

The Good News

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Manna from Heaven

Flor's Testimony

The Tarahumaras Indians, an indigenous people-group native to Chihuahua, Mexico, are often discriminated against within the local community and are subject to deplorable conditions and abuse. However, in the midst of such suffering, God opened the heart of a Tarahumara woman named Flor. Her father had struggled with alcoholism and at some point made the tragic decision to take the lives of her mother and eight siblings. She believes that the reason she was not killed was because she was able to generate money to feed her father's addiction. Rosie met Flor on the Tarahumara settlement and learned of her heart-breaking past. God was stirring Flor's heart that day. She explained to Rosie how she lived in caves, as many Tarahumaras often do. She lay on a rock - starving, cold, and bruised - in pain from abuse. After going days without eating, she shared with Rosie that, as she was sleeping, she felt a warm blanket placed upon her. Flor spoke in amazement at how the next day she woke up not feeling hungry. Rosie felt the Spirit prompting her to tell Flor that in that moment God gave her warmth, and Flor believed and accepted Christ that day. Rosie believes that Flor will be the catalyst that brings the remaining thirty Tarahumara families within her community to Christ.

Flor has recently opened her home to Rosie so she can begin to teach the children in her settlement how to read and write. She asked Rosie if she could teach her how to read as well. Rosie's greatest desire is to see Flor read her Bible and discover the many promises Jesus has for her as the Bread of Life.



Rosie & David

Our Story

Almost twenty years ago, the teens at Emmanuel introduced and led our church to partner with Pan Necesario ("Need Bread") School. Since then, Emmanuel has been working alongside David and Rosie, missionaries called by God to serve the least of these - impoverished children with physical and spiritual needs.

In 2016, our beloved Pastor Vic and ministry leaders felt led to seek and share the Gospel with an unreached people-group. Leadership prayed and trusted God to answer. Shortly thereafter, during a ministry visit to Mexico in 2017, one of our leaders was introduced to the Tarahumaras, an indigenous Indian community in the Northeastern region of Mexico. However, God did not fully open the door until 2019 when He led two small teams to visit the school and serve the Tarahumaras. Through this visit, God revealed how Emmanuel could better support Pan Necesario and the Tarahumaras into the future.

In late 2019, David and Rosie suffered some personal challenges, and then COVID-19 came along to complicate matters. Since then Emmanuel has stepped-up by providing additional short-term, monthly support to ensure that the school and the Tarahumara outreach continue to thrive.

To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but the one who receives it. - Revelation 2: 17

La Corona

(Translation: "The Crown")

In these uncertain times, it is encouraging to know that the King of Kings is seated on His throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe fills the temple. He upholds the Pan Necesario School with His righteous right hand, and graciously multiplies His provisions.

Over the past few weeks, David and Rosie have been diligently working to minimize the impact of COVID-19 to the Pan Necesario School. In an effort to comply with social distancing guidelines, the school has closed and transitioned to homeschool practices. Due to the lack of access to computers and technological tools, Rosie and her staff have been printing homework assignments so that all twenty-three students can remain on track with state curriculum requirements. Only God could have known that the printer provided to the school last year by Emmanuel Church would enable them to continue dispensing academic and biblical lesson packets to students today. Parents have been willing to pick up the homework packets periodically. Once students complete them, parents drop packets off. Rosie and her staff grade and return them for revisions as needed.

Some parents have lost their jobs at the local factories due to this pandemic. Therefore, the meals that Rosie prepared for the students during school hours have now been extended to feed the students and their families.

Rosie and her staff prepare hot meals-to-go a few times a week. They also provide food offerings (rice, tuna, beans, oil, milk, oatmeal, etc.) so families can have food for a few days until Rosie can replenish supplies since markets have not been able to



restock quickly. Rosie is grateful to God for multiplying His provision much like the way Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish to feed the five thousand. Rosie will continue to do this as long as the school is closed and God continues to graciously multiply His provisions.

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Los Tarahumara

Native Mexican Indian Tribe

The Tarahumara women, along with their daughters, use their skills to create and sell their handmade crafts on the streets. Some girls, as young as five years of age, are taught to beg and sell. The men work wherever they can, but sometimes they are not paid a full day's wage because of corruptive practices. Many times there is nothing to eat. Rosie's heart breaks at the injustice the Tarahumaras suffer due to widespread discrimination from society. In January of 2019, Rosie was asked by the Tarahumara women if she would teach their children how to read and write. In many cases, in order for the children to receive schooling they must live at homes outside the community that provide such services. However, sometimes this may not be considered a safe option. Therefore, Rosie agreed to make the long drive periodically, and she uses the opportunity to share with them the hope she has in Christ.



Once COVID-19 broke out, the Tarahumaras were not able to sell their crafts very often. For this reason, Rosie felt led to provide them with warm meals and food offerings two-three times a week - much like she does for the Pan Necesario families. Due to their own ongoing health issues, Rosie and David have been practicing social distancing. Rosie prints homework packets so the children can still practice and learn since they have been enthusiastic about their learning. She also provides families with hygiene kits filled with soap, disinfectants, toilet paper, etc. Rosie taught them some COVID related changes, such as how to wash their hands, emphasizing basic hygiene like taking showers, and washing their hair. She has to keep her instruction to a basic level since they have a limited understanding of how illnesses occur, much less what this Coronavirus means for their people. She provides pregnant young ladies with vitamins, and ointments for those with skin infections. Through this, she teaches the Tarahumaras that God is the Provider of all, and she is only His hands and feet.

Congratulations to Mayra on her new Tarahumara baby girl born 5/9/2020! (No name given yet.)