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RANCHO EL REFUGIO: LBMI

Spring has sprung at the “Ranch” and Easter is around the corner. Even though we are not out of the woods on the COVID-19 virus, the good news is most people will be vaccinated by the end of June or middle of July in the US. In the Ensenada area, the risk meter for COVID-19 has reduced to the “medium yellow”. Our goal at the “Ranch” is to have it ready for your return!

What's been happening while we wait for teams to return? Here are a few of highlights...

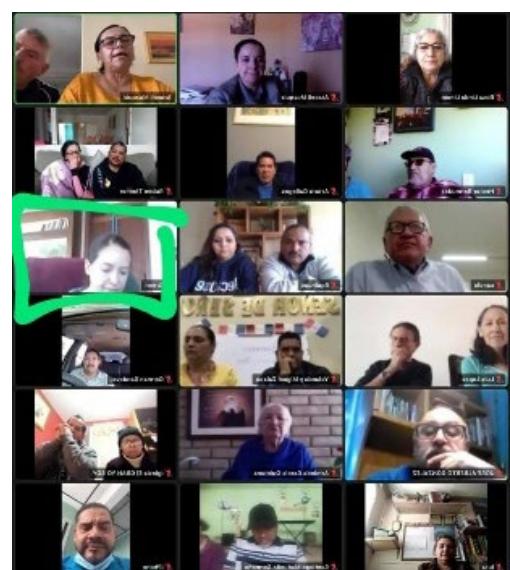
A group from Puerto Peñasco (the eastern side of the Baja Peninsula) came for a weekend in February and visited a couple of pastors. Saturday evening, they had a special gathering here at The Ranch, and invited youth groups from some churches in Ensenada. They had a great time at The Ranch, feasting on hot dogs, playing games, worshipping, praying, and sitting around a bonfire.



Puente de Vida school is also looking to the future and how we can be ready for in-person teaching for the 2021-22 year. No decision has been made by the government regarding in-person instruction for next year, but we are anticipating that it will be happening. Luis Bayardo (our school administrator), the teachers, parents and Conafe administrators have been meeting to discuss updates to the school, the futball area, and other projects around the school.



Ricardo and Erika Green (Director of the “Ranch”) have had several meetings with other non-profit organizations, churches and government offices. They are planning how to restart the social work programs here in Ensenada, and those in the church are planning how to restart organized services and outreach. Some of their plans include collaboration between all three groups, where the churches, non-profits and the government are working together on potential outreach projects. We are thanking God that this is still possible in Ensenada!



MEET GABRIELA! A former staff member at the “Ranch”. Hear how God has touched her life:

Hi, my name is Gabriela. I have been connected with Rancho el Refugio for the past four years. I made bad decisions in my life, I got involved in drugs and was living a life of no hope. This led me to prison, but being an inmate was a blessing! It allowed me to meet Christ, right there in prison. When the prison ministry from the “Ranch” came to serve us a great meal, they also delivered us a message of the Gospel, that was the day with I became a daughter of God. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior! During my time in prison, I decided that when I left, I would go to a half-way house that the “Ranch” sponsored to help me with my new life. I ended up being the leader of the house looking over the other girls that were there to make a new life knowing Christ. I was now a part of this amazing ministry “Rancho el Refugio”.

For almost 5 years I served with the love and passion being part of the prison and school ministry, but the time came when something very important happened to me. My Mother came back in to my life after years of not having a relationship with her...SHE CAME TO ME! She moved from another city to Ensenada so that we could live together. This is when I decided to start another journey by my mother’s side and leave the “Ranch” and begin another journey in my Christian walk, with my mother.

I was praying to God for a job and to be a help to my mom.

The answer came and I received the chance to start working in a big supermarket as a bread packer. The salary was not much, but it was an opportunity to work and help my mother. After two months on the job, I was offered the position of Bakery apprentice, praise God. Soon I will be an official baker.

God has been so good and that is why I thank Him for the amazing opportunity he gave me to show who Christ is and to know the ministry of Rancho el Refugio. God used the people from the “Ranch” to lead me to Him! Thank you Rancho el Refugio!

My life has been forever changed.

Donations: For Puenta de Vida school and the ministries at the “Ranch” to continue, this only happens through your donations. If you feel led to give to the ministry, go to www.ranchoelrefugio.com/donate or mail donations to: Life Bridge Ministries Int’l, 1822 E. Route 66, #428, Glendora, CA 91740

Special Request: Our Inverters (converts our power generated from the generator to battery storage) at the “Ranch” are wearing out and need replaced. Without the inverters, we do not have power! To purchase and install new ones, we need to raise \$10,000. If you would like to donate specifically to the purchase of the inverters, or would like to know more, contact Brian McPike at 402-770-3861

