



ONE LIFE

MINISTRY REPORT 2019/2020

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MISSION STATEMENT

Partnering with people to transform communities
for the glory of God

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IMPACTING COMMUNITIES

We are a non-profit organization committed to building unity and bringing dignity to the forgotten people of the San Quintin Valley, through education and practical humanitarian care. We believe that the best and most sustainable way to effect change is to come alongside indigenous leaders, communities, and churches and partner with them. This provides One Life with a better pulse on the local community and a clearer understanding of how to address the needs of its people.



Greetings from One Life

As I began reflecting on this message for One Life's first-ever ministry report, I struggled with how to describe 2020 in light of COVID and its far-reaching repercussions. We certainly had challenges throughout the year, but we also had many opportunities to experience God's leading. Along with these challenges, have come wisdom through difficulty, experience through perseverance, and thankfulness for what God has done and how He has provided. Entering 2020, we anticipated building 15 news homes in the San Quintin Valley, adding two new staff members, and having the opportunity to introduce One Life to many new short-term mission participants. Instead, only one team served in Mexico before COVID shut things down, and because of a decrease in donations, we decided to temporarily lay off some of our dedicated staff. Our finance committee reworked the annual budget to stay solvent within our new financial sandbox, and we began to search for ways to continue ministering in Mexico in an uncertain landscape.

In May 2020, God laid it on our hearts to pivot from house building to desperately needed food distribution. Through a generous financial gift from one of our loyal local church partners, our staff in Mexico began a food delivery program through several channels. God continued to prompt donors to give towards other programs and over the summer and fall, we were able to complete seven house builds, provide school supplies for over 100 kids, equip many local pastors, and much more! None of this would have been possible without help from so many committed partners who have been giving sacrificially through a very challenging year.

We have seen God perform miracles where there seemed only to be dead ends. We have experienced unwavering loyalty from our ministry partners who have given so that One Life can continue to be God's hands and feet in the San Quintin Valley. Our hopes have been reinforced by an astonishing show of support and enthusiasm.

I am reminded of the following verse, Psalm 100:5, "Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation." (NLT)

Please enjoy our 2019/2020 ministry report and be encouraged as you read about what God is doing through One Life and its partners. We look forward to engaging with you in blessing Mexico throughout 2021!

Randy Stark

~ Randy Stark, Board Chair

ROB & BRENDA WALL (FOUNDERS)

The Walls operate a construction company and have served together in Christian ministry. They are the founders of One Life.

RANDY STARK (CHAIR)

Randy has been involved in construction and development for over 30 years and has Christian leadership experience. He has served on the One Life board since 2007.

CHRIS CLIMIE

Chris is Purchasing Manager at Catalyst Paper in Crofton, BC, and has served on the One Life board since 2018.

JOHN FREDE

John has worked in construction for over 30 years and is General Manager at Patterson Whittaker Architectural Profiles. He has served on the One Life board since 2007.

PHILIP HILLS

Philip is the Western Canada Executive Director for ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International). He has served on the One Life board since 2007.

TONY RHANBORN

Tony is the owner of Kelton Contracting and has served on the One Life board since 2019.

2019 Highlights



"It was wonderful to participate in the Unity Project. I am excited to see the pastors work together in harmony and be of great blessing to families. I feel blessed to be a part of this." Just one statement from a pastor who took part in our second Unity Project in 2019. These events continue to bring pastors together for fellowship, service and community, and they are seeing the benefits as they share burdens and victories together in pastoral ministry.



WOMEN'S EVENT

In August we hosted an evening for women at Los Olivos. Almost 50 women came from many different churches. Ladies who serve as pastors, pastor's wives, or leaders - surpassing our expectations! At the start of the night, we played a fun icebreaker game, then had an amazing time of worship led by the daughter of one of our pastors. After that, Heather Molina shared a message for these ladies and they so openly received it! After the message, there was a beautiful time of ministry as women prayed with each other and shared together.



PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

In September, we hosted a weekend of equipping and soul-care for pastors in San Quintin! Over 40 men and women, representing 19 churches, gathered at Los Olivos for this time of teaching, worship, encouragement, fellowship, and refreshing. Several stayed for the weekend in the dorms at Los Olivos and enjoyed evening campfires together. Fellowship during mealtimes was beautiful as leaders from different churches visited and shared together. We are grateful to one of our partners in Canada for being instrumental in making this weekend possible.





