

Transforming the lives of families along the coast of El Salvador

Dear Friends & Family,

As we continue to carry out the ministry that God has for us, I was reminded that the way of Jesus often asks us to live our lives differently than the world around us.

"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." - 1 Peter 3:8-9

It is so easy to think that we deserve retribution or an eye for an eye. But in this passage Peter is asking all believers to take the low position. Whether as a spouse, a friend, a co-worker or an "enemy", our role is to pour out Christ's love and God's blessing on those around us. I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to grow La Red (which means "The Net" in Spanish) in our compassion and humility as we seek to reveal Jesus to those around us.

La Red Youth Group



Andrea praying with a small group of the La Red Youth

Andrea is now serving as the Director of Youth Ministry for La Red and we have between 35 and 45 youth attending service each Saturday. It is amazing to see how God is using Andrea and the Youth Ministry Team to love and disciple these teenagers.

Many of these youth are new to La Red and came to the Youth Group through attending English and Computer Classes at the La Red Academy. Some are hearing about Jesus for the very first time. Others have been attending La Red Church since they were young and continue to enjoy being a part of this Christ-loving community.

We have seen the youth hungry for more of God, but also more of the love and encouragement that they find at La Red Youth Group. We have been blessed by a team of 5 volunteers to help with worship, games, and discipleship efforts with the youth and we look forward to what the Lord has in store for these wonderful young people!

Building a New Home



Delmy and her family receiving the house that Daybreak Church and Sus Hijos built for her

One of our Assistance programs at La Red is House Improvement. We know that safe housing is key to healthy families. Delmy, a member of the La Red Women's Ministry, desperately needed a home. Delmy is a single mother of three who was living in a house made of metal laminate. Delmy and her children have attended La Red for many years. Her husband and her mother both died recently and she lost the house where she and her children were living. She found a family friend that allowed her to live on a small plot of land where she constructed a shack. This house was leaking and was unsafe for her and her children.

We knew that Delmy and her family needed an entirely new house and that the construction would need to finish before the rainy season in May. We found that two of our ministry partners Daybreak Church (Carlsbad, CA), and Sus Hijos (San Salvador, El Salvador) were willing to assist in funding and building Delmy's new home. Delmy's son Elias even helped with the work alongside a mission team from Daybreak.

Thanks to Sus Hijos and a team from Daybreak Church, Delmy and her children received their new home which will be a safe space for them. "God has blessed us beyond my imagination," she said upon receiving her new home. Delmy is an example for all of us for what it means to truly trust the Lord even when life seems impossible. She had been praying that God would provide for her and her family for months and when she received this blessing, she gave all glory to the Him.

We are so grateful that the Lord has given us and our ministry partners the opportunity to serve families in need and to demonstrate the love and generosity that God has with us all.

A Work & Study Opportunity



The 11 students from La Red participating in the Renacer Program

We began a new partnership earlier this year with the nonprofit named Renacer (Rebirth) that pairs English and Computer Skill classes with work-experience opportunities and guaranteed job offers at the end of the program. Eleven of our students from La Red were selected to participate in the program this year and we have high hopes for continued partnership with Renacer going forward. These study and work opportunities can represent an important step towards these youth breaking the cycle of financial poverty in their families and communities. We thank God that He has provided these young people with this amazing study program.

Ministering to Couples



Salvador and Mayi sharing their testimony with 47 couples from La Red Church

At La Red Church we are trying to find creative ways to disciple and care for the families we serve. Recently La Red hosted a Couples' Dinner where Salvador and Mayi shared their testimony and spoke about how their relationship has depended on the Lord and His strength. It was a wonderful evening and brought together 47 couples to enjoy an evening together. We were particularly encouraged by the participation of the men, and many couples told us that they were blessed and motivated by the message that marriage is a gift from God. Some of these couples have begun to attend church together for the first time!

Thank You!



Andrea visiting Berta and Lorena, a local family

Thank you for your constant support, encouragement, and prayer for La Red. Without our donors and ministry partners, our work would not be possible. We are grateful for you!

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