



April Newsletter



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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

What a wonderful and exciting time to be part of what God is doing at FLC. Over the past month, we announced the first steps we as a church will take next as we follow God's will in building up the body of Christ here in Castle Rock. These are giant steps that God is asking us to take, yet I am confident that when we step into them in faith, God will bring us directly where He wants us to go.

At this point, you may ask yourself, where is God taking us? What is the vision for FLC? To understand a vision within a church context, we must be vigilant about understanding the context within which God has placed our church. We are in a growing area with a large family demographic. Not all churches exist in this context. FLC does, so we begin to understand what sharing the gospel and "doing the work of the church" looks like for a church dedicated to God's task.

When the Pharisees approached Jesus in Matthew 22, they inquired, hoping to trip Him up, about the greatest commandment in the law. Jesus correctly told them that God seeks our entire love and dedication to Him first, and secondly that we love one another as ourselves. The Pharisees placed all their hope on completing the law of God to every exact point, so understanding entirely what God expected of them was paramount. Now, let's not grow confused; we know that even in the law, we will come up short and that the grace of God saves us through the work of Jesus Christ. In other words, we are not trying to earn God's love by following His task (law). However, this is the best way to understand how God thinks and what best glorifies Him in the work of His church.

Yet Jesus' answer wasn't a new way of doing things or living the Christian life. The idea that Christ shared with them came from Deuteronomy 6. In the fifth verse, God's message to the Israelites as they encountered

their new home was, "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*" This is what Jesus says in Matthew 22:37. Deuteronomy 6 continues with instructions to teach your entire household what it means to love God with all your heart and remind them of all God has done.

As we move into the next phase of the life of FLC, we embrace once again the new life we have in Christ and make a concerted effort to share that love and grace of Christ with all people. Our culture, or environment with which we enter this new life, is filled with families in all situations. And our vision is to open doors to all people in those families. That means ministering to 1-year-olds through 110-year-olds and everyone in between facing all sorts of life issues. Of course, one person can not do this by themselves. As a church family, we need to be sure we all see the same vision and embrace it together so that we all carry out the vision for FLC that God has tasked us with.

So many churches today are struggling with family membership that when one enters their doors, they see most people of the same generation. While that church is still doing important work, they often face that situation because they expect one person (usually the pastor) to be responsible for "bringing the young people in." Sadly, this is dreadfully incorrect. A healthy church has all its people actively carrying out the same vision. That is easier when the vision is simple and clearly communicated. Our mission is Loving God, Loving People, and Serving Our Community. Our vision is how we carry that mission out. The first step is opening our doors at two different times with two different service styles. The second is bringing on a youth and family pastor to help develop our family and youth ministries. The third is to begin a building project that will help us better meet families' needs. Yet that is not the end, only the beginning. We must continue to find ways to volunteer to help run these family ministries. We need volunteers dedicated to carrying the gospel message

to the communities that enter our doors every week through the preschool and those who will carry that same message to the neighborhoods around our church. Let us look at those around us with the same

compassion that Christ had when He said, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."* Matthew 9:37

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Denton L. Bennet, Jr



Sharing the Love of Christ in the former Soviet Union

I'm excited to be returning to Latvia this June! Latvia was under Nazi occupation and then Soviet rule spanning from 1941 to 1991. After declaring independence from the Soviet Union, freedom of religion and worship was restored for the first time since 1941. Even now, more than three decades after the fall of the Soviet Union, there is still only a small remnant of believers who are desperately trying to fan the embers of faith in a society that still functions largely in the long shadow of its atheist communist past.

The SON Network serves these spiritual orphans in former communist nations who need teaching, discipleship, and for someone to let them know they have a God who loves them and brothers and sisters in Christ who care about them, even from quite far away. Spiritual orphans lack a connection to God. They often feel isolated and alone. This creates an absence of hope, no concept of forgiveness, and a lack of identity. SON Network is a relational ministry that engages people in the Gospel through our long-term cooperation with indigenous ministries and church leaders. Together, we serve a part of the world that already provides basic human needs and infrastructure. What they need most is Jesus Christ!

In John 14:18, Jesus says, *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."* He's comforting his disciples here, and telling them that when he's gone, he will send his Holy Spirit to them. When Jesus cannot be physically with them here on earth, he will send his Spirit, who will dwell in each one of us who believe. Christ does not abandon his children to the hardships of the world.