CELEBRATION NIGHT

Last fall as we prepared for our annual gathering to celebrate God's goodness in 2019, we were excited that the Molina and Morales families from San Quintin would be joining us. So, we themed the evening with bright Baja colours and delicious Baja flavours. Over 160 of you came to hear stories, bid on silent auction items, support new projects, and to help launch One Life into 2020. While not all of our funding goals were met, we had a fantastic evening together!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thanks to many of you, over 100 kids received school supply backpacks in August, just in time for school! So much excitement and joy! Our team in Mexico spent most of the last weekend of August visiting families and giving these backpacks to some very excited children. Supporting these children and their families was such an encouragement.



Donor Testimony

My wife Kristie and I, along with our two kids David and Julia have been supporting the efforts of One Life Ministries prayerfully and also financially for the last couple of years. From my perspective, OL is an extremely well-balanced organization. What impresses me the most is the effort put into uniting and empowering the local churches and pastors.

We chose to support financially because we feel that it is our God-given responsibility to take care of those in need. Having spent time in San Quintin I have seen the needs firsthand. I believe that One Life is a good steward of the resources we have in Canada and is making a substantial impact in Baja.

- Ernest Martens





God Heard Their Prayer

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Unity Projects have become one of OL's most anticipated annual events. For the past several years, pastors in San Quintin have come together for one week to build a home for a family in need. This time has been instrumental in building relationships between pastors and church communities; encouraging families who need to know the love of Christ; allowing those who participate to put their hands to a different kind of spiritual work.

In March, group of pastors came alongside Adan & Isadora and their three children. One of the pastors who has been involved in these projects is Pastora Rosa. She shared her thanks to the Lord for these opportunities. "We thank the Lord because he has been gracious to us... It has truly been a blessing to be working for this family that has been through many problems. The daughter has a brain tumor. They have been suffering a lot because of that and

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have been waiting on the Lord's mercy ...They were praying, asking God for a better place to live, a better place for their three children."



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God heard their prayer.

"We lived in a wooden house near here," says Adan. "It was difficult because it was so small.

When it rained, the water would come into the house. Now, in this house, we feel very comfortable, and my children are so happy, and we thank God for this blessing. We would pray because we wanted to build a house. But it wasn't possible because of my daughter's situation.

"... I thank God because we have been praying so much and asking God for this and he gave it to us. I feel so happy! We thank these people who gave, and may God bless them. I'd love to be able to see them and thank them. And one day, if they'd like to come, we would love to meet them. This is your house."

In the words of one of the pastors, "We want to thank the local ministry, the ministry in Canada, and the people who donate to this project. It truly has been a blessing. I think that this project will continue to grow, and in the future, many more pastors will be involved."

2019 Statistics



**11 TEAMS CONNECTED
WITH 11 FAMILIES**
to provide safe, secure,
life-changing housing

6 LOCAL CHURCHES
were encouraged as teams
from Canada supported
their communities
during our team season



40+ YOUTH & LEADERS
attended One Life's
first-ever Youth Camp

100+ CHILDREN
received school supply
backpacks to ensure a
strong start to school.

100'S OF KIDS
heard the Good News
of Jesus Christ



SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS
were cared for regularly
at the local garbage dump

MORE THAN 30 FAMILIES
were supported with
groceries and household
goods



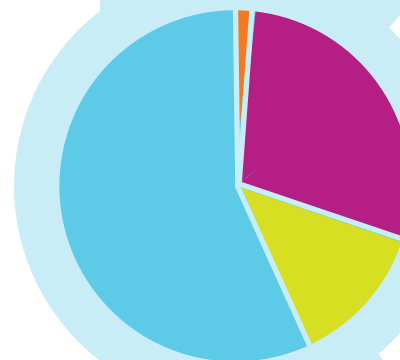
PASTORS
worked together to build
3 homes for families

15 PASTORAL COUPLES
attended a 2-day
marriage retreat

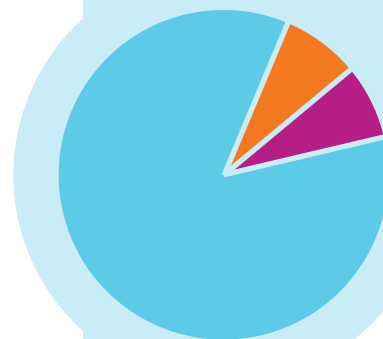
MORE THAN 40 PASTORS
and leaders from 19
churches were equipped

THE LOCAL CHURCHES
in San Quintin came
together in unity to
worship the Lord at
Los Olivos with 400+
people from 13 churches

2019 Financials



REVENUE



EXPENSES

2020 Highlights

Along with the rest of the world, One Life was significantly impacted by the emergence of COVID-19. Only one out of the planned 15 teams was able to serve in San Quintin before travel was restricted. COVID-19 also increased needs in the Baja and caused many families great distress. We had to rethink how to do ministry for the foreseeable future. How were we going to continue to demonstrate the Gospel and serve those in need during such a time? After prayer and discussion, our staff in San Quintin partnered with 12 local churches to host the serving of 24 COVID-conscious community meals in 22 different communities. Over the course of these events, our staff served hot meals to more than 4000 people. Many hungry stomachs were fed, and many peoples' lives were touched with Jesus's love during an extraordinarily difficult time for them. We praise God for the opportunity to serve even in the most trying of situations.

