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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR! from the men in recovery at the **LIVING WITH HOPE REHAB CENTER** in San Jacinto, B.C. In this photo Pastor Gerald Fair is bringing a message of hope to the men and I am at the left translating for Pastor Fair.

ELENA'S 2020 REPORT: I am very grateful to God for the opportunity of serving in a men's recovery home despite the COVID-19 pandemic. I never thought when we started the year 2020 that I was going to end up ministering in a men's recovery home in Camalu, Baja California. I feel that God could use anyone in any dimension that he wants as long as we are available to serve and go wherever he wants to send us.

Working with these men is no different than working with the men in prison. The population in the center varies in background since some men come after exiting prison; others come because they are tired of living in the streets with an addiction to drugs; but they all have the same symptom: deep hurting from their childhood memories that need to be healed by JESUS CHRIST!

I have seen men that are fully recovered from using heroin, but others are still struggling in breaking the habit despite being at the center for more than seven years. Heroin is a terrible drug that transforms men into slaves of Satan. It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that these chains of addiction can be broken.

We are almost at the end of year 2020 and I am grateful for being still alive and with a great expectancy of what God is going to do in the coming year of 2021 in the lives of many men and women that come for recovery at this center.

I am very grateful to all the people who supports me financially through the PASTORS TO PRISONERS ORGANIZATION and to CALVARY CHAPEL TEHACHAPI for sponsoring me while I serve as a missionary in Camalu, B.C.

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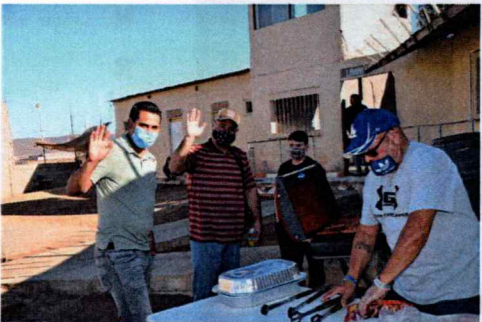
DIFFERENT ASPECTS FROM THE MEN'S RECOVERY HOME



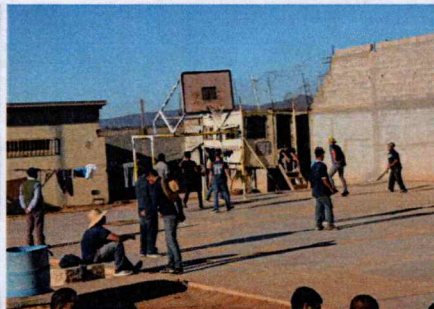
Men worshipping God during a worship service.



Enjoying a meal with hot dogs.



Brother Phillip Murrieta cooking hot dogs.



Men playing ball in the patio.

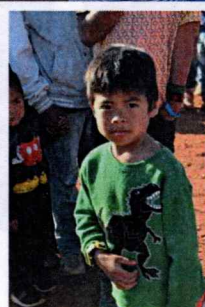
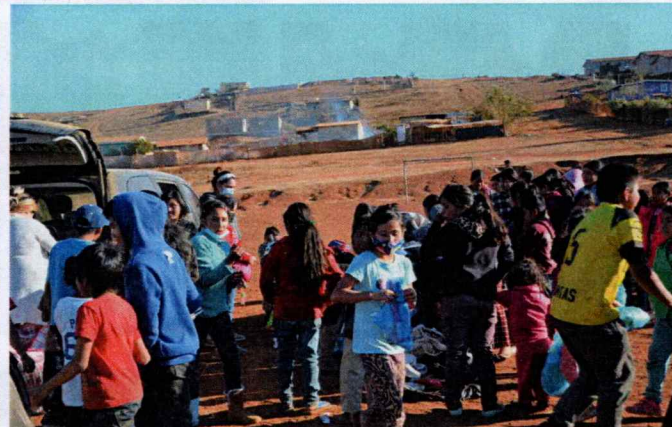


Pastor Fair and Antonio looking at the well.



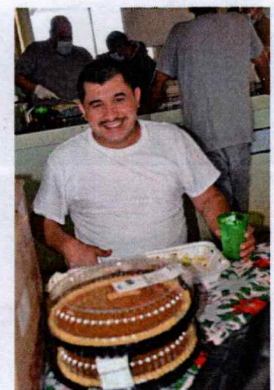
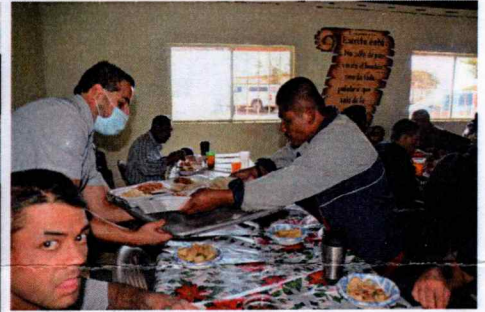
MISSIONS IN THE CAMALU NEIGHBORHOOD

We had the opportunity recently of distributing clothes, toys and candies to the families in a small barrio of Camalu, B.C. We drove two vans over there and in less than five minutes people started showing up. I am grateful to the people who donated toys and children's clothes for this event. We were able to pray for some women that were going through difficult situations in their lives. Some times they not only need prayer, but they also need a little bit of help. We are glad that we were able to help a couple of families financially to cover some of their immediate needs, especially food.



NOVEMBER 2020 THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION AT THE RECOVERY CENTER

We are very grateful to God for miraculously providing the funds to hold this Thanksgiving celebration at the Rehab Center. This was the first Thanksgiving celebration the men have had since the center was founded and the men were so happy. They were able to eat lots of chicken and the delicious pumpkin pie that was served. We thank God for putting the burden in people's heart to help for this cause. We give God all the glory for His mercy and compassion towards the men in recovery at the LIVING WITH HOPE REHAB CENTER. Praise God!



"Because I was hungry and you fed me..." (Matthew 25:35)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE RECOVERY CENTER THIS YEAR

THE WELL



Pastor Gerald Fair, Pastor Antonio Hernandez and Brother Phillip Murrieta looking at the well



Pastor Antonio with the reservoir tank that holds 5,000 liters of water.

We are grateful to God for allowing us to finish the well that we started on June 2020 thanks to the generosity of Calvary Chapel-Tehachapi. There were many challenges during this period, but God gave us the victory at the end.. A pump was donated by Brother Corey from Calvary Chapel-Tehachapi; and finally we were able to obtain water from the well this month. In the picture we can see the reservoir tank that holds up to 5,000 liters of water. Previously we were borrowing water from the neighbor's well, but it wasn't enough water to fulfill all the needs of the center. Now with our own well we will be able to plant vegetables and fruit trees to help feeding the 92 men at the recovery home. We give all the glory to God!

INAGURATION OF THE WOMEN'S RECOVERY HOME "DOOR TO HEAVEN"

We are happy to inform you that after praying for some years about opening a Women's Recovery Home, God allowed us to inaugurate it on December 1, 2020. However, due to the COVI-19 pandemic the doors will not open to the public until the situation with the pandemic changes from red to yellow in the Camalu county. Government officials were present at the inauguration and offered us their unconditional support. Presently there are fourteen women in our waiting list to be admitted to the center.

All this was done because God has been merciful with us and brought people that we never knew before to help us accomplish this dream. We are very grateful to Pastor Myron Fallkowski, Pastor Gerald Fair and a dear unanimous donor who contributed with blankets, bed sheets, towels, finances to make the iron beds and the wood lockers, a new refrigerator, a freezer, stove, metal racks and washing machine, paint for the center, plumbing material, etc., and miscellaneous stuff that was donated by so many people for the center. May the Lord reward you all richly according to his riches in glory.

We are in great expectancy of what God is going to continue doing through the coming year in this women's recovery home. We ask for your prayers for this center since it is always a challenge to feed so many people on a daily basis. Currently we have 92 men at the men's home and we are planning to have a maximum of 24 women at the women's home. *We give God all the glory and honor!*



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"Support for Elena Hernandez"

Thank You!

NOTE FROM ELENA: I am very grateful for your gifts towards this ministry. Your gifts are a sacred trust to me, and I am involved in this ministry not to gain funding, but I preach and serve the Lord to honor God, and simply because he has called me to do so. The Lord brought me to this city to serve while the prisons are closed in the U.S.. I give all my strength and effort to this ministry not to receive but to give as we are called to do by the Lord. My newsletters are not a fundraising appeal; it is a ministry. Thank you for letting me come into your home and your heart. I am encouraged by your responses letting me know that this is a true ministry straight from God's heart. Merry Christmas!

SPECIAL NOTE: We appreciate the people who wants to support financially Pastor Antonio Hernandez, Director of the LIVING WITH HOPE REHAB CENTER, but at this time he is unable to open a bank account in the United States because of the restrictions at the border. He hopes soon to have that account set up so that donations can go directly to him and the ministry. This will be an important step in an ongoing support for the great things that God is doing at the Living With Hope Rehab Center and we will let you know through our newsletters when the account is open. In the meanwhile, if you wish to send a donation for him, please make the check payable to: CALVARY CHAPEL TEHACHAPI and mail it to: 15719 Highline Road, Tehachapi, CA 93561. Just write a note saying that this is support for Pastor Antonio Hernandez and Pastor Gerald Fair will forward the money to him with his monthly support check and will give you a receipt at the end of the year for your taxes.

| Women's Kitchen | Women's Home | Women's Hygiene Products | Men's Hygiene Products | Men's Food | GENERAL |
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| Pots and pans | | Body Lotion | Men Razors | Pinto beans | 1 Full size bed |
| One blender from Costco | | Women Razors | Deodorants | Sacks Rice | Two large couches |
| Napkins | | Body Soap | Combs | Poultry | |
| Bounty rolls of paper | Deodorants | Kotex | Face lotion | Cooking Oil | |
| Cutting board | Twin size blankets | Tampons | Towels | Knorr Chicken Flavor Bouillon | |
| Plastic cups & glasses | Combs | Shampoo | Body soap | Toilette paper | |
| Kitchen utensils | Hair Brushes | Conditioner | Body Lotion | Cooking oil | |
| Can opener | Toilette paper | Face cream | Pajamas | Pastas, oatmeal and sugar | |
| Clorox | Underwear | Hair brushes | Underwear | Tomatoe pure | |
| | Laundry | | | Sacks Oatmeal | Toilette Paper |

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