Last summer we took a team of 10 people to Latvia and taught a week-long Bible camp for kids. It was a lot like what we'd consider VBS here in our country, except it was all day long and for a full week. We brought all our own supplies and materials, did lesson planning before the trip, and set about the task of sharing Christ with children in Latvia. I taught a class of ten 4th and 5th graders, along with the help of a translator. I taught three one-hour Bible classes per

day, and in between the kids would rotate through music, crafts, and outdoor activities. These Latvian families are so grateful for our presence, and they appreciate that we're there to share the Word of God with their kids!



Despite its strong historically pagan roots, the majority of Latvia now considers itself Lutheran. But don't let that fact mislead you, because only 7% of the population regularly attends church. One result of the forced atheism of the Soviet occupation is that there is no older generation to come alongside and share the faith with young people. Religion

had been outlawed for 50 years, and allegiance to the communist state was necessary for survival.

In the absence of faith, sinful habits have developed in the culture. Marriage is at an all-time low, and premarital sex and children born out of wedlock are the norm. Fathers are much less involved in their children's upbringing in Latvia. Out of the ten missionaries on our team last year, six were men, and the kids seemed to really enjoy attention and praise from these male role models, since that can be strikingly lacking in their lives.

Latvia became an independent nation again in 1991. But the effects on society from all of this history – both political and wartime trauma, as well as the damage done to familiar institutions of society, the restructuring of the school system to better indoctrinate children with Soviet precepts, for example, and the implications from generations of this trauma upon social systems and families... children without fathers, many people never marry, an epidemic of premarital sex...it's just staggering. These people have endured so much and have lived in a physical and emotional survival mode for generations.

We can look across the landscape of Latvia and see utter devastation to its social fabric, the sanctity of the family, the economy and livelihoods of its people, the educational system, and so much more. But God sends Christian missionaries to Latvia because he

wants his children to know his forgiveness and love. The Good News of Jesus Christ is our message today to the people of Latvia. This is the Gospel. And it's taking hold!

One of the most profound moments during my trip last summer happened when I was in-between teaching classes. I was heading down the stairs, and I could hear the music class in session down on the first floor. And I just stopped in my tracks, so moved by what I was hearing. The kids were singing about Jesus. They were singing about the love of God, and how they trusted him even when bad things happened in their lives that they didn't understand. And this joyful singing was LOUD!


This may seem completely normal at first, an American pastor listening to kids singing about Jesus. But then I remembered that I was standing in the former Soviet Union, where Jesus Christ had been outlawed for generations. Here I was, witnessing an entire school full of children, in a former communist nation, who were singing and praising God at the top of their lungs! I imagine the Soviets would roll over in their graves if they could hear these young children

joyfully singing about their Lord Jesus Christ! It was a surreal moment and, blinking back tears, I hurried down the stairs to join them!

Many people in Latvia don't know the one, true God. They are spiritual orphans who are living in this world unaware of their Heavenly Father and they're waiting to hear a message of hope, grace, and love! Will you help?

Please consider sharing in this opportunity as the Lord leads you, with your prayers or financial support. Please pray for me and for the people I will encounter in Latvia! I do need to raise \$3200 for the trip by the end of April, and that amount covers international airfare, and room & board. If you are able to help financially, I would be so grateful! Just click this link: <https://sonetwork.org/>. Then click the box for "2024 Team Member Support" and choose my name from the dropdown menu. Please let me know if you have questions or if you would like to learn more. God bless you as we share the Gospel message together!

Pastor Jennifer Bennet



CHECK IT OUT!!!

Check out our new website and share it with everyone you know!

faithcrco.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

'May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you His peace.' Numbers 6:24-26

- Apr 11**
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- Apr 15**
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- Apr 16**
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COMMUNITY

Open

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Open

Can You Help Heal A Heart?

Thanks be to God that our church membership is so active in helping others! Thank you all for all that you are doing to bring Christ's love to each other and to our neighborhoods.

Needs and requests have been coming in to the church office for a while that make some pause to pray and question. There seem to be a few categories that call us to look to our mission statement: To love God, to love each other and to serve the community. Much discussion has been had about this and the need for an expanded direction seems to be apparent. Might you feel/hear a calling to help visit those in our community who have requested some support?



1. We have widows and widowers in our community, as well as within our membership, who sometimes could use some help.
2. Senior citizens have moved into our communities to be closer to loved ones. They leave their forever church home and are housebound so that they cannot participate in person at church as they would prefer. Besides visits from a pastor, they would benefit from some Christian camaraderie, an occasional helping hand, and the feeling of connection.
3. There are some church members who are homebound. They get visited by each of our pastors, but sometimes having other Christian friends to talk and pray with, in addition to pastoral visits, would be appreciated.

