

Repair

Rebuild

Restore

RBW Missions has a little by-line that says *“Crossing cultures to build the Kingdom.”* Culture is defined by Merriam-Webster as *“the customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group”*. Thus, RBW connects people from the US evangelical culture group with a different evangelical cultural group, usually in Mexico or Nicaragua, to work together to present Jesus’ redeeming message to more people.

God had made a covenant with His people. They were to worship Him alone, to live distinctly, and He would bless them. They broke the covenant with Him. Completely. Repeatedly. The nation split. The worse half, Israel, fell to the Assyrians. And, in the latter chapters of Isaiah, the prophet predicts how Judah will also fall, Jerusalem will be destroyed, but God will graciously restore them. He calls God’s people to return to Him. In chapter 58, Isaiah rebukes them for having the form of religion but having lost God’s heart. If they had God’s heart, they would loose the chains of injustice, untie the cords of the yoke, set the oppressed free, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked. If they would be the people with the heart to do these things, they would be called **Repairers of Broken Walls**. Though this word was directed to the Israelites of the day, we’re pretty sure that God expects the same thing from us today.



Paul called the Colossian believers “God’s chosen people” and instructed them to clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (3:12) All are virtues which begin inwardly but are expressed outwardly in our interactions with the world around us. Peter, in his first epistle, calls believers “a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. . . that we might declare the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.” Then he directs us to “live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God. . .”(2:9, 12). Even Jesus included us in His priestly prayer recorded in John 17. He asked the Father to bring us- “those who will believe in Me through their message”- to complete unity so that the world may believe . . .(vs.20-24). The way we live our lives and interact with others matters. Francis Chan blogged, *“29,000 kids will die today of preventable causes. If I’m to love my neighbor AS MYSELF, why spend so much time worrying about me?”*¹ We’ve been called to be His, and to love others as His representatives and be verifiers of the truth. So where does that lead us and what do we do now? Sometimes, the answer’s as simple as walking through a doorway He’s already put in front of us and opened wide.



For example, we’ve been working with **Mario and Blanca Hernandez** at the Casa Hogar Oasis de los Niños in Mexico for 11 years. We’ve watched the first kids come and go and a whole bunch in between. We’ve brought teams down, sent money, even helped team member’s family move there for two longer term stints. Through it all, we’ve watched and prayed as they’ve struggled from month to month to pay the bills and maintain adequate help. What does God want us to do? Why did He bring us together? Maybe it isn’t as complicated as we’ve made it.

This past January, some team members suggested we make a way for people to sponsor kids in order to bring in a steady flow of support. They wanted to be the first ones to give. So, with this prayer letter, we’re launching our **“Kids at the Casa” sponsorship**. Support is just \$30 a month. If you’re interested, read the next page to find out how you can become part of this effort.

¹francischanblog.blogspot.com

YOU can make a difference!



Eduardo



Isabel



Jesús



Monse

Would you please consider sponsoring a child at Casa Hogar Oasis? **Make this the year that you impact the life of a child like Eduardo, Isabel, Jesús & Monse.**

UNICEF estimates that more than 100 million children live on the streets of our world. We can't imagine what life is like for them and we'd like to do something. Casa Hogar Oasis in Sabinas Hidalgo will have 20—30 children (more if qualified house parents can be secured) will have a warm bed, nourishing food, education, medical care, hugs, prayers, security and Christian love instead of hunger, fear, abuse or neglect. For \$30 a month, you can help support a child. We'll send you a picture and some helpful information about the one you select and we'll keep you updated on their lives, special needs, and progress in school. The enclosed remittance card has a place to mark if you'd like to get more information or begin sponsorship.

...Jesus called the little ones to Him. He cares and so do we.

Soon our new website will have information on all the children at Casa Hogar. You'll be able to go online and see how they're doing with periodic updates. And you're always welcome to take a trip down to visit them. This is a great project for a Sunday School class or Bible study group. Go ahead, get connected.

Pastor's Conference - November 9-13, 2015 in Nicaragua

The third biannual Pastor's Conference is coming up this fall to be held in San Marcos, Nicaragua. We will be gathering pastors and spouses from across Nicaragua to be refreshed, equipped, and challenged in their service for the Lord. Our goal is to have 100 Nicaraguan co-laborers join us for this event. We're planning 4 days of prayer, teaching, counsel, rest, worship, and fun. These pastors come from a number of different denominations, but we're joined together in the family of God. The sweetness of unity amongst the brethren is a fragrance that wafts heavenward and delights the Father. To see the video from the 2013 retreat, go to youtube.com and search **Adopt A Pastor, Yes Done**. If your heart is in pastor development and you'd like to help, check that box on the remittance card and return it to us. We're asking for **prayer partners** to begin interceding for the conference starting now, and for **financial partners** to share in the estimated cost of \$16,000-\$18,000. After the conference, we'll have more pastors interviewed and waiting to be adopted. We'll continue working together as long as the Lord allows... for His glory and the fame of His Name.

