

# WE'RE BACK!

## Eli House Returns

In late March, Eli House opened doors for all of our students to come once again. Because of capacity limitations, students were allowed to attend twice a week instead of four days a week. Our staff & students were excited to return, & we made many good memories from March - July.



Public schools in Mexico remained online for the school year, provoking issues for many students. Before we re-opened the doors to them, we tutored our children who struggled the most & let those without internet/electric use our computers. We hope in August that the public schools will return to being in-person & that our children can come four days a week. We finished off this school year as we always do, with a fun graduation ceremony for the children & families.

## Introducing Belén (Bethlehem)

In late February, we were introduced to a ministry opportunity on the western side of San Luis Río Colorado, near the farm fields. This is an area where some of the poorest people live, making bricks from cow dung. The Belén feeding center was started 10 years ago by a local pastor; however, donations have fallen off dramatically. As a result, they were only able to feed children on Saturday

mornings, & often just chips & Kool-Aid. Our board met with the director & determined that we could help by offering additional financial support to feed more children more often. We are pleased to announce that we have formed a partnership with Belen & 25 children are now being fed 3 days a week with a nutritious meal & a Bible lesson. For more information on this new ministry or to donate, please contact David at [sponsorship@ehmission.org](mailto:sponsorship@ehmission.org) or visit our website [ehmission.org/loaves-and-fish-program](http://ehmission.org/loaves-and-fish-program).



## Missions Trips / Looking Ahead

Dr. Jamie Terhune & some of his staff came down for a very brief dental trip in May 2021, followed by a construction team the next week. We are very grateful to both teams for the work that they did & their willingness to serve! In December 2021, we are doing our annual Christmas trip, followed by a medical trip the first week of 2022. If you are interested in joining/planning a trip in the future please let us know!

Before 2021 ends, we are going to send out new profiles to all the sponsors with updated information for their children. Keep watching your mail this year for some goodies!

## Open Positions!

We are looking to add to our staff! A couple positions that need filled are: director/host family, marketing, and someone to speak in churches & at fundraising events. Additionally, if you have other skills or passions that you would like to use to serve the kingdom of God and Eli House, contact us & we would be more than happy to talk to you!

## Saying Goodbye

Esmeralda, who has been the Eli House cook since 2017, has completed her last year serving with us. She is leaving so she can spend more time with her young teenager & husband. We have enjoyed all the laughter, fun, and good food she has brought to Eli House over the last few years. She will certainly be missed!



## VBS Trip 2021



Take 12 mission team members, add 105° heat & lots of water, & you get two great Vacation Bible Schools in Mexico! In the mornings we held VBS at the Belen feeding center, serving 40 children with crafts, games, Bible stories and lots of good food. On Friday, the local fire department came and watered the children down for a grand finale! In the evenings, we held VBS at Ismaschias with another 50 children. The 5 Bible lessons focused on the Holy Spirit, and our crafts helped reinforce these lessons. We played even more water games, since it was so hot, and we ate lots of ice cream! It was refreshing to see the children enjoying themselves after the tough COVID year. We are grateful to our mission team for enduring the heat to serve the children of San Luis Río Colorado.