Attempts have been made in the past to coordinate a few volunteers to help with this sort of service. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help with a project like this. Please pray for those in our community who are in need. Please pray that Faith Lutheran Church will always fulfill our mission statement in a way that is pleasing to our good Father in Heaven. Assisting with this effort would probably only take an hour or so every few weeks. If you would like more information, or have any questions, please contact Kathy Duncan at 303-905-4792 or karzt2@comcast.net.

From Our Music Director

Hi Faith Lutheran Friends,

As I write this article a few days before April 1st, I find myself looking out at several inches of beautiful white snow. I use the word, "beautiful" loosely as I was looking forward to a warm spring day, but realize that we need more moisture in Castle Rock. So praise God, He has blessed us this way. He blesses us in so many ways.

One wonderful way He blesses us is in our enjoyment of music whether using our own talents for His glory or enjoying others' talents. A BIG thank you to all musicians that participated in the Palm Sunday Service on March 24. I heard many comments from the congregation saying how they appreciated the music. So thank all who were involved in that. And as I accompanied on the organ, I heard some lovely sounds from the whole congregation. So I guess I could say you all were participants. Praise God!

Psalm 104:33, "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."

Let's keep singing and praising together!

Char Reid
FLC Music Director





APRIL CALENDAR

Apr 1, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM WOTR
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Preschool Parent Sem.
7:30 PM Castle Rock Band

Apr 2, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM Tues. Men's Group
6:30 PM Grief Share

Apr 3, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM Sarah Circle
1:00 PM InTouch

Apr 4, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
8:30 AM Piece Makers
6:30 PM Thu Night Bible Study

Apr 5, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study

Apr 6, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
10:00 AM Food Pantry

Apr 7, Sunday

8:00 AM Worship Service
9:15 AM Adult Forum
9:15 AM ARK Sunday School
9:15 AM Confirmation Class
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM FLY

Apr 8, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM WOTR
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Preschool Parent Sem.

Apr 9, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM Tues. Men's Group
6:30 PM Grief Share

Apr 10, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg

Apr 11, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
8:30 AM Piece Makers
6:30 PM Thu Night Bible Study

Apr 12, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study

Apr 13, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
10:00 AM Food Pantry

Apr 14, Sunday

8:00 AM Worship Service
9:15 AM Adult Forum
9:15 AM ARK Sunday School
9:15 AM Confirmation Class
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM FLY

Apr 15, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM WOTR
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Preschool Parent Sem.
7:30 PM Castle Rock Ban

Apr 16, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM Tues. Men's Group
6:30 PM Grief Share

Apr 17, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM Sarah Circle
1:00 PM InTouch

Apr 18, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
8:30 AM Piece Makers
6:30 PM Thu Night Bible Study

Apr 19, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study

Apr 20, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
10:00 AM Food Pantry

Apr 21, Sunday

8:00 AM Worship Service
9:15 AM Adult Forum
9:15 AM ARK Sunday School
9:15 AM Confirmation Class
10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM FLY

Apr 22, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM WOTR
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
7:30 PM Castle Rock Ban

Apr 23, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM Tues. Men's Group
6:30 PM Grief Share

Apr 24, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg

Apr 25, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
8:30 AM Piece Makers
6:30 PM Thu Night Bible Study

Apr 26, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study

Apr 27, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
10:00 AM Food Pantry

Apr 28, Sunday

8:00 AM Worship Service
9:15 AM Adult Forum
9:15 AM ARK Sunday School
9:15 AM Confirmation Class
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM FLY

Apr 29, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM WOTR
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study

Apr 30, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM Tues. Men's Group
6:30 PM Grief Share



April Showers Bring May Flowers



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FACILITY MAINTENANCE

Open Position



"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." - Romans 12:4-5



Are You Called To Serve?

We're in need of some ministry assistance and we would absolutely love your help if you're able to lend a hand. Thank you so much in advance for prayerfully considering it!

Nursery Volunteers: sign up sheet is located in the Narthex. If interested, you may also contact Ashley Corbino by emailing missashley@faithcrco.org. Thank you!

A/V Volunteers Needed: We are seeking volunteers to assist with the A/V system during services. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Mark Scott or Pastor Denton.



ARE YOU A FIT FOR OUR TEAM?

Faith Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Facility Maintenance manager. The Facility Maintenance position requires someone skilled in building and grounds maintenance. FLC offers competitive wages, some benefits, and a supportive work environment. If you are skilled in this area, please submit your resume to office@faithcrco.org and thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.



FLC gives 15% of our general fund, the money that you tithe, to various ministries through the work of the benevolence team? We do!!

Please consider tithing today! Scan this QRCode or text keyword FLCCR to (833) 245-4508 to have the giving link delivered to your mobile phone so you can begin giving or tithing.





