

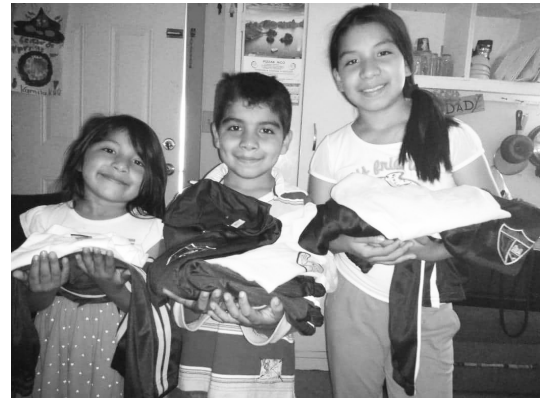
## A Big Thank You!

September 2019

“No podíamos haberlo hecho sin ti!” is Spanish for, **“We couldn’t have done it without you!”** I am incredibly thankful for your continued prayers and support. The fact of the matter is that while we are the boots on the ground in Tijuana, it’s your backing that allows us to be here and make a difference in peoples’ lives. This truth was crystal clear to me this past month in two specific areas I want to share with you.

### School Supply Drive

We were overwhelmed by the outpouring and support for school supplies! Because of you the entire amount for our goal of \$6,000 was raised! This enabled us to help over **700 children start school** with uniforms, backpacks, and needed supplies. So many of these kids who otherwise couldn’t stay in school now will, and are equipped with what they need to learn. Thank you! We couldn’t do that without you!



Ready for school with their new uniforms!

### Church Growth

I want to share with you another place where your regular gifts are making a real difference. These gifts enable us to help individuals, but also good churches that want to reach their communities. The past couple of years Spectrum has done several outreaches with a small church in one of our neighborhoods. When we learned they were meeting outside under tarps, we tasked our construction crew to help them with their project to build a new building. Below is a recent report the pastor of the church (Williams Garcia) sent me to tell me the good news about what God is doing in their small congregation.



Pastor Williams and his wife Salma

#### **Here’s what he said...**

“We give thanks to God for your lives and for your prayers. God has been doing wonderful things here! We are becoming more unified as a church and at the same time, this has been the year with the highest growth in our history. A year ago we had 25-30 regular attenders. We now have between 60 to 70 adults, 11 youth and 30 to 35 children! This growth is a process and we know that God wants unity. We are praying over when to begin having a second service as

we have outgrown our space. Here are some more things God is doing:

- In August we will hold a group wedding. **Three couples will be married** on the 31st.
- This month we **baptized two people** and God brought **two new families** to the church.
- We have **opened a kitchen** here at the church where we are able to **provide lunch, help the kids with their homework** throughout the week and also **share the Gospel** with them. Through the feeding kitchen we were able to **reach a family for Christ** and they **now attend the church**.
- This year we have sent two families to a training center to become pastors and leaders. These are two families who have felt **the call to plant churches**. One will go to San Quintin (Mexico) and the other to Tecate (Mexico)."

We are so grateful that God has used Spectrum to play a role in helping this church reach their community with the Gospel. It's because of your faithful prayers and giving that we are able to come alongside them and partner in specific ways. **Truly, we couldn't do that without you!**



Thank you for helping kids get ready for school!



Kids not only need a formal uniform, but a gym uniform as well

From all of us at Spectrum,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Kooi'.

Matt Kooi  
Spectrum Ministries Director

**PS** - We want to hear from you! Can you take a few moments to fill out the enclosed Survey Card and send it to us in the mail? A big part of our relationship with you is communication, and we want to know how we're doing. Your response will help us with our goal to clearly share with you regarding the awesome things God is doing here! Thank you!

*"This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:12 NIV*