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Mexico Outreach 2025

The Lynden Family of Companies sponsored another outreach trip to Mount of Olives Children's Village in Ejido Uruapan, Baja California, Mexico from May 20 – May 30, where they partnered with Missions Network International. The team of 20 represented seven different companies and branches with the mission to build friendships with their coworkers, build relationships with the community of Uruapan, to challenge themselves and grow personally, and to bless the ministry in a tangible way by working hard and completing projects. The team poured their time and energy into building a home for a family in the community, finishing work on other homes, painting on the campus grounds, and much more. The following pages are the personal stories and experiences from several of our team members.



Mexico Outreach 2025 (cont.)

Lori Brown

Sometimes experiences are hard to put into words, this is one of the amazing experiences that I had the opportunity to be part of.

As this is my 4th trip to Mt of Olives on our Mexico Outreach team, to work along side Stacy in leading the 2025 team on an amazing mission trip and to be the hands and feet of Jesus, has been again an amazing time that I will cherish for a lifetime. There are so many stories that can be told from each one of us who were able to go on this outreach trip. Also to mention all the amazing Fundraising efforts and all the support for this team, far beyond our goal, we thank each of you!

I was able to reconnect with some of the kiddos at the children's home that Bill & Jenn Roosma continue to build and work at making it home for the kids that come through their doors. I love that we were able to love on the kids and watch them grow and give them some extra love. We played lots of games, did some crafting, and tie dyed some shirts and bags for the kids, which by the way they LOVE. Even with a language barrier, kids know how to have fun. They are all so precious!

Building a home for a family and seeing their faces when we presented the keys was a truly wonderful thing. The team built this home in record time. We were so very close to being completely finished. However a few final details still need to be done before move in.

We cleaned inside and painted inside a home for a family in the community as a surprise as they were gone to see family. Sure wished we could

have seen their faces when they saw the new look inside their home.

The team painted one of the metal fences around one of the houses at the Mission. As one of the girls there, Milagro asked "when will we be done, so they can put up their pool" so cute! And thanks to a part of the team they got it done, messy work, but they accomplished it.

The team laid lots of concrete, painted many different projects, built water towers, and ladders for the loft in the house build. Lance made crosses that will go on each home that is built in the community. So special.

It has been a blessing and honor to be able to lead the 2025 team. This year's team, bonded and worked together so well. I appreciate every single one of the team members. God picked each one specifically for this time. I have new friendships with my co-workers who I had never met before. That is truly a gift. (cont.)



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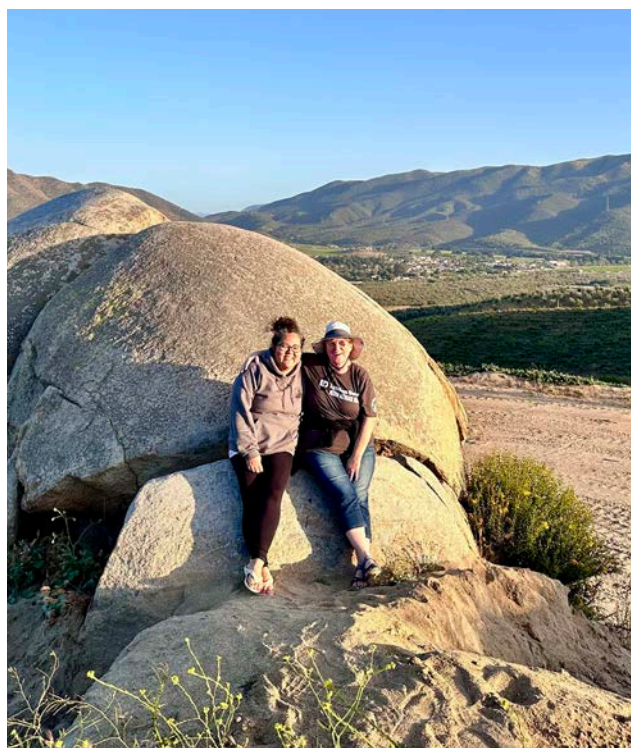
Lori Brown (cont.)

Serving in the community around The Mount of Olives Children's Village is beyond words. Being there to bring a smile to the people who struggle daily to sometimes just survive the day. Reaching out and giving some of those basic things was such a bittersweet feeling, because we wanted to do so much more. There is still such a great need for so many in the community. Bill & Jenn are walking out what Jesus has put on their hearts to help those in this tiny part of the world.

It was such a blessing to be able to help where needed and build a home for a family, while also building new relationships in the community and as a team.

Everyone should consider going and being the hands and feet of Jesus, you will truly be blessed!

