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ELI HOUSE MISSION

High School Graduate!







W e are proud to announce that one of our students, Jesús Gómez Solano, is graduating high school this summer! You may know him by his nickname, Chuchuy. He graduates high school

with a specialty in Micro Business Development. His future plans are to attend college in Mexicali, Baja California (1 hour and 20 minutes from Eli House) to study education with the goal of becoming a high school teacher. He eventually would like to study music and open a recording studio as well. Chuchuy has been an asset to our program in numerous ways, such as helping with food, homework, and recess monitoring. When talking about his time in the program, Chuchuy says that, "Money-wise, it was a great blessing

Chuchuy (above)
pictured during
Christmas 2019 playing
in the worship band at
church

for my family, and it helped me buy items like uniforms and school supplies while at the same time I was able to spend time with the little ones at Eli House and help them with things like homework and music class, as well as do maintenance and cleaning for the school." For the last 2 years

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Chuchuy has been a part of our high school program. His sponsors, Greg and Penny Traber, send their congratulations and wish him well in his future endeavours. He has truly been a blessing in our program and we are excited to see what God has in store for him!

COVID-19 Response

Like the United States, Mexico is being impacted by the coronavirus. Eli House made sure that our children and their families were taken care of during this time. Since March 24th, we have given out 400 bags of "dispensa" or pantry items. A few of the items we have given are pasta, beans, canned food, and even toilet paper. For multiple families (including the Lares family in the photo to the right), this was the only food they had for a period of time. We are so glad to have been able to help them out during this time of need. A huge thank you to you sponsors who donated so we could give the families the dispensa bags. It really made an impact that we could not have done without you. San Luis RC continues to be under quarantine for the foreseeable future. We ask for your continued prayers. We currently don't know when we will be able to start up school again, but God willing, our building and courtyard will soon be filled with laughter and joyous smiles!



Part of the Lares family with their dispensa. 4 of the children attend Eli House

Excitement for the Future

While quite a few things are on hold around the world, there is still a lot of excitement and positivity regarding Eli House and the future. At the end of December 2019, God brought us in contact with another organization in San Luis called **Hearts Empowering the**

Poor (HEP). They minister in a variety of ways, but their main focus is building houses. We are starting to partner with them to build houses in the future with our teams, and we praise God for the doors he has opened with HEP. We invite you to come down on a mission trip and build a house with us and HEP soon!

Right before the virus hit in March, we were able to host Dayspring Medical, who served at our medical clinic. They saw 129 patients in 3 days, not counting 43 of our Eli House students. God moved in many ways (including even a minor earthquake during the last evening) and we thank Dayspring for their hard work and willingness to serve! If you follow our social media, you may have seen that we recently got a large donation of dental equipment! Dr. Peshoff of Canton, Ohio, recently retired and donated his equipment to Eli House. For now, we are storing the

Medical Trip Fun Facts

- Our oldest patient was 83 years old and the youngest was 3 months old
- We gave out 49 pair of reading glasses
- One of the top reasons people came to the clinic was for musculoskeletal pains/headaches

equipment in the States before taking it across the border. So many people worked to make this all possible, and we would like to extend a sincere thank you to Dr. Peshoff and to those who helped.