Stats: Covid-19 Response

- 22 communities blessed with food – over 4000 people!
- 40 single mothers provided with support
- 90 families supported with groceries
- 1 home built by Hillside Student Ministries from Moncton, NB
- 8 homes built by MX team and volunteers
- 100 kids received school supply backpacks
- 15 churches represented at a one-day pastor conference
- 340 bibles supplied to pastors for communities



Successful Donor Campaigns



MORE THAN A ROOF

This year we launched our first-ever More Than a Roof campaign where we set out to fundraise for new homes for families in need. We are delighted to report that we surpassed our goal of raising funds for 5 homes - we were able to fund 8! What a difference made in the lives of those families, and we'd like to send out a big "Thank You" to those who donated to make this possible!

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BACKPACK FUNDRAISER

We also held our annual Backpack fundraiser which goes towards filling backpacks with school supplies for children in need- children who wouldn't be able to attend school without them. Thanks to God's provision and the generosity of our donors, over 100 children were given backpacks and a chance to further their education. Praise God!

Donor Story

Our team spent a fantastic week in 2019 serving with One Life and Pastora Rosa in the community of Nuevo Mundo. We were fired-up just having had such a wonderful time, knowing that we had to come back in 2020, and just knowing that there was more to do. Covid -19 came along and derailed those plans, and we began wondering if there were other ways to still be part of serving this year. One of the great things that ended up happening was a hugely successful Chilliwack community golf tournament, which raised funds to support One Life's daily operations.

Our church community also came together to fund a house build! The project this year was just so moving. To be a small component of the work the One Life team does in Mexico, and watching that all come together online was really rich. We see this as an extension of our community working in that community, and we were so happy to be a part of it.

- Tony Rahnborn and Crossroads Community Church





God of Miracles

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"I feel happy for the blessing that God has given me. God has blessed me with this house through my brothers and sisters in Christ. I also want to thank the brothers and sisters that weren't able to come. It would've been good to meet them. They donated the money and I know that they are here through my brothers and sisters. I feel so happy, I can't find the words to thank the Lord.

"When my husband died, I was left alone with 5 kids and we didn't know God. One day I decided to come here (Baja California) and some people told me that there was no work and that I would die there with my kids, but I didn't want to return to my village (in Oaxaca) But one day I told my kids: 'We are leaving for Baja, people say there is work there, let's go and see.'

"I didn't know who to believe, I was just getting to know the Lord. I came back and forth a couple of times and when I came back again I found this place and started congregating with Pastor Margarita and her church. Here, I have been so blessed. He has blessed me with this house. Thanks to you, to all my brothers and sisters, and everybody that the Lord has brought into my life.

"It's been three years now learning more and more about God and I have seen His wonders and His power. My son in Nayarit had a disease but God has lifted him up. We were praying with Pastor Margarita and her daughter. They were in prayer with us, and thanks to the Lord He cured him. I've seen the miracles and mighty works of the Lord, and even more so with this great blessing (house) and I have no way to repay Him. I'm thankful to the Lord and my brothers and sisters from Canada. May God bless you and keep you. Keep up the good work. Amen."



"...We are humans and we make mistakes, but God shows us His love. I'm thankful to the Lord and my brothers and sisters from Canada. May God bless you and keep you. Keep up the good work. Amen."

A note from the Executive Director

Hello to everyone! I want to share with you a little bit of my experience here with this ministry. Working with One Life, I have realized the amazing work that is being done and the great love that is shown as we serve people in their needs.

At the start of this year, we began to suffer in a big way on a global level due to the effects of COVID-19. Here in our region, the economy was greatly affected and in turn, impacted many families. Many were no longer able to work, so they did not receive a salary or have any source of income. That is when we began to bring food to different communities, thanks to your generous donations. In spite of going through your own difficult situations, your hearts were still touched to help others. The Community Meals Program has been one of my greatest experiences in this ministry; seeing the happy faces of so many people receiving a meal. It is something so wonderful and unexplainable, all I can do is thank you and ask that God would continue to supply for all your needs.

