

Mission Snapshot



The Martins report from General Cepeda, Mexico, that they have been given the opportunity to invite and prepare couples who are civilly married but have not received the sacrament of Marriage, to have their marriages blessed in the Church. A major impediment to sacramental marriage in the poverty-stricken areas of Mexico is the lack of funds for a reception, rings, and a wedding gown.

Generous donors from the US have begun mailing in their wedding gowns, and donations to sponsor the weddings of these faithful Mexican Catholics. Many couples have expressed interest in being married in the Church, among them Ricarda and Alejandro, who regularly attend prayer services in their rancho, and love to visit with the missionaries. Please pray for these beautiful couples as they consecrate their marriages to God!



Ricarda with Magdalena Martin

*"Go into the whole world and
proclaim the Gospel!"*

Mark 16:15

Compelled by Jesus' missionary mandate, and filled with the Holy Spirit, Family Missions Company missionaries proclaim Jesus Christ and His Gospel to the poor. Always working in concert with the pastors of the Catholic Church, we strive to live the Gospel that we preach. We believe the Lord is calling many Catholic lay people, both singles and families, to serve in foreign missions, "the greatest and holiest duty of the Church" (Vatican II).

The need is urgent;

we must GO!



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Dear Benefactors,
As the Easter season draws to a close, let us never forget that HE IS RISEN!!! Jesus' resurrection brings new life for each of us, and the hope of a life transformed for every single beloved child of God in the world today.

Your generosity brings that hope to premature babies in China, children hurting in the Philippines, couples seeking sacramental grace in Mexico, and thousands of others around the world. Your help allows FMC to spread the truth and joy of Easter to the world. Thank you!

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THANKS!

From the Field:



Loving Like Jesus

Erin - Beijing, China

It is becoming increasingly more beautiful here in Beijing with each passing day. What began as a dark, cold, and gloomy winter has transformed into a world that is filled with vibrant life. The cherry blossoms are budding, the trees are becoming a lush green, and the air is fresh and clean. What's more, my heart is falling more in love with China and the work here.



Erin Loving Preemie

Working at the baby home almost every day has proven to be extremely healing. I find myself spending 98% of my time upstairs in the preemie rooms singing to the sweet little ones and praying for their futures. I think about the blessing it was that although they were abandoned, their parents chose life. They now have the chance to experience Jesus' real, earth-shattering love for them and to have the joy of loving Him in return. What I

didn't realize, was that they, too, were working on my heart, and filling me with Christ's love.

Pressing their tiny little bodies against mine gives me an indescribable sensation of serenity and bliss. It is easy to recognize Jesus in their eyes as they stare into mine. Their loving stares break down all my walls, and I fall in love with them in a moment. This is what I long for Jesus to do for me. I long to be tiny in His arms, to be held close to His most Sacred Heart, and to hear His loving voice singing sweetly into my ear. Each time I sit in that room repeating songs like "You are so loved", I find that it is also Christ singing it to me as He holds me tightly in the safety of His arms. These moments are precious and I hope will last a lifetime. Thank you God for your unfathomable love for me.

Can a woman forget her nursing child. And have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

Isaiah 49:15-16



China Mission Team



Jane, far right, in hat

Mercy Report

In the Philippines, our missionaries have had a chance to help Jane Delopere, a little girl who still needs financial assistance:

Two years ago this family experienced terrible tragedy when Jane, then 7 years old, was critically injured. Jane was walking past the gate at her elementary school when she was hit by a truck. She suffered a broken skull and was in a coma. She has had four surgeries and spent three months in the hospital. The doctors inserted an artificial bone in Jane's skull to protect her brain, but they are not sure whether or not this procedure was 100% successful. Another operation may be necessary for further healing and recovery. Because the truck driver was only able to pay a small portion of the damages incurred, the family owes \$8,500 US in hospital bills — the average monthly salary is \$150. Any amount helps. Please pray for Jane and her family.

Mission Message

All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord!

Pope Francis