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## The violence in and around Ciudad Juarez Continues

We are all painfully aware of the situation in Juarez. One area that is being hit especially hard is Loma Blanca, where Pastor Jesus and Lety are located with their ministry, Tocando Puertas. Please keep them, as well as all the others, in your prayers. The outreach efforts at Tocando Puertas, Toribio and elsewhere continue in spite of the violent conditions. These are in fact islands of hope. Your ongoing financial support is needed! Please continue to support the Arrow Outreach ministries in Ciudad Juarez. Go to our website (<http://arrowoutreach.org>) to see how to send much needed funds to this ministry.

## Verdad y Redencion - Progress!

Arrow Outreach has its roots in Ciudad Juarez with Pastor Robellio and his church, Verdad y Redencion. Go to the website and see the pictures of the new sanctuary under construction. Look under the left-hand tab, "Juarez Partners".



## Annual Christmas Parties

Each year various churches working with Arrow Outreach provide Christmas parties for the families in our partner churches in Juarez. Go to the website to see pictures from this year's parties at Tocando Puertas (look under Latest Updates). There was a party specifically for those that frequent the center: 80 kids, 13 teens and 35 adults. There was another party at the school with 500 kids.



## Outreach Opportunities

Members of the Arrow Outreach Board and several Mexican pastors met in El Paso in December to explore possible mission opportunities where members of the US churches and members of the Mexican churches could work together on projects in the El Paso area. A visit was made to the El Divino Salvador Iglesia Presbiteriana church to evaluate their needs. This church is a small Hispanic church which is reaching out to the community and especially the youth. There is a member of the church who is active in mission work in New Mexico.

A meeting was also held with the assistant director of the Presbyterian Seminary in Juarez who lives in El Paso. We talked to him about ways we could support him in El Paso. Two weeks have been earmarked for outreach projects this summer: Week of June 28 and Week of July 12. Contact your board rep to see how you can get involved in this.

The goal for this summer will be to concentrate on activities that do not take a lot of funds. These activities include nurture, sports ministry, and maintenance. Members of the Mexican churches would work with us to maintain a relationship. Instead of spending money on large construction activities, we would use most of our funds to support the operations in Mexico. This is a hard time for the Mexican church and for the Mexican people. It is also an opportunity to show God's love in the middle of hate and violence.

## Tocando Puertas Update

The ministries of Tocando Puertas continue in spite of the constant dangers in that area. In this article we only mention the various ministries, but you are encouraged to visit the website and read the full report (<http://arrowoutreach.org/Latest Updates.htm>). The pictures below are from the Feeding Program and the Accelerated Elementary Education Program. Construction began on the Tocando Puertas facility less than 3 years ago, and already this ministry is making a tremendous impact on the surrounding community. The community is on the outskirts of the industrial center where a significant number of jobs have been lost in recent years. Tocando Puertas is a light on the hill, a ray of hope, to the people of Loma Blanca. Additional programs are: youth activities, numerous education programs, a clinic, nutrition and hygiene training, a thrift shop and haircutting (training and service). Pastor Jesus also offers opportunities for worship, evangelism, VBS, and Bible study. Go to the website and read about all the education programs happening there! Please pray for Pastor Jesus and Lety as they are God's hands and feet ministering to His children.



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## Shade Houses

Rich has been working with a group in Missouri that builds shade houses (sort of like a greenhouse, only to keep the heat out instead of in). The objective is to be able to grow crops for food and not have them get scorched in the summer sun. With the recent escalation in violence, plans to build these are delayed until later in the year. Please pray for those involved in this effort and for the violence to subside so that we can get this very important project off the ground.

## Scholarship Program Update

The Scholarship Program is going well and we have a record 151 scholarship recipients this school year, a 41% increase over last year. This year, we have 6 students in University, 20 in High School, 123 in Middle School and two in Elementary School. We now have sufficient funds to meet this year's scholarship commitments - \$31,742.

The 2010-2011 school year will see yet another increase in numbers as more and more students will seek an opportunity to lift themselves out of the circle of poverty.

Read more about this on the website under "Latest Updates".