I left part of my heart in Mexico 



Mexico Outreach 2025 (cont.)

Don Minato

During my stay at Mount of Olives, I had the deeply rewarding opportunity to apply my skills toward building a small house for a family in need. This hands-on experience allowed me to contribute meaningfully to a project that will have a lasting impact on the lives of others. I was able to draw upon my experience in the construction trades to help ensure the work progressed smoothly and quickly. Seeing the tangible results of our combined efforts—and the joy on the family's face—was a powerful reminder of the importance of service and community.



What made the experience even more memorable was the camaraderie and collaboration I shared with my teammates from Lynden and Alliance. We worked together seamlessly, combining our individual strengths, supporting one another, and staying focused on our common goal. Despite language barriers and challenging conditions, there was a deep sense of unity and mutual respect throughout the entire process. This experience not only reinforced the value of teamwork but also highlighted the incredible outcomes that can be achieved when people come together with compassion and purpose. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to participate in this Mission, and to have had the pleasure of meeting Bill and Jenn, and the rest of the staff involved in Mount of Olives.

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Jeff Benoit

My trip to Mexico with the outreach team was awesome. This was my first trip to Mexico ever and I was overwhelmed by the different scenery. Meeting all the different people from different branches and listening to their stories about their lives was awesome as well. This trip went very smoothly from start to finish. Being there gave me great joy to be part of a team that helps others in need. Leaders Lori and Stacy did a fantastic job on guiding us each day on what and where we would be working. Great team building with the whole crew. In the 10 days we spent together I made some new friends and I will miss everyone.



Mexico Outreach 2025 (cont.)

Kellyn Alflen

The 2025 Mexico Outreach Team trip was an unforgettable experience, marked by passionate leadership, meaningful service, and personal growth. Leaders Stacy and Lori played a vital role in making the trip run smoothly, guiding the team with heart and dedication from start to finish. Our hosts, Bill and Jenn, created a warm and welcoming environment, while project leads Oscar and Javi brought energy and knowledge to the house-building process, making it both educational and enjoyable. I originally applied for this trip because I wanted to make a difference and knew it would also have a deep impact on me. It was my first mission trip, my first time visiting Mexico, and I didn't even have a passport when I signed up—but Stacy and Lori helped make the entire process easy and encouraging.

Some of the most lasting memories from this trip include the opportunity to build a home for a deserving family and the powerful outreach at the migrant camps. Equally impactful were the friendships I was able to form and the bonding moments we shared together as a team—laughing, working, and growing side by side. These experiences reminded me of the real purpose of missions: connection, compassion, and transformation—for both those we serve and ourselves. This is my Baja, and this trip will always be a part of me.



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Mike Kelton

To the Barga family and to the Lynden Door family and a big thank you to Miss Lori and Miss Stacy for choosing me to be a part of this wonderful journey. I came in very shy but met these wonderful people that started off as being friends and through the sweat and a little tears and 100% laughter I will forever call them family. While I was there I was blessed to be baptized by Pastor Bill and all my new family was there to take place in something special to me I appreciate you all and the journey I went through was life-changing and if nobody wants to apply to go next year my application will be sent again.

God Bless.



Mexico Outreach 2025 (cont.)

Jacob Alcamo (BEEP)

The 2025 Mexico Outreach was a life-changing event that I will never forget. Up to this point, I have not had an opportunity to experience a trip of this caliber. I was blessed to be able to experience this with my younger brother. Having him on this trip made it more enjoyable. Leaders Stacy and Lori, from the start, made us feel like a team. The planning and communication from the approval process through making sure we made it back into the states was on point. The time spent in Mexico was full of not only helping the less fortunate, but also came with personal growth. I left a piece of my heart in Mexico. Lasting friendships were made, people I would have never gotten the pleasure to meet, have now become lifelong friends. Many memories of laughing, working side by side, growing together, memories that will always remain with me.

Although many memories were made, being able to help families less fortunate than us had the biggest impact on me. Seeing the joy, they got from receiving the simplest things we take for granted, puts everything else in life into perspective. I wanted to go on this trip to walk out what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I felt like that and much more was accomplished. I am hoping that the impact we left as a team was as great, if not greater than the impact it left on my life.



Mexico Outreach 2025 (cont.)

Letty Vizcaino

Thank you, God and the Bergen family, for the privilege of allowing me to be part of this mission. To Lori and Stacy, supporters through the whole entire trip, God bless you ladies, you do an amazing job! Bill & Jenn and the señoritas at Casa Hogar, thank you for being great hosts and loving and caring for us through this journey. To our building leads, Oscar, Javi, and Justin may God keep shining upon you. I send hugs to every team member who became family in such a short time. 1 Peter 4:10 “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ”. In this bible verse, Peter encourages us to think rightly and love completely by putting to use the gifts that are given to us spiritually that God provides to each one of us. I believe that every single team member served with love, respect, and compassion.



