



LOS ELEGIDOS MINISTRIES - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16 2024

Beauty for Ashes . . . (Isa61:1-3)

Those two "beauties" to your left in that photo are our kids Kimberly (13) and lil sis Samantha (12), who were very excited to find out they are in the "running" to receive a brand new built home upon the property their dad owns by our very

good friends (since forever) and neighbors back in our part of town, El Refugio Ministries, which also rescues young girls out of horrific situations.

My wife and I have had the blessing of taking care of our "mijas" Wednesday through Friday at our home since dad works two jobs to maintain his family - their mom abandoned them almost two years ago, and it hasn't gotten any easier for dad and the girls.

PLEASE pray that all the required legal paperwork can be processed quickly so we can lay a foundation for the home in the next two weeks - a group from Canada will be funding the build. We always have an amazing, blessed time building a home for one of our families.

God loves to bless His children abundantly!

Sansum Medical Clinic - "God works all things together for the good of those who love Him... Rom8.28"

It was early September, and my wife and I had already made a couple of trips up to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to see how my dad (he passed days later) was doing, he was 95. During our visits, my son had asked me if I had already taken care of my long overdue hernia surgery, to which I replied, "Yeah, we're saving up for it." When he offered to pay for everything to get the "cash discount" (2 for the price of one! LOL) because he was having the same surgery, it was a blessing we couldn't pass up! We came up a month later for the pre-op appointment, and the amazing Dr. Zerrey explained how they make just three small incisions on the side of the stomach, go in, repair with a small mesh material, and were good to go! This was a LOT different than what the doctors in Mexico had said - they were going to make a huge cut and open my belly to place this huge mesh behind my button - thank you Lord for blessing me with a generous son and some great doctors!

I had surgery just yesterday, and even though it's a bit painful sitting here writing this update, this is a heck of a lot better than going through the procedure in Mexico - God is good all the time! Please pray that the pain subsides quickly so we can drive back home to take care of our Father's business in Ensenada . . .

More Beauty from Ashes . . . Rosa (24, right) & her daughter Maritza (8 in pink) are also in the "running" for a brand new home built by our beloved from El Refugio and another group from Canada! Please pray that God bless our kid and give her favor - she has grown weary of living in the same home where her uncle abused her - during her interview with the home builders on Wednesday, she fought through tears, explaining she had too many bad memories of that home and needs to get out - the photo to the right was taken two summers ago - that day Rosa gave her life over to the Lord, got baptized at the water park in front of hundreds of people, and later shared with me she felt something heavy lift off of her as she came up out of the water in tears - God loves and heals the brokenhearted, and Rosa has been serving our ministry off and on (she works full-time) for over two years - please pray that one day soon, she will be able to share her testimony and be an encouragement to all our youth. The Lord placed her with us when she was only 11 years old - God's timing is always perfect . . .





Casa de Abuelos - Last Tuesday I paid a visit to the "abuelos" home which is just down the road from where we live - these are grandfathers who have been abandoned and left in the Ensenada area to fend for themselves - when the authorities finally pick them up they are usually brought here or to another Christian home nearby which also takes in abuelos and abuelas - some are dropped off by family members who can no longer afford to care for them or refuse to. It saddens me each time we visit them, however, we always seem to brighten up their day when we show up with ANYTHING to bless them with. Whether it be clothes, food, or in this case, I had just purchased them the "The Hot Dog Package" from Costco (ton of hot dogs, buns, chips,

condiments, etc.) which they all love and the cooks in the kitchen also appreciate (rice and beans again?). Thank you for supporting all the abuelos here in Ensenada and down south in Vicente Guerrero (90 minutes south) where our good friend Juan also has a Christian home for abandoned grandparents. Most importantly, please pray that each abuelo surrender their lives to the Lord - that is the ultimate purpose of each home, that those coming in would be loved, cared for, clothed, fed, and receive the gift of salvation. God is able. . .

I.R.E. - Iglesia de Restauracion, Ensenada - We have been working with these brothers ever since we had to take our first kid to kick a drug habit back in 2017. Since then, "Restoration Church" has been a huge asset to the city of Ensenada and Maneadero, helping numerous youth and adults get off drugs and alcohol by the deliverance power of our Lord, He is the great restorer!

I also dropped off the Hotdog Package for them on Tuesday, and when they saw me they yelled, "Walt, we thought you had forgotten about us!"

They had no idea that my dad had passed away in September and I had been kind of down lately, coupled with our move to our new building and setting up our new 501(c)(3) during July & August. I told them that it was not possible to forget, since I see them in the streets every day preaching the gospel to whosoever will listen.