Another great experience with this ministry has been in the construction of homes. Usually homes are built by Canadian groups, but unfortunately, that it wasn't possible this year. Many families were waiting anxiously for their homes to be built, so when we realized that groups weren't going to be able to come, our hearts broke for these families. We decided to talk with the group leaders and explain the situation of these families and their great need. We let them know that with their support, our One Life staff here in Mexico could build the house with the help of some pastors and community volunteers. We were thrilled when a few of the groups agreed, that in spite of all these difficulties, He allowed us to work together to bless these families.

We know that with God, nothing is impossible. (Luke 18:27)

Manuel Morales

Manuel Morales
Executive Director, Mexico

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Marcos N Lee Photography, Bay of San Quintin

2021 Plans

As we look ahead to next year, it seems likely that COVID will remain a part of our daily life which inevitably affects how we run the ministry. Despite the great uncertainty, One Life hopes to continue serving the people of San Quintin in the same way we have throughout 2020. This year, although difficult, has shown us that there are amazing ways that the body of Christ can and does work together. Some are the hands and feet, some provide financial support, some provide the spiritual prayer support, and together we are all able to do the work God has called us to do!

During 2020 we experienced a number of challenges that we didn't think we'd be able to overcome but God showed us that he is so much bigger than any challenge. We believe he will



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continue to guide us in 2021 as we follow his lead and seek him. He will show us the path to go forward in faith.

One thing we know for sure is that there is never a shortage of opportunities to serve in San Quintin! The pastors we support and serve alongside are continually looking for creative ways to help their neighbours and their congregations in growing in their spiritual walk, but also in providing for their daily practical needs like food shelter and clothing. We have no doubt that as God shows us the next steps to take he will also provide for that work.

When restrictions are lifted, we desire to again host events that build up the local church, such as Project Unity, Youth Retreat Weekend, Children's Day, Pastors & Spouses Retreat, and to welcome visiting teams to partner and serve alongside us in the San Quintin Valley. We look forward to that day with anticipation and hope! But until that time, we will endeavour to communicate and engage in meaningful ways with you, our supporters and partners in this ministry.

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Pray With Us



I LOVE SAN QUINTIN

Additional monthly donors (for the I Love San Quintin program) to fuel the daily work of the



SERVING DURING COVID-19

Creativity and resourcefulness as we serve in the midst of the pandemic



PASTORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Strength and protection for the pastors and their families which we work with



KNOWING JESUS CHRIST

That many would come to know Jesus in San Quintin as the church is built up

Budget Shortfalls

Though we were uncertain how OL would be situated at the end of 2020, God has provided! However, below are two areas where we are seeing an increased need in San Quintin, and therefore invite you to prayerfully consider how you might partner with us financially to provide support. Donate today at www.onelifeonechance.ca/give.



EVANGELISM & EQUIPPING

Evangelism & Equipping programs continue to fall short of funding.

These programs provide:



BIBLES & PASTORAL RESOURCES



TRAINING EVENTS
FOR LEADERS

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Another area that is increasingly in need of funds is our Community Outreach program which allows us to provide:



RELIEF SUPPLIES & FOOD



CLOTHING TO THOSE IN NEED

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Free Gift With Donation

Donate by December 31st and we'll send you a special keepsake print of San Quintin by Mark N. Lee to thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord's work in the San Quintin Valley. Our hope is that when your gaze falls on it, in its place in your home, you would be prompted to pray for San Quintin and the work of One Life. Donate today at www.onelifeonechance.ca/give.

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About One Life

At One Life, our mission is to help bring dignity and unity to the forgotten people within the San Quintin Valley of Baja California, Mexico (6 hour drive south of San Diego, CA). We work diligently to support local leaders and pastors in San Quintin through education, humanitarian support and training programs. Most importantly, we believe that the San Quintin Valley can become a community where all people are housed, fed, educated and spiritually cared for.



"It is tough to see families living in their homes made of cardboard or plastic, sleeping in terrible conditions. The groups come and build, bless, and now little boys and girls can say, 'I have a bedroom, a bed, a blanket.' This ministry has a significant impact, and families would live in critical conditions if One Life wasn't here. This ministry offers us opportunities for fellowship and friendship, and I believe that if it wasn't here, there would be a big difference in this Valley." - Pastor Ricardo Naverrate

We want to connect with you and invite you to be a part of the transformational work that is taking place in the San Quintin Valley.



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