

# A Journey of the Heart

## Juarez Journal

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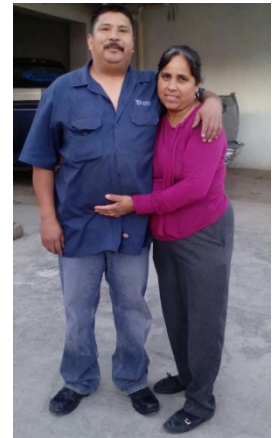
It has been so long since we have written an update on our Juarez mission and all our mission family. Many have asked us how COVID-19 has affected the work at the mission and all our volunteers. By the grace of God and with everyone's help, we have been able to keep the doors of God's Juarez mission open, and we have continued

caring for his poor. We have remained open as the city has allowed us, keeping our medical and dental clinic open, our wake chapel for small funeral services, and our main doors open as a food pantry serving so many people in need. We patiently wait for the city to allow the reopening our dining room and daycare, and all will happen in God's timing.

Since the beginning of COVID-19, Pili was at the mission everyday ensuring the doors remained open, when the rest of us were too scared to go. She was there to dispense groceries to so many people in dire need. She was there to listen to so many people going through such hard times. She was placing orders for all that the mission needed, scheduling deliveries for the sick, disabled, and elderly. She was there every Sunday morning at 5:00 a.m. at the Chamizal Park in Juarez, to pick up food donations from El Paso. She was there to schedule our volunteers, alternating times to ensure social distancing was observed. When restrictions eased up, she was there to schedule funeral services at our wake chapel. She was there when everyone needed her the most, and now Pili needs us.

Pili has been sick now for over a week, with all the symptoms of COVID-19, and has quarantined herself in

her home. She is receiving shots every three days. Over a year ago in talking with me, she said there were so many neighbors around the mission and her home that were dying. I remember her telling me those that went to the hospital never came home. Pili took every precaution that she could take, and during the toughest of times, she never faltered in her calling to care for those in need. Our sweet Saint Pili needs all your prayers for her recovery. She is having the hardest time staying home because she keeps telling me there is so much work needs to be done and there are so many people that need her. Our sweet Pili always places others needs before hers. She is just like Dad, when I ask her how she feels she always tells me she feels fine. Her family at home sees her daily and see that she still does not look good, and they are making sure she listens to them and places her health first, so she can get better and continue the work that she loves so much.



Thank you for all your prayers and for never forgetting God's poor. You have all helped in caring for God's poor through this pandemic, and your prayers for Pili will help her in her recovery.

We love of each of you so much more than our words can ever express. You are all part of our mission family and you are all in our daily prayers.

Christ's Peace ❤️