This trip is for everyone. I encourage others to live this experience. The children at Mount Olives give you so much love in such a little time. The migrant camp is eye-opening. We may think we don’t have much here, but in reality, we are actually rich. We have so much to give. Treasures from the Lord that we take for granted. All I can say is that there is a lot of need out there. Kids with no school, just a little tarp and a bench with one teacher. Their future of succeeding is very slim. This was a life-changing experience for me, and I think it can also be the same for others, so if it has ever crossed your mind to go, don’t overthink it, do it! I have wanted to go for years and now I would want to go every year if I could.

You get to build a home and make someone feel loved, playing and doing activities with the children, see them smile, and be able to go bless the migrant camps with food and clothes, the whole trip was an honor to be a part of. Hearing Bill and Jenn’s story on how they listened to God’s voice and left everything here to go serve God, the children, and the community. It is amazing how God works. Ultimately serving God is a matter of both faith and action with a focus on obedience and love.

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Rob Duel

The outreach trip to Mexico was amazing. I am endlessly thankful for the opportunity. Helping to build the house for Alvino and his family was one of the most educational and fulfilling things I have ever done. Bill and Jen made us feel like family the entire time we were there. The farewell party with the kids at the mission is a memory I will always cherish. The day we went to the migrant camps was eye-opening, the level of poverty there and seeing the kids that are born into that situation was the most depressing thing I have ever seen. No child should ever be in a situation where a 5-cent lollipop makes them light up like it's Christmas morning. I wish I had a better idea of what we were walking into simply so that I could have prepared myself for what I saw. The best memory of the entire trip for me was when Alvino and his family came up to the mission for dinner and we gave them the housewarming gifts. You could tell how grateful they were for what we had built for them. Writing this I'm finding I have so much more I wish to say but I can not find the words. At the end of the day, it was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I hope I am lucky enough to do it again someday.



Mexico Outreach 2025 (cont.)

Caleb Alcamo (little cabbage patch twin)

First off I want to say thank you to the Lynden family for being able to send me and other members to Mexico for the 2025 mission trip. Lori and Stacy were in consistent communication throughout the trip to make the trip unforgettable and soothing. Creating deep-rooted memories with the other team members as the week went on was fantastic.



Our hosts Jenn and Bill had open arms for the team and their hospitality, I will never forget, made us feel like family from the start. Building a house with the project leaders Justin, Oscar, and Javi with their knowledge was astonishing to witness and be a part of. One of my favorite memories was when we were putting plywood up on the roof. Justin and Oscar from Lynden and I (young fellas) were grabbing boards from the ground people (team lifting). Bill (older fella) decided to get up there and started grabbing the plywood from the guys on the ground by himself and throwing the boards in place for us to nail. Talk about being shown up by an old guy, but it is always inspiring.

Creating life-changing opportunities for a family in need of a house and making a small impact on the migrant camps was a humbling experience that reminded me just how blessed we are. I am very grateful I was able to share those experiences with the team.

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Brianna Peralta

Being part of the 2025 Mexico Outreach Team was a beautiful blessing—an experience that marked my heart and helped me grow in ways I never imagined. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve other communities and to help those in need.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our incredible leaders, Lori and Stacy, for guiding our team with such passion and for bringing us together like family. I also learned so much from Bill and Jen, the directors of Casa Hogar, whose dedication and kindness touched me deeply. And thank you to Lynden Door for giving me my first opportunity to serve the Lord in a way I never thought I would.

This trip opened my eyes and taught me to be truly grateful for everything I have and for where I am in life. Witnessing the realities of others—especially the children in the orphanages and the families in the migrant camps—was humbling. Seeing how they live, not by choice but by circumstance, made me reflect on who I am and the kind of person I want to become.

I want to strive to be more compassionate, more human, and more willing to help those in need—because sometimes people are simply dealt a difficult hand in life. One of the greatest takeaways for me was realizing how blessed I am to have my daughter and the ability to provide for her. I thank God every day for the gift of motherhood, for entrusting me with a child to love, nurture, and protect. I cannot imagine ever being separated from her or unable to care for her.



This realization made me look at how often I give my child things she doesn't truly need. It stirred something in me—a desire to help another little one who may not have anyone to give them even the basics. I thought to myself, if I can help even one child, that's a place to start. That's when I made the decision to sponsor Jaqueline, a sweet little girl I met and grew attached to at the orphanage.

