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Mexico Outreach 2026

The Lynden Door Family of Companies sponsored another outreach trip to Mount of Olives Children's Village in Ejido Uruapan, Baja California, Mexico from May 19 – May 29, where they partnered with Missions Network International. This year's team consisted of 19 members representing five different companies and branches of the Lynden Door family.

The primary project was to build a home for a family in the community. Team members also did additional building, painting and electrical projects. When they weren't hard at work doing construction, they had the opportunity to spend time with the kids at Mt. of Olives—painting t-shirts, decorating hats, and playing numerous games.

Team members appreciated the opportunity to serve in such a meaningful way, and to forge new and lasting relationships. The following pages are the personal stories and experiences from some of our team members.



Mexico Outreach 2026 (cont.)

Lori Brown

2026 Mexico Outreach was another amazing trip. This year's team was amazing, I didn't know most of the team members before the trip, and so meeting everyone for the first time at our first meeting and all the way through to the end of handing the keys to family we built the house for in Uruapan, was beyond amazing! The team bonded so well, and it was great to see how each one put everything they had into doing the job put before them. For myself, as a Lead, it was heart-warming to see the faces of each team member; to see how different situations touched them. It was a privilege to get to know each one on this team and to work side by side doing good things.

My heart was full seeing the kids that I have been able to continue building a relationship with at the Children's Village (Mt. of Olives) each year, what a blessing!

We painted, we organized, we built a house, we went to five migrants camp where we gave food and supplies, we played with the kids, and played with the kids, and played some more. They loved being loved on, but I think we were the ones most



blessed and we also had time off to refresh to continue on.

I truly felt GOD was with us every step of the way, and I pray that Jesus did use us as we were there to be HIS hands and feet, and I think each person on the team, left their hand and foot prints and a little bit of their heart in Mexico.

Truly an honor and blessing to be able to continue the work in the beautiful community of Uruapan Baja California, Mexico! Thank you Lynden Door Family of Companies.



Mexico Outreach 2026 (cont.)

Gabe Montes

Taking this trip to Mexico was one of the most profound experiences of my life. Working with the goal of helping those most in need instantly changed my perspective on life. Sometimes we take for granted everything God has given us, without stopping to think about those who lack even the essentials for survival. I am grateful to Lynden Door and the team for giving me the opportunity to be part of this magnificent project that God placed on our path.

I returned with a heart full of joy yet deeply saddened by the extent of the need; despite all that is being done, there is still so much more required. I hope we continue working together to bring hope to those who need it most. Once again, thank you for allowing me to be part of this project.



Mexico Outreach 2026 (cont.)

Beth Groce

You're too old. You've already taken too much time off. It wouldn't be fair to your co-workers to be gone again. Your family needs you. You were going to learn to speak more Spanish, and you didn't. Maybe next year.

These are just a few of the excuses I fell back on every time applications for the Mexico Outreach were announced. Every year I had a solid reason to say no, but when the 2026 trip was announced, I didn't have a single excuse left. I'd like to say I spent weeks in prayer, before I committed to apply, but the truth is, God had given a green light long ago. I just wasn't willing to step out and go. Fortunately, a dear friend made me pinky promise I'd apply if she did too. God works in all things, pinky promises included.

Just a couple months before the trip I fell and received an acute fracture to my upper arm. Depressed about my injury, I was tempted to back out. The excuses came back, and a couple new ones as well. Will you even be able to do anything? We're at war, will we be safe? But that pinky promise was just something I couldn't break.

The 2026 outreach to Mexico offered so many new and amazing experiences. I got to help build a house for an awesome young family. I made friends with kids and adults who spoke little to no English. I learned that communication is more about a commitment to try, than language mastery. I listened to God early each morning as I watched the sun spill over the hillside. I met inspiring people who have said yes to serving a community far from home in His name.

We came to pour ourselves into serving the community of Uruapan, and we did. But the staff at Mount of Olives and people we met, ministered



to us as much or more. And as promised, it now holds a piece of our hearts.

I'm so glad I said yes to the trip, yes to my friend, and yes to God. And I am so grateful to Lynden Door for offering such an amazing opportunity to do something I've wanted to do for decades. And I got to do it all with an amazing group of humans.

Is 2027 your year to say YES?