Language of Love

by the Director of Preschool, Jean Whisman

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

*Love is patient and kind;
love does not envy or boast;
it is not arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

The traditional model of discipline is founded on rules that are upheld through reward and punishment.

The goal is to achieve obedience.

Those who are compliant are rewarded, those who are not compliant are punished.

Fear is the tool used to empower the adult to control children.

Sometimes we mix up punishment and discipline.

Discipline comes from Disciple, and who were the Disciples? They were teachers, so to discipline means to teach. Discipline is not something we do TO children, but something we develop from WITHIN to help build that internal Pause button and develop self-regulation.

Love is the best motivator for learning and growth. Love is more powerful than fear, cooperation more effective than coercion and compassion more powerful than competition.



MONTHLY BIBLE CHALLENGE

Would you like to take on the challenge of reading the entire Bible in the next year? We have a daily reading schedule for you to follow that should only take about 30 minutes of your time each day. Here are the readings for this month. Once you've decided to take the challenge, be sure to tell someone about it and ask them to hold you accountable or even better, read it together! (Print & clip the list, placing it in your bible for easy reference!)

Apr 1	2 Samuel 16-18	Psalms 91	Apr 16	2 Kings 18-19	Psalms 106
Apr 2	2 Samuel 19-21	Psalms 92	Apr 17	2 Kings 20-22	Psalms 107
Apr 3	2 Samuel 22-24	Psalms 93	Apr 18	2 Kings 23-25	Psalms 108
Apr 4	1 Kings 1-3	Psalms 94	Apr 19	Isaiah 1-4	Psalms 109
Apr 5	1 Kings 4-7	Psalms 95	Apr 20	Isaiah 5-8	Psalms 110
Apr 6	1 Kings 8-10	Psalms 96	Apr 21	Isaiah 9-12	Psalms 111
Apr 7	1 Kings 11-13	Psalms 97	Apr 22	Isaiah 13-17	Psalms 112
Apr 8	1 Kings 14-16	Psalms 98	Apr 23	Isaiah 18-22	Psalms 113
Apr 9	1 Kings 17-19	Psalms 99	Apr 24	Isaiah 23-27	Psalms 114
Apr 10	1 Kings 20-22	Psalms 100	Apr 25	Isaiah 28-30	Psalms 115
Apr 11	2 Kings 1-3	Psalms 101	Apr 26	Isaiah 31-35	Psalms 116
Apr 12	2 Kings 4-7	Psalms 102	Apr 27	Isaiah 36-38	Psalms 117
Apr 13	2 Kings 8-11	Psalms 103	Apr 28	Isaiah 39-41	Psalms 118
Apr 14	2 Kings 12-14	Psalms 104	Apr 29	Isaiah 42-44	Psalms 119
Apr 15	2 Kings 15-17	Psalms 105	Apr 30	Isaiah 45-48	Psalms 120



"¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." - Phil 4:19 ESV

Greetings from the Food Pantry Ministry!!

Amazing! Awesome! WOW! Wonderful! Powerful! Beautiful! Giving! Loving! We know there are a lot more words that could be included, but a brief definition of how the weekend went and we only have GOD to THANK!

During the month of March we served a total of 149 families, 690 people. March numbers were up slightly from the prior two months. The Pantry prepared and handed out Easter Dinner Baskets the weekend of the 23rd. In all we served baskets to 40 families, totaling 181 people. Of those 40 families, 33 received weekly groceries, totaling 157 people. We were a little concerned with the low numbers this year, especially only 2 drive-ups, but we are also pleased we served as many families as we did.

We have so many beautiful, wanting-to-help volunteers throughout this month. Notable was the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd, preparing and handing out Easter Dinner Baskets as well as weekly groceries. It was wonderful to see them all work together, 17 on Friday, 22 on Saturday. There were just as many non-FLC members serving as were the FLC members. We can't describe it standing back and watching all the activity going on – to put it in words the synergy there was on both days. Maybe we can – God's Presence.

This ministry allows us to fulfill the Faith Lutheran Church mission statement, "Loving God, Loving Each Other and Serving our Community". When the Spirit calls you to serve and you're not sure where to go, come join us. You'll see firsthand what Jesus is doing in Castle Rock and in our world. It will truly fill, and at the same time shape, your heart. We have a great time. There's lots of love, joy, laughter, tears, fellowship, etc., and we'd love to have you.

As a reminder, the Pantry can always use any of the following items: baby food and formula, baby diapers, dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, toilet paper, hand and bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream for women/unisex, razors, etc. We also welcome donations of food, however, please check expiration dates as we must discard any items that are expired. Please drop donated items in the Food Pantry donation bin at the entrance of the church before 10:00 am on Saturday.