I firmly believe that God will use my heart, my love, and my hands to make a difference—whether small or large—one step at a time. This is just the beginning of something beautiful.

Thank you again for this life-changing opportunity.

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Cheyenne Cooper

I'm so grateful for getting to be a part of this experience, I'm trying my best to reflect on everything we did. It's a lot, my emotions are up and down. I will never forget this trip; I think I left a piece of my heart back in Mexico.



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Stacy Sires

I feel extremely blessed by the Lynden Door Family of Companies for giving me the opportunity once again to help lead this year's outreach trip alongside Lori. Our team got off to a great start with several fundraising events, and thanks to the incredible support we received, we were able to exceed our expectations - over \$22,000 went directly to Missions Network International!

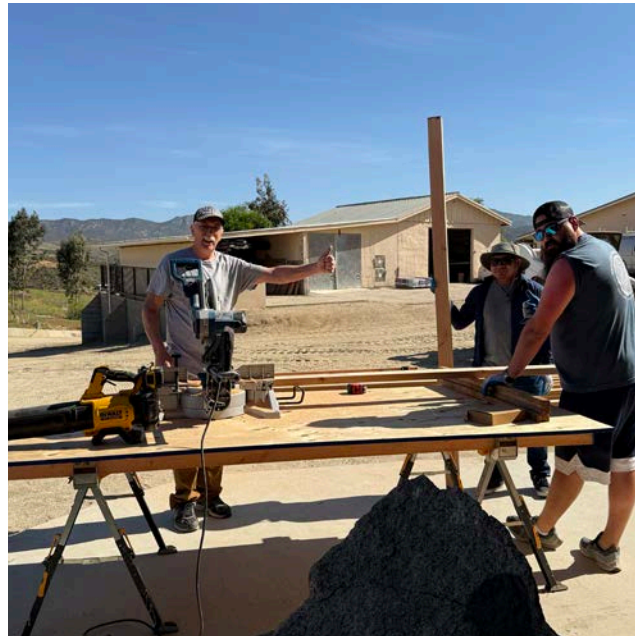
We had such an incredible team this year! It was truly a joy to get to know each person. From working hard side by side, to playing games, sharing meals and stories, and all the van rides filled with laughter and bonding – we packed in so many moments that turned into memories I'll never forget.



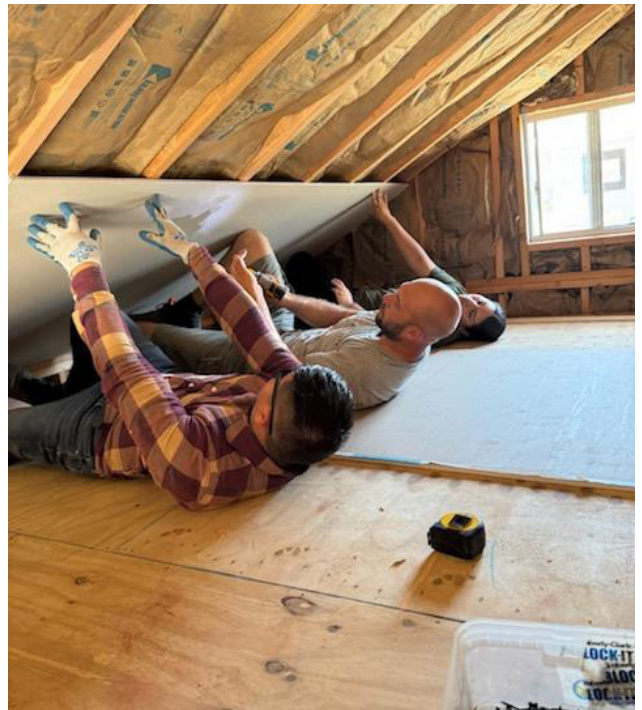
Our 10 days flew by in a blur of hard work, laughter, and love. We built a house from the ground up — from the concrete foundation up to the roof — we also painted metal fencing, built and painted multiple water towers, and poured several concrete slabs, including a deep pad for a septic tank. We helped clean and paint two other homes as well. Beyond the projects, we shared unforgettable moments with the children — tie dye, crafts, games, and smiles we'll carry home with us. Leaving is always bittersweet, but our hearts are full knowing they're in such good hands at Mount of Olives.

If you're looking for something meaningful, something that will truly impact your life, this is it. Don't miss the chance to be part of it next year. You'll laugh, you'll grow, you'll be blessed in ways you never expected, and you'll come back with a heart full of memories and a fresh new outlook on life. Applications for the 2026 team will be available this September. I wholeheartedly encourage you all to apply.

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