Mexico Outreach 2026 (cont.)

Braeden Powell

My experience on this trip was something I never thought I would have in my lifetime. This was my first time going to Mexico, and I was a little uneasy about it, with many second thoughts running through my mind before leaving. However, the team made it much easier by providing the encouragement and motivation I needed to push through my doubts and give it a try.

Being able to go with coworkers I already work with helped me build stronger connections, and I was also able to meet coworkers from the other companies and form relationships with them as well. I wasn't sure how well I would connect with others, and I assumed I would mostly stick with the two team members from my department. Instead, everyone was incredibly welcoming and open to sitting down, talking, playing games, eating meals together, and getting to know one another.

As someone who has struggled with my relationship with God, I had the opportunity to sit down with Bill, who runs the mission. He helped guide me through some of my struggles and opened my eyes to what God can do for me and what I can do for Him.

The hardest part of this trip was leaving because of the kids. Before this trip, I wasn't the biggest fan of children, but one little girl, Yamilet, would never leave my side whenever she saw me. Seeing her cry when we told her we were leaving was one of the most difficult moments of the entire experience.

Overall, the work was great. I learned many hands-on skills, and everyone was always willing to teach and explain the details needed to do the work well.



Thank you to the Barga Family and the Lynden Door Family of Companies for making this trip possible through your fundraising efforts and overall support. I also want to thank Lori and Stacy for choosing me to be a part of this trip and giving me this incredible opportunity. It is an experience I will never forget.



Mexico Outreach 2026 (cont.)

Ashley Allan

When I signed up for the Mexico Outreach Trip, I knew I'd be helping build a home for a family, but I didn't realize just how deeply the experience would shape me. Working side by side with such an amazing team was both grounding and inspiring, and watching the house come together made every bit of effort feel meaningful.

I loved getting to spend time with the kids. Even without sharing the same language, we connected through games, crafts, laughter, and simply being present with each other.

Bill and Jenn, who now run the orphanage, moved me in a way I didn't expect. Hearing their story and how they've followed where they felt called left a lasting impression. The love, time, and intention they pour into the kids, the community, and Mount of Olives shines through everything they do.

This trip reminded me to slow down, appreciate what I have, and focus on what truly matters. I came home with a grateful heart, unforgettable memories, and a new perspective that I know will stay with me.



Mexico Outreach 2026 (cont.)

Amber Hunt

Being part of the 2026 Mexico trip was such a blessing. It's very hard to put into words how life changing this experience is. I absolutely loved every single part of it, from serving others and building new relationships to stepping outside of my comfort zone and growing in my faith.

I loved having the chance to play with the kids that live at the mission and getting to know them. Seeing them smile and have fun with us made my day every day. Every single one of them touched my heart. I went on this trip hoping to make a difference in their lives, they ended up making a huge difference in mine.

Being able to help build a home for a family in need and seeing the look of pure love and thankfulness on their faces as they stood outside of their new home is something I will never forget.



Going to the migrant camps and seeing how so many families live was a very emotional experience. Despite the challenges so many of them face they showed such joy and kindness. Time at the migrant camps really helped me to realize that sometimes the greatest gift you can give is just love, time, and presence.

I feel truly blessed to have been able to go on this trip. I will forever carry all the lessons, memories, relationships, and food in my heart.

Mexico Outreach 2026 (cont.)

Haley Renno

It has been nearly a month since returning from serving with Mount of Olives in Mexico, and the experience continues to stay with me. As I've had time to reflect, what stands out most are the relationships that were built along the way, with the community but also with fellow Lynden/Alliance coworkers. We hit the ground running and our team was so motivated to keep doing better every day. There was so much pride taken by each and every one of us to make sure we were contributing our very best every day.

What made the experience even more impactful was seeing how far the mission extends beyond its walls. From visiting migrant camps to helping complete homes for families in need, I witnessed people from different backgrounds come together with a shared purpose: to serve others and strengthen the community. The gratitude, resilience, and love I experienced throughout the trip left a lasting impression on me. I returned home with a deep appreciation for the relationships built, the lives touched, and the reminder that even small acts of service can create a ripple effect far beyond what we can see.



Mexico Outreach 2026 (cont.)

David Copfer

Returning from our trip to the Mt. of Olives Children's Village, I'm still carrying the warmth and inspiration of those two unforgettable weeks. This journey fulfilled a long-standing dream I've held to serve outside the US. The breathtaking 360-degree views from atop the mount upon arrival immediately set a tone of awe and purpose. Meeting the dedicated directors Bill and Jenn, enjoying the incredible meals from the kitchen team, and feeling embraced by the entire community made the experience profoundly special. Even on light duty from my recent injury, the overwhelming gratitude and sense of belonging lifted my spirits in lasting ways.

What made the trip truly transformative were the people, especially Oscar, who led the construction projects with such encouragement and support. His kindness helped me move past feelings of limitation and doubt, reminding me that heart and presence matter as much as physical effort. From shared laughter with the children to meaningful moments of service and worship, this experience



deepened my appreciation for the opportunities that the Lynden Door family of companies gives us to serve beyond our daily roles. I returned home renewed, profoundly thankful, and inspired.



One of my favorite pictures is of our first critter find of the trip. Saved the little toad from certain death trapped in the pit.

Mexico Outreach 2026 (cont.)

Darren Abrahams

The impact of our company's annual Mexico mission trip is something I had heard about from colleagues, but to tangibly experience this myself brought a whole new appreciation to our collective purpose statement. Watching the kids laugh as we played games at the Children's village, giving hope through supply distribution at the migrant camps, and sweating together under the Mexican sun while building a house for a deserving family all reinforce our commitment to honour God in everything we do; a powerful reminder that our purpose includes both our neighbours across the street and people across the globe. If you're looking to invest into a remarkable vision that transforms many lives while simultaneously changing your own, consider applying for the 2027 mission trip.



Lorena Matzek

I really enjoyed building a house for a family in Mexico and the perspective it brings compared to life where I'm from in Langley, BC. Bill & Jenn our host couple and Mission Network International were so hospitable, and if anyone is considering the trip, I would highly recommend it and would go back in a heartbeat!



Mexico Outreach 2026 (cont.)

Landon Howell

My trip down to Mexico was one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. I had the privilege of meeting so many amazing children, hearing their stories, and getting to know them on a personal level. Their joy, and kindness left a lasting impression on all of us. I was also incredibly fortunate to be welcomed by Bill and Jenn. From the moment we arrived, they opened their hearts and their home to us, making us feel like family. Their dedication to the children and the community was truly inspiring. The relationships I built, the work we accomplished together, and the lessons we learned from the people we met made this a life changing



experience. It was a powerful reminder of the impact that compassion, service, and human connection can have. Long after the house was completed, it was the people, the children, the family we served, and the friendships we formed, that remained the greatest gift of the journey.



Mexico Outreach 2026 (cont.)

Stacy Sires

I feel incredibly blessed by the Lynden Door Family of Companies for giving me the opportunity to help lead another outreach trip. This year's journey began with an amazing amount of support through fundraising events, encouragement, and generosity. Thanks to everyone who contributed, we were able to raise over \$21,000 that went directly to Missions Network International!

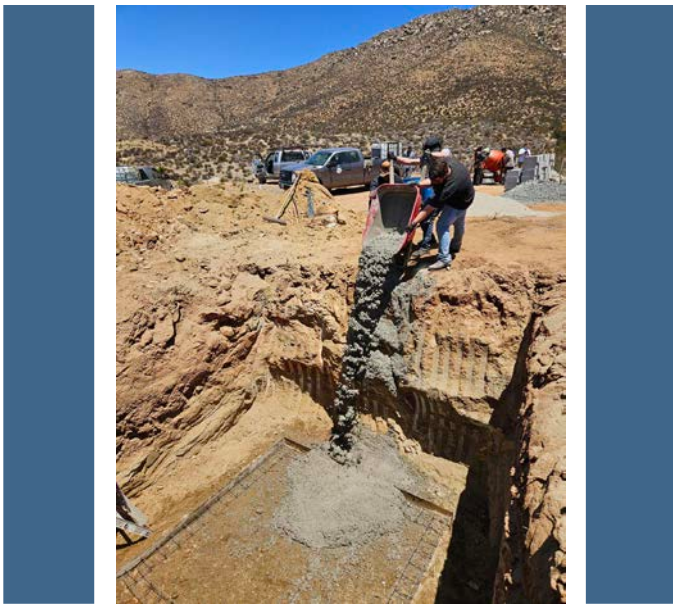
Once again, we had a great team. Our days were filled with hard work, laughter, connection, and so many reminders of why this outreach trip is so special. It was a privilege getting to know each person and watching friendships grow throughout the trip. We worked on construction, painting, and improvement projects that will continue to bless families in Uruapan, but the most impactful moments came through the relationships we built.



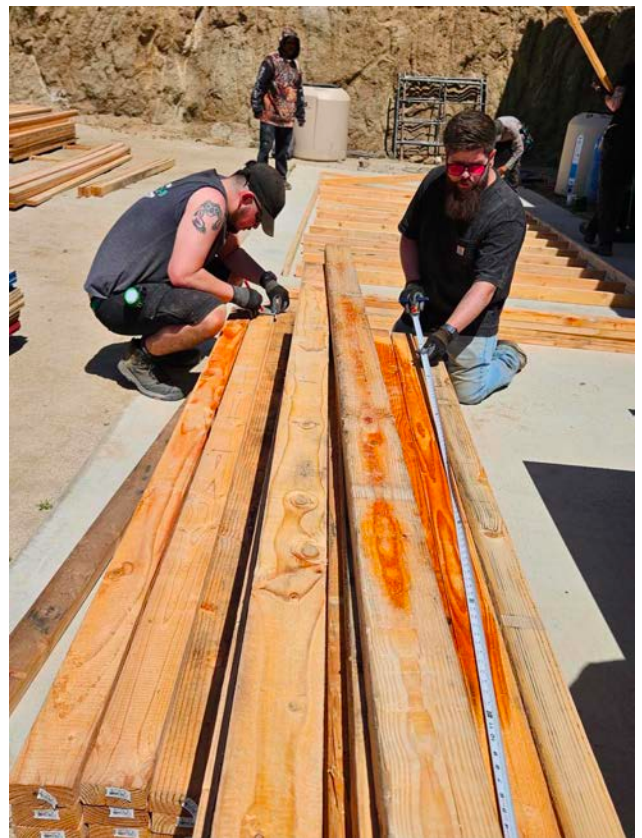
Spending time with the children, sharing smiles, playing games, making crafts, and simply being present were some of the highlights of the trip. Leaving is always difficult, but we come home grateful knowing these families and children are surrounded by love and care at Mount of Olives.

Applications for the 2027 team will be available this August, and I truly encourage you to consider applying. This outreach trip will challenge you, inspire you, and show you the difference we can make when we serve together. You'll come home with incredible memories, a greater appreciation for what we have, and a renewed perspective on what truly matters. You won't regret being part of this experience!

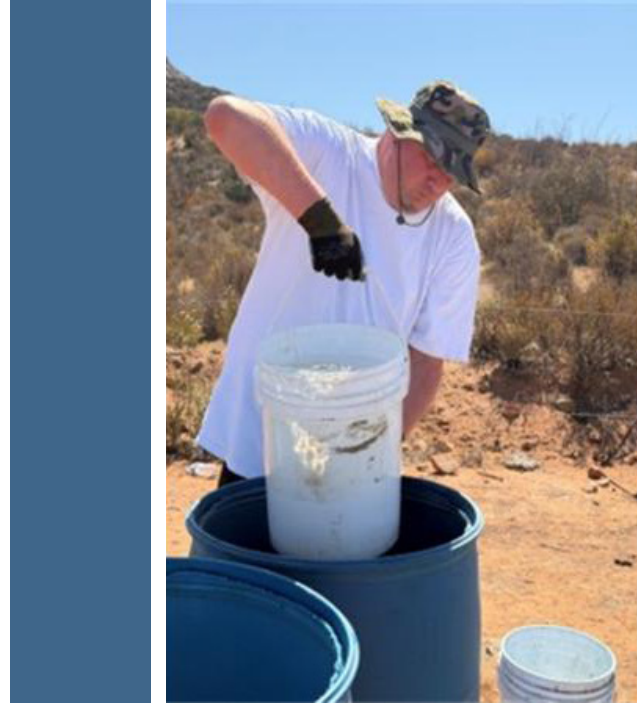
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