



JEM Ministries Newsletter April 2012

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In the last 6 months, we...

Oct 2011

Hosted volunteers from Canada, who helped with community service

Welcomed volunteers from the US Consulate to help with construction of the medical clinic and kitchen

Nov 2011

Hosted Thanksgiving dinner

Dec 2011

Held a gala celebrating 15 years of service

Conducted our annual Christmas Toy Drive

Welcomed a volunteer team from Illinois, who helped with construction of the orphanage

Jan 2012

Hosted a volunteer Team from Michigan, who helped finish construction of the roof of the medical clinic

Feb 2012

Began giving Opportunity Program awards

Mar 2012

Greeted a volunteer team from Alabama, which tiled the community kitchen

Hosted volunteer students from UTEP, who organized donations

Overall

Given out 19,900 pounds of food and 42,500 pounds of clothing

From the Ruiz Family

My dear friends,

I hope that this new edition of JEM Ministries Newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. Starting in April 2012, we will publish this newsletter every six months. It is our hope that we may share more with you about all the exciting work that we do thanks to your generous support.

The Ruiz Family continues its' journey through the construction of the community center in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua. Jesus Jr. has a few more weeks left as a sophomore in high school. As for Elizabeth, God willing she will be graduating from the University of Texas at El Paso this December!

Please let us know how you are doing as well!

Yours Truly,

María Ruiz



To help or Not To Help?

In this article, Elizabeth Ruiz, Co-Founder of JEM Ministries, examines businesses' role in community service. To read the full article, [click here](#).

Established in 1996, JEM Ministries is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in El Paso, TX, serving the communities in El Paso, TX and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Our mission is to provide **relief** for basic needs: food, clothing, shelter, health, education; to build **relationships** with and among each individual that we serve; and to bring **restoration** to the community.

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In the Community



2011-2012 Scholarships

This year we gave out scholarships to 40 children from ages 5 to 17, to continue their studies. Not only does it help the children continue their education, but it also relieves the stress on the family so that they will not be forced to work prematurely. [Help a child stay in school.](#)

Opportunity Program

Our theme this year is "freely you have received, freely give." In 2012, every month we will provide an opportunity to an individual or a family. So far we had reimbursed six families for the cost of applying for a US visa or for purchasing a laptop computer.



Toy Drive and Thanksgiving Dinner

Every year we give out something special during the holiday season, and this past year was no exception. Because of your support, young and old alike were able to enjoy a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!



We Need Your Support:

Monetary (for)

Fresh food for breakfasts
Construction Materials
Scholarships

Goods

Non-perishable food
Clothes / Shoes
Personal Hygiene Products
Toys
School Supplies
Household Products

Furniture / Equipment

Tables and Chairs
Commercial Refrigerators
& Freezers
Buffet Warmer Table
Large Double Sinks for
Bathrooms

Commercial microwaves
Toilets and Stalls
Twin Mattresses
Chests of Drawers
Personal Computers
Air Conditioners

Services

Licensed Heating and
Cooling Technician
Licensed Electrician
Website Maintenance
Attorney licensed in
Mexico

Building on the Rock

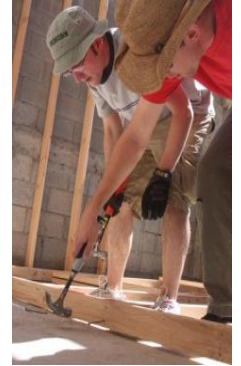


15 Years of Service Gala

2011 was a special year because we celebrated JEM Ministries' 15th anniversary! Our gratitude goes to everyone who helped us along the way, and to those who made this first gala possible. To watch the highlights of the event, [click here](#).

Thank you, Volunteers!

We continue to host volunteers from all over the country who help us build, cook, serve and organize. Thanks to their time and effort, we made significant progress on the construction of the orphanage, kitchen, and medical clinic in the past six months. See the list on the left for ways you can help too!



Top left 1: Volunteers from Alabama laying tiles in kitchen.
Top left 2: Volunteers from UTEP organizing donations
Top Right: Volunteers from US Consulate General in Ciudad Juarez building a wall for the medical clinic
Left: Before and after view of the interior wall of the orphanage wall, finished by volunteers from Bourleson, TX

How you can help

Christmas in July

Christmas is still months away, but we are already stocking up on gifts for children. Every year we bring thousands of toys across the border, but we cannot do it all at once. Donating a new, \$5 to \$10 dollar toy right now will help us make sure the gifts arrive in Ciudad Juarez in time for Christmas. You may donate by mail using the address on the first page of this newsletter, or by dropping them off at 813 Los Lagos Way, El Paso, TX.

Become a JEM Ambassador

Wondering how you can share with others about JEM Ministries? Below are a few tips to help you start. Please contact us for more detailed program information.

1. Display our newly designed information card at your office, business, home, or church. They are small and easy for people to take, and will be a great conversation opener.
2. Host a fundraiser / information session at your home, church, or office. If you are in the El Paso / Juarez / Las Cruces area, we will come and share our vision and journey.
3. Show your support by purchasing our 15 year anniversary merchandise. Whether you go shopping in our T-shirts or use our mug for coffee at work, you can let more people know about us.
4. Like us on Facebook so your friends will see us. It's that easy!

Do you need tax deduction?

With many parts the community center's construction coming to an end, it is time for us to make it fully operational. Please contact us if you or your business would like to donate much-needed items. A partial list of these items appears on the left. Contact us for the full list.

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Relief

...Freely you have received, freely give. Matthew 8:10

Relationship

Restoration