They were so happy to see me (or was it the hotdogs? LOL), and I told them I would be coming more often because we have some great sponsors back home in the States and the Lord wants to bless them abundantly for all their hard work - please continue to pray for all the brothers and sisters who hit the streets Monday through Saturday and preach the gospel of our Lord - to Him be the glory!

The Nazarene Crew - Two weekends ago we got invited to fellowship with the Nazarene kids (photo-right) just a block away from our new place (moved in August 1st). It was so awesome to have over 45 kids being fed the Word, great food, and some great fun with our neighbors. The Lord has blessed us deeply in this new location, which we now call "Church Row". In just three blocks there are over 7 different Christian churches, ministries, and youth groups, all trying to feed the surrounding kids with the gospel - just a few blocks down the street is the local Jr. High. Please pray that all of us who have been (obvious to me) planted here by the Lord take that extra step to reach out to all the youth that pass by our facilities - God has placed us here for such a time as this to reach the lost.

Also, please pray for our upcoming community outreach HipHop Concert on the 21st of December - we will be partnering once more with the Nazarene Crew, as we present three well-known groups from Tijuana, that God would direct our steps and He be glorified and lifted up that evening - salvation for the lost . . .



Our Prayer Team - Los Elegidos (photo-left) are always praying, but Fridays are set aside to pray for our beloved back home in the States - on the average we receive 30 to 45 prayer requests, some very urgent and others life-threatening. We continue to pray for those same prayer requests each Friday until another request is submitted. Our kids take each prayer petition to heart - over the years, they have witnessed how God answers prayers. We begin each evening by sharing testimonies of what God has done the last week (each day is a gift from Him), then we break up into pairs (James 5:16) where our kids have a chance to confess and release the things that have bothered them, then pray for each other and be refreshed, ready

to engage in spiritual warfare for our beloved.

"The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man . . . (Amp. Bible)", is always preceded by worship at Los Elegidos, before we come together before the throne of grace to pray for our beloved. God answers prayers . . . please continue to pray for ALL of our kids, that they stay on that str8 and narrow path . . .

"Pijamada" - Perhaps once every three months, we have a sleepover (pijamada) at the ministry center where all the guys or just gals get invited to participate, talk about serious girl stuff (jr. high & high school age), eat some great food provided by our beloved back home, stay up all night and watch movies, get fed the Word by my wife Maribel and Sayra (high school leader), pray for each other, "wash" each other's feet (sometimes literally), snack on junk food all night, and then after nearly no sleep all go out to eat the next morning at a local restaurant (photo-right) which is a rarity for most of our kids. They absolutely LOVE being spoiled this way, and three of our girls mentioned this was their first time going out to breakfast like a family - we always tell the kids we ARE family, and our Father in heaven who provides for us loves to bless His kids - truth be told, when I heard Nancy (gal up top) say it was her first time, I held back the tears because this is the same Nancy who we hadn't seen in months until she walked by our new location in September - the same kid who most probably was being sex-trafficked by her parents (poverty driven) two years ago when she first joined us, our kid Nancy who has been purposely kept out of school (should be in jr. high) so she can work and provide income for her family.

PLEASE pray for all our girls, especially Nancy, that God would bring healing and Nancy would be able to return to school and just enjoy being a kid in His arms . . .



gymnasium where we can play 7 on 7 indoor soccer and not get dirty or full of mud (no grass in Ensenada). Other times we just take a tour of all the sights in Ensenada (La Bufadora, Ensenada Museums) that our kids have never visited, a walk along the harbor is a favorite, and getting a boat tour of the entire harbor is always fun!

Sometimes, as the Lord leads, my wife takes only a few girls out to minister to, bless them with anything they may need (ALWAYS need clothes), and get fed the God-ordained Word with some amazing food provided by our beloved. To the right (photo) are Samantha (13), Mariana (13), & Kimberly (14), who were invited out last week by my wife - each needed much encouragement and hugs from my wife - please continue to pray for my wife as she takes on the responsibility of being a "mom" to over 30 kids at the ministry. God give us the strength. . .

FINALLY - please lift me up in prayer, that this intense pain from my abdomen after surgery on Friday subsides quickly, and we can drive back home to Ensenada soon - the Lord heals.

ALL OF OUR LOVE,
Walt y Maribel y Los Elegidos

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Thursday Fun Day - Last month, we took about 12 of our kids (photo-left) to the local climbing center headed by our teacher Luis who has been training Los Elegidos how to climb walls (NOT border walls) since 2019, all of course financed by our beloved back home! Thursdays have evolved into a fun day just for the elementary kids and those who have recently transitioned to Jr. High.

We leave "the hood" (El Zorro) at 3pm, make a quick stop to pick up Maribel on the way, then head over to the place where the activity is planned, sometimes to the bowling center, other times running on the beach near our home - we love to visit "La Cascara", a huge

