

## Community Center of the Holy Spirit

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# Juarez Journal



It's been some time since we've had a chance to bring you up-to-date because there is always so much going on. One exciting story to share is how the mission received a brand new oven...**THANK YOU JESUS!**

We received an email from Mr. Keith Underwood from Washington State who had visited the mission with John and Leanne Bergford. While at the mission Keith had worked in the kitchen and experienced firsthand its many inconveniences. When he returned home, Keith asked God to show him how he could further help the mission and God placed in his heart the desire to replace our 40-year-old oven. When Keith asked for permission to replace the oven we first thought of the many other items that the money could be used for. But Keith remained steadfast that God was calling him to replace the oven.

Our Washington friends began raising the funds and planning their trip to bring a new oven to the mission. We searched on our end for someone with the expertise to arrange for a Mexican permit to cross the oven and transportation to bring it over the border. On the day the Washington group arrived in El Paso, the import company that was to assist us ran into problems and cancelled. All seemed lost. But we never lost hope that God would provide and placed



everything in His hands. A friend from Juarez volunteered to transport the 500 lb. oven, seven men, and myself in his old, rickety truck. The truck honestly sounded as if was about to stall at any moment. To make the day more challenging, the temperature climbed to a blistering 103 and the truck had no air conditioning. Looking into the hot, tired

faces of our Washington State friends I could see that they doubted we could make it a city block let alone all the way over the bridge and to the mission. But everything is possible by the grace of God. God had to have had His angels pushing that truck all the way to the mission.

**GLORY TO GOD AND THANK YOU JESUS HE MADE THE IMPOSSIBLE, POSSIBLE!** When the new oven arrived at the mission, Dr. Hugo, Chava, Jesus, and the men from Washington unloaded and maneuvered it into the kitchen. When the men lifted the old oven off the table it sat on, rust and corrosion fell to the floor. Our poor old oven was in even worse shape than we realized! Keith found a gas leak inside the old oven and let us know that only by the grace of God had we avoided an explosion. This was a clear sign of how awesome is our God. He knew what His mission needed. He placed it in the heart of one individual, and that one individual answered His call and gathered others to help, and they too answered His call. The mission now has a new oven. **GLORY TO GOD & THANK YOU JESUS!!**

Our Washington group worked long and hard that weekend to install the new oven, remove the old oven, clean and fix our two stoves, our grill and small ovens, move electrical lines, and replace gas lines. Along with the new stove, we also received a commercial microwave, a Vitamix blender, plates, cups, kitchen knives, dish towels, large baking sheets, and pans. God showered His blessings down on His mission, and everything that has been on our mission's wish list for the kitchen was fulfilled.

Our kitchen volunteers are now working in a safe kitchen, and they have expanded our lunch menu to include baked dishes. The children have really enjoyed being served pizzas.

**THANK YOU JESUS, WHAT A TREAT!**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for always remembering the mission.

Thank you for always caring for God's poor.



**Glory to God and Thank You Jesus for Your Mission.**