me.” (We all sing along.)

Perla has decided to stay in the program here at Reto no matter how long it takes. She has begun her quilting project, a little behind the others, but catching up fast. She has a bubbly personality and is usually the 1st or 2nd one to arrive to class.

Many times the new girls want to be here because they know I try to have a cookie or something for each girl who arrives on time or early, prepared to work. Later their hunger for sweets turns into hunger for more of the Lord. Thanks to you & God, there are plenty of both.



News from some of our friends in the Copper Canyon area:

Fri, June 4

Samachique Update From Phil Neely

Dear Friend,

Several have called requesting information on the situation in Samachique. I have had e-mail contact with our director, Cruz, and telephone contact with Dr. Mike. They both state that things have been quiet for the past ten days. The Mexican Army finally arrived and plowed up the mountain airfield used by the one cartel to fly their troops in. There have been no armed groups coming through Samachique the past ten days. However, Cruz says that there are still armed bands of men in the mountains. There is no accurate count on how many were killed in the battles of two weeks ago.

All the brethren in Samachique have asked me to be sure and thank all of our friends for their prayers during this difficult time. None of the believers who live in the area have suffered any harm. God delights in bringing good out of bad and it will be interesting to see what comes of all this.

Blessings on you,  
Phil & Cheryl Neely

Greetings to all;

Shank's news

Everyone who works among the Tarahumara has to have a long term vision, even a trans-generational perspective. By analogy, I think of the miner who spends his whole life laboring in hard rock, sweating, heaving his pick day in and day out, looking for that elusive vein of gold. He passes away, and then another takes up his pick in the same spot and within a short time, finds the vein and strikes it rich. As we and others labor for souls day in and day out, year after year, we may personally never see the glorious 'gold' of many saved souls, but in faith we hope for the future, knowing our labor is not in vain and that it is preparatory to God's ultimate goal, whoever He decides to use in His good time.

The past two months we've been in our routine of spending every other week in Santa Rita. We were there for most of semana santa, able to teach the people the Real meaning of holy week. As I've mentioned before, in the Tara. celebrations there are soldiers, pharisees, even Judas, but NO Jesus! Also, every time the children are on vacation from school we have a mini- VBS (vacation bible school) which Dr. Josefa lovingly leads, and rejoice to see their hearts

drinking in the truth. During our week in Samachique we are also trying to go (with Tara. friends) to Aborichi for Bible studies.

As to other changes - amazingly, the government's promise of a road to Santa Rita has finally happened. It is so weird to drive to the village after all these years! The only advantage we see in it is to be able, in time, to bring the hospital's well drilling machine in to drill a well. Otherwise, the road brings drug buyers/dealers with little effort on their part - the world invades....

In closing, please pray that the dozen or so who often attend our worship meetings in S. Rita will not just believe, but give their lives over to God.

God bless!

Tom, Cathy and Christina Shank

Date: Thursday, June 17  
Subject: Pray for Maria Rosa

From "Tarahumara Trail Mission"

Antonio from Sitanáporachi came and told me about the situation in their village today. Maria Rosa the wife of Silvério is sick and scared. On

Tuesday she felt that she would not be able to breathe. She was becoming worse.

Yesterday morning Maria the wife of Antonio had gone to visit Maria Rosa. She had cried a lot. Ifigenia a non-believing woman from the same village has paid \$ 500 pesos to the witch doctor, Calistro, from Las Guindas. This was to have him kill Maria Rosa with witchcraft. Maria Rosa shared all her grief and pain with Maria. Maria prayed for Maria Rosa.

The baby boy, Ephraim, is sick and his soft spot is indented. He has diarrhea. Maria Rosa wants to go to Samachique to the Christian hospital.

Maria Rosa has said that she was very happy during the time when we came to have services in the village, but now she is sad. (We did not have services the last two Sundays, because most of them were not there.) Antonio told me that they wanted to come to Basigochi for services rather because of the persecution they feel in the village. Today Antonio said we should rather come to their village for the services then here in Basigochi. I think they now feel the need for continual spiritual support which we want to give them.

I want to ask you to pray earnestly for Maria Rosa. Pray that Satan will not be able to touch her. Emmy and I and the believers here have planned a special prayer service for her in Sitanáporachi tomorrow evening.

God has made Jesus to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named. (Ephesians 1:20 and 21 ASV)

Pray that the above-all power of Jesus will flow through us and that God can do miracles for the believers here so that they will have faith in Jesus; the all-powerful one. Also pray for Ephraim; pray that God will heal him and his mother.

News From Daña

Hola! May the Lord bless you and your family. I'm currently in the City of Chihuahua, processing my passport because we plan to leave in a few days for Guatemala. We will be attending a seminary for about a month which will help us with the work in the albergues.

--Dania

Hola,  
I hope you are all very well. God bless you.  
Well, we've returned from Guatemala; it was a blessing to be able to receive this training which will help improve our ministry with the Raramuri children.

Thank you so much for your support and prayer; may the Lord continue to pour out his blessings on you.

Greetings to all,

--Dania

Hola!  
God bless you; congratulations on the new member of the family!

I'm going to Durango for about a month of leadership training for my Theology degree. Lord-willing, I plan to return in the first or second week of July. I do hope you can come in August; it would be wonderful to see you again!

May the Lord continue blessing you!

--Dania

News from Pastor Juan Carlos

Estevan, our new pastor for the church here in Madera is to arrive in mid July. As we prepare to move on to the new location which the Lord has called us to; we recently made a visit to the church there at Guachochi. We went intending to help with a VBS.

Arriving Sunday in the evening, we were hit with the news that their pastor had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage. Monday we went ahead with training some of the ladies from the congregation for the VBS. At 7:47 AM on Tuesday brother Harold Adair passed on. We went ahead with VBS that morning since the children had already arrived; but then we decided to hold off on the rest of the classes until August (when we are scheduled to move there).

We were remembering our brother from Tuesday till Friday. His son arrived Thursday afternoon and we buried him Friday evening.

This was hard for us because we had not hoped to receive the church like this. (The church went ahead and decided to formalize the turning over of the church to us and confirmed me as pastor of the church at Guachochi.) We can only trust that God has reasons, and it was for some purpose that He allowed our brother to pass on while we were present. Pray for his wife, Sister Gery Adair and their son Esteban; that God would console and comfort.

We plan to relocate to Guachochi in the first week of August. Do continue in prayer with us for us, the church in Guachochi, the church in Madera, and pastor Estevan as he comes to Madera.

The missionary sister Gery Adair intends to stay in Guachochi until the Lord calls her to His presence. That's all for now; take care; God Bless you; greeting to the brethren and family there.

Take care, and God bless you,  
We'll be in touch

Juan Carlos Alamillo

We are preparing to spend much of the next few weeks with Juan Carlos, the other ministries in Madera, and also visiting ministries in the Copper Canyon area. As Kate and others have mentioned, God is doing great things these days! And it seems the enemy is stepping up his pace as well.

Please do pray with and for us!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD PARTNER WITH US AND PRAY REGULARLY FOR US. I'd suggest choosing the day of the month corresponding to your birth date. (I was born on the 26<sup>th</sup>, so I would choose the 26<sup>th</sup> day of every month to pray for the ministry.) Spend some time in the Word, and in prayer; and please do let us know what you're hearing too!

Timothy & Susie's daughter Grace was born at 2:04 AM on April 18<sup>th</sup> (assisted by forceps) and is doing wonderfully! (6lbs 13 oz, and 20" long.)

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