The FP ministry team would like to express their deepest appreciation for all the support you give either by serving in the ministry, donating items, or donating financially. Thanks for all of the prayers for God's continued presence.

With overwhelming gratitude,
Terry Korsvold, Ruth Harvey, Bette Warn, Willis Buehrle & Laura Stevens



Benevolence

Taking Care of God's Family

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. - PROVERBS 3:9-10

Blessings to YOU!

Thank you for your acts of kindness and your generous gifts. Because of you, the church is able to assist so many people through a variety of organizations with the Benevolence funds.

In March we sent financial gifts to SOX Place and Hope's Promise. Here's a little overview on these organizations:

SOX Place - Most are already familiar with SOX Place. We have been partners with SOX Place for many, many years.

- * The SOX Place mission exists to bring the Father's heart to the fatherless, through physical, spiritual, emotional, and social provisions to urban youth subcultures.
- * Sox Place was started in 2002 by father-son team, Doyle and Jordan Robinson. Doyle began his mission by handing out socks to street youth on the 16th Street Mall in downtown Denver. He was soon given the street name "Sox" and opened up a daytime youth drop-in center shortly after. We have been open for twenty years and continue to grow every year.
- * They serve street youth and young adults who range in age from 1-year-olds to those who are in their mid-30s. Many have been abandoned by parents and guardians, some are victims of the foster care system, and most have been tossed aside by society. Addictions to drugs, alcohol, violence, and sex are a part of their everyday lives. Most are just trying to survive!
- * They provide hot meals daily, clothing and socks, blankets, personal hygiene, computer/internet access, and acceptance along with unconditional love and a safe environment. There are activities such as movies, video games, and pool for their enjoyment while at Sox Place. Staff and volunteers spend their time building friendships in order to provide healthy and constructive relationships.

If you want to learn more about this ministry or get involved, please visit www.soxplace.com for more details. There are many volunteer opportunities, and all are welcome to serve.

Hope's Promise – We developed a partnership with Hope's Promise last year. We invited some staff to come in and share their story and mission. All of us felt that God was calling us to this ministry.

Their Mission Statement: Through our Christian ministry of adoption, orphan care, and foster care we walk with expectant parents, hopeful adoptive families, foster families, and orphaned children around the world through life's difficult chapters. Together, we write the story of hope.

Hope's Promise staff will join us during our April 28th services and share their story with the congregation. Please mark this on your calendar and try to attend one of the services. Hope's Promise has many opportunities to get involved. They welcome volunteers to support their ministry. Please visit www.hopespromise.com for more information and details on how you can get involved.

We are working with our other organizations to join us during our services to share their stories and missions. The Faith Lutheran Congregation is faithful with their tithing. Because of YOU Benevolence can partner with these organizations and others to help with their missions and their ministries. Please reach out to the committee if you have any questions or suggestions for new gifting opportunities to serve our community. We are Serving Our Community, here and around the world. God is present, God is Working, God is Providing. Let us Praise Him!!

Following His Guiding Presence,
Willis Buehrle, Ralph Lawson, Peggy Schwartzkopf,
Bev Williams & Laura Stevens

SOX PLACE NEEDS

- * Mens boxers or boxer briefs- all sizes!
- * Travel size shampoo and conditioner
- * Tomato sauce - large commercial cans
- * Nacho cheese sauce - large commercial cans





"³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." - Luke 6:38

Guatemala Update

We have completed the background check on His Hands International/David Varner. The organization passed all criminal, financial and personal measures. We feel confident that working with David and his team in Guatemala will provide a way forward for us to continue to serve the village of Los Castillos. David is getting contact information for the village while he is down there working at his ministry this week.

We again requested and paid for food bags to be delivered to the village last week. Included in the food bags were eggs, corn, rice, beans, potatoes, cooking oil, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. We were able to provide for all 92 families for less than we paid HOPE of Life. David and his son Ben traveled with his team to the village. He was awestruck at how beautiful it was up in the mountains and also at how lovely and friendly the people of Los Castillos were.

While they visited the village, they also brought the medical team from HIS HANDS and they were able to take care of many residents' medical needs.

Ben's daughter, 7 year old Willow passed away from Cancer last fall. To honor her, Ben brought along many of Willow's toys and clothes to share with our village!

While the team was in the Village, David face-timed with me and I was able to say hello to many of the adults and children. The adults were all expressing gratitude to God that we were sending food again. We are praying for God's direction for the best way to move forward.

God bless all of you who continue to donate to our Guatemala fund!

Leanne