

## RANCHO EL REFUGIO

Greetings and Merry Christmas from Rancho el Refugio. We want to thank all of our current partners who have given of their finances, time and talents. Your generosity has helped sustain and advance ministry in the Ensenada and Ojos Negro communities.

We are so grateful for your continued prayer and partnership!

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**Good News!** We would like to provide details of some very good news that was mentioned in our previous newsletter. Government grants were made available for Puenta de Vida school for grounds improvement. After discussing several potential projects with families of students who attend the school, we have agreed upon two projects that will get started after the grant and plans have been approved by the local government officials.



**Project 1: Exterior Courtyard:** Currently the courtyard outside of the school is dirt and very rough. There will be three phases to this project. First, a wall will be built along the road in front of the school to enlarge the area of the courtyard. Next, the ground will be leveled, drains will be put in and then concrete will be poured. Finally, a covered area will be built in the courtyard so that a shaded area will be available for parents to enjoy watching their children and for when teachers want to bring a class outside and not be in the sun.



**Project 2: Soccer Field/Basketball Court:** The second project will be a combination soccer field/basketball court. Walls will be built around the soccer field and nets along the south side to keep the balls in play and to prevent them from going out in the road. The soccer goals will have a backboard and hoop attached to them so they can also be sued for basketball. All this will be set in concrete so that this area can be used year-round. Indeed a very welcome change from playing in dirt and also not being able to play at all during the rainy season.

All this has been made possible because of the great parent involvement in our school and their willingness to make Puenta de Vida a better place for their children to learn.

## School Christmas Program

The students are preparing for the end of the first semester and getting ready for Christmas. This year there will be a Christmas Program on December 20. Normally this is done inside the “Barn”, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, the program will be in the courtyard outside of the school. You are welcome to attend! This is a highlight for our students and staff as they celebrate the Christmas season.



## Short-term Mission Trips | Let us help

It looks like COVID-19 will be with us for a while and churches and para-church organizations are having to make decisions on what the future of their short-term missions will look like. Our team at the “Ranch” is here to help you. What types of ministry projects will you feel comfortable doing... construction projects, vacation bible schools, feeding ministries? This is a valid question and concern. We can give you ideas on opportunities for ministry in the area(s) that you feel most comfortable. The Mexican/US border opened in November and teams are starting to come back to the Ensenada area to do ministry work. We would love to welcome your team back!



## Thanks for your support in 2021!

For those of you who have supported the “Ranch” this past year, we greatly appreciate your gifts. Our primary source of income has been teams coming to the “Ranch” to stay while going to the community to minister to the needs of the people. When teams were not able to come across the border, it was only through donors like you that we kept the “Ranch” and Puenta de Vida school running. Would you please consider supporting Rancho el Refugio as you are considering your end of year donations?

**“Muchas gracias Dios te bendiga” - Thank you and God bless!**

Carolyn Koons, Brian McPike, Ricardo & Erika Green,  
Jonathan Dean, Tim Pauls, and “Happy Dean”

**Donations:** It's your generous support that allows Puenta de Vida school and the ministries at the “Ranch” to continue. If you feel led to give to this ministry, go to [www.ranchoelrefugio.com/donate](http://www.ranchoelrefugio.com/donate) to give online or mail donations to: Life Bridge Ministries Int'l, 1822 E. Route 66, #428, Glendora, CA 91740. Thank you!

**Praying for you:** The Ranch staff are praying for you and all our ministry partners!