



Los Elegidos Bible Club . . .

LOS ELEGIDOS BIBLE CLUB AKA H.E.L.P. - HOPE ENDURES by LOVING PEOPLE - SUNDAY - JULY 30 - 2023

(Editor's note: I was suppose to send this out last week, then my mother-in-law showed up - can I at least get an "I feel you bro!" from all my homies?)

About three weeks ago we asked everyone on our "mailing" list for "H.E.L.P." with our college guys, who in the last few weeks have taken over the reins so to speak of some of our ministry duties such as leading bible studies, at times prayer group (Fridays) - because of your amazing generosity (our guys did a LOT of praying) we are so blessed to share that we can start paying our guys each week for their enormous help with the ministry - God is good all the time! Our guys felt extremely blessed when I shared with them last night that God answered our prayers, and they wanted to express their gratitude to all our beloved back home - please keep praying for **Chavo**, **Chuche**, & **Luis** - that God would put His hedge of protection over them - I also shared with them since they stepped up they are now public enemy#1 for the "chamuco" (devil), and they need to be prayed up and in the Word daily. **Please** keep them in prayer, that they would continue to grow by leaps and bounds in the good works of our Lord . . .

Chavo - (top, left pic) *"Hola, le quiero dar las gracias a Dios y a nuestros patrocinadores por la gran oportunidad que tienen de enviar fondos al ministerio, gracias por este "pequeño dinero" el cuál será utilizado y nos servirá de motivación a cada uno para seguir trabajando en El Señor."*

"Hello, I want to say thanks to God and our sponsors for the great opportunity utilized to send funds to the ministry, thank you for this "blessed amount (money)" which will be used and will serve as motivation for each one of us to continue working in the Lord." (All translations are my best attempt to render what my guys were trying to convey, knowing how my guys speak and relate their gratitude)

Chuche - (top, mid-pic) *"Hola, buenas noches, soy Abraham Villegas del estudio de Los Elegidos. Soy de los mayores y de los que llevan mas años en este estudio bíblico. Le queria agradecer por toda la ayuda que nos a brindando a traves de este tiempo y por el apoyo. Muchas gracias enserio, espero Dios lo bendiga el doble o mucho mas de los no ha ayudado. Espero pueden venir a visitarnos pronto, estaremos orando por usted y sus familias. Muchas bendiciones!"*

"Hello, good evening, I'm Abraham Villegas from the bible study group "The Chosen Ones". I am one of the oldest members and have been a part of this bible study for many years. I wanted to thank you for all the help you have given us throughout the years and for your (financial/prayers) support. Thank you SO much, seriously - I hope God blesses you twice as much or much more than you have blessed us. I hope you can come visit us soon, we will be praying for you and your families. Many blessings!"

Luis - (top photo, right) *"Queridos patrocinadores, muchas gracias a Dios y a ustedes porque nos están bendiciendo, quiero ser un ejemplo a seguir de los niños que vienen a acercarse a Dios, gracias por ayudarnos sin conocerme, mis oraciones están con ustedes porque en todo momento están con nosotros, seguire siendo un buen líder para mi comunidad de Los Elegidos, seguir en el camino de Dios y traer a más con nosotros, les deseo a todos y sus familias mucha salud, vida y bendiciones, gracias por todo!" Luis M.*

"Beloved sponsors, thanks so much to God and to you, because you are blessing us - I want to be an example for the kids to follow, who come to us to get closer to God, thank you for helping us without even meeting me - my prayers are with you because at all times your prayers are with us - I will continue to be a good leader for the community of "The Chosen Ones", continue on the path of God and bring more kids into our (christian) group - I desire for all of you and your families much good health, life, and blessings, thank you for everything!" Luis M. (not sure why there's spaces there)

8/6 updated - See all those bags of food over there (right) next to our Lincoln Popcorn



Popper which you also donated to us (we love popcorn!)? Once a month these “Magnificent Men In Their Driving Machines” from the Inland Empire, **M.C.C.A. (Mexican Christian Children’s Aid)**, come down to a ministry called “Gabriel House” in Maneadero to deliver quite literally tons of food for over 20 different ministries (who feed people) in the Ensenada area . . . they have been doing it longer (since 2007) than I have been a missionary, and are always looking for new people to support their work for the Lord. **Please prayerfully** consider helping them out (link below) - they have done more for the people of Ensenada than any other ministry I know . . . during “Covidmania” they still came down, throwing caution to the wind . . . as mