

August Trip to WA & OR 2017



Hello brothers and sisters,

We send you all warm greetings from Puerto Vallarta. We pray that you all have safe and blessing Thanks Giving and a Merry Christmas.

August 15th- 26th I had an opportunity to spend time with my family who live in Oregon. First I met my Father in Seattle Washington. Seattle has the passport service where I can have my passport expedited. This was the first time we were visiting Seattle so we utilized the public transportation. We arrived at the passport office earlier than we anticipated, so we had an opportunity to visit the Sky View Observatory on the 73rd floor of Columbia Center. From there we are able to see the Space Needle, Puget Sound, downtown Seattle, and several different mountain ranges. At first it was difficult to get accustomed to the height of 902 ft above the street level. We finally had our appointment at 11:30. We went to talk to the lady about renewing my passport. She asked when I was returning to Puerto Vallarta and I told her I would be returning August 26th. She told us that would not be enough time for the renewal process, which presented us with a big problem. After checking her calendar a few times, she finally told us we could come back between 2:00 and 3:00 that afternoon and it would be ready! I said praise God and thanked her for the help that she gave us. A normal passport takes about 3 to 6 weeks to get. Expediting usually takes about 2 weeks. So we praise God that we' were able to get the passport the same day. During my time in Oregon I had the opportunity to go fishing, experience the full eclipse, listen to music in the park and spend time with family. A family from Pastor Josue's church invited me to stay with them during my trip. I visited Pastor Josue's church while in Oregon and have had fellowship with some of the brothers there. I told them about how God was working through me for his kingdom. How God has given me the opportunity to be able to work with children that don't have fathers or come from abusive homes. I share the love of Jesus through the work that I do with them.

November is the beginning of the high season in Puerto Vallarta. During this time there will be a major increase of English speaking families coming to visit Puerto Vallarta. Some of these families will be Christian families looking for churches to attend or different activities to participate in while they're vacationing. All three of the outreach programs that I participate in have English-speaking families that come to share their lives with the people of Puerto Vallarta. Some of them share their testimony and how God has changed their lives for his glory. This gives me an opportunity to translate for groups that come from various churches. I praise God that I'm able to be utilized for his kingdom.

THE FATHER'S HEART TO THE CHILDREN OF MEXICO

CARLOS AND LUZ ELENA HARRIS PRAYER LETTER DECEMBER 2017

Throughout this year God has helped me to communicate in Spanish and English to American groups that come and visit Puerto Vallarta. Most of the people that visit have almost no Spanish experience. I'm able to communicate their words into Spanish so the children can understand what they have to say.

One of the outreaches that I go to is with Pastor Luis Miguel. At his ministry I help teach English with Pat who is from Seattle Washington. During the off season I've been teaching her class while she's been gone. On October 28th my wife and I were invited to Pastor Luis Miguel's daughter's wedding. My friend Pastor Ric from Paradise Church did the ceremony and we all had a wonderful time celebrating with family and friends.



Pastor Germain's outreach I've been working on their garden area keeping it maintained. He has a variety of different flowers and bushes that are growing there. He had an overgrown rose bush and I trimmed it down to about half the size it was before. Now it's starting to fill in and produce better pink rose flowers than before. I praise God that I'm able to do this work. Also I've started to teach English class on Tuesdays. There are about 25 kids that come to learn English. During the English this last week I was teaching about vegetables, fruits and animals. We played a game similar to bingo. Instead of having numbers they had pictures with the words in English and in Spanish. I would hold up the card with the picture of the fruit or vegetable or animal I would say it in English and they would repeat the words. Then they would look for that picture on their board. When they filled their board with the beans that I gave them that player was the winner. The children had a wonderful time playing this game.



Comunidad Cristiana Viña Vallarta Pastor Mario Santillán

I continue to help out with pastor Mario and Letty's outreach program every Saturday at 10:30 in the morning until about 3 p.m. During my time there I've been trying to interact with the boys and to get them more involved with the Bible studies. I've been doing this by interacting with them playing catch with a football. A majority of the times when I'm there most of the people there are women or girls and not very many boys or men come to to learn about the Bible and love of Jesus Christ. Lord willing with my interaction with them they will become God filled men. So they can break the cycle of alcohol and drug abuse and abusive women. I'm thinking about starting English classes with this group as well as time permits. I've been speaking in Spanish and English with some of the boys that have showed a curiosity of learning English. They asked me questions about how to say different words or phrases in English. I'm praying that my interaction will also lead them to ask questions about the Bible as well. I'm planning on sharing my testimony with the boys. To let them know that even though they're poor God has plans for them. This reminds me of the passage **Jeremiah 29:11 English Standard Version (ESV) 11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare[a] and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.**



Please keep us in your prayers for:

1. The ministries that God has us doing for His kingdom.
2. That we will rely on God's will for our lives.
3. Complete healing for my fibromyalgia.
4. Continued safety from the violence in Mexico.
5. Our family's financial needs to be met each month

Please praise God with us for:

Your Prayers
For the work God has for us.
Our renewed health.
For the safety God provides us
For those that financially support us each month.

Your support is always welcomed and much appreciated. Any tax deductible contributions for Carlos and Luz Elena's ministry here at Manos De Amor may be sent to the following address: (please be sure to note on the check that it is for Carlos Harris) Missions Support Team, PO Box 277, Waxahachie, TX 75168. For your convenience PayPal is another option at this link: <http://www.missionsupportteam.org/>
Thank you and May God bless you for your prayers & financial support on our behalf. In His Love, Carlos and Luz Elena Harris

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2 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV) 18 and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.

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