



Community Center of the Holy Spirit



Juarez Journal

“Juarez Journal” is a newsletter designed to keep you up to date on events at the Centro Comunitario del Espiritu Santo in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Frank Alarcon, Executive Director of the Community Center, Reports that Despite the Ongoing Violence in Juarez, the Community Center is Meeting the Needs of the People.

Dear Friends:

Felipe's house is just about ready. We have to put in the wiring and windows and doors and it will be done. The gym is going full blast. We're fixing the second floor of the gym for the ladies. A sewing room is being outfitted. We've got 12 machines and a teacher. The garden is already producing vegetables. We've gotten tomatoes, squash, carrots and chiles.

There are more children eating at the dining room. There are more people coming to the community center seeking help. There is a lot of activity all day long. People are going to the doctor or the dentist. People are leaving their children at the day care. Young kids are going to our school. And the dining room. Oh my goodness, you should have seen the number of children eating at noon. I was stunned. I know what comes in and I know what the expenses are and I am in awe of what my GOD does. There is no way we can afford what is being done here but it is happening because I see it. Glory to God and Thank You, Jesus!



The city building and health department came out to inspect our daycare. I thought it was going to be a piece of cake. We're in compliance with everything. We have entrance and exit doors posted. Everything is clean. All of our workers are registered with the health department. And we have our own fire truck which is always filled with water and is parked right in front of the daycare. We are ready. Well the inspectors thought differently. We have to have smoke detectors all over the place--we have to paint whatever is wood – walls, ceilings, and doors with a fire retardant paint. We have to paint the propane tanks yellow and we have to have fire extinguishers on the walls. They have given us a month to comply and get a new permit. Glory to God and thank You, JESUS!

Frank Alarcon

Thank you for your generous support of the Community Center of the Holy Spirit in these difficult economic times. Your contribution of \$15 will put vitamin rich oranges on the menu for a couple of days at the Holy Spirit Center. \$20 can purchase roughly 40 pounds of beans and fills the plates of hungry children for a few more meals. \$35 fills a bag with groceries for shut-ins in the dump neighborhood. \$75 helps keep the lights on and the water running so the dining room can remain open. Every penny donated to the Center is received as a gift from God and every penny counts toward providing basic needs for those in great need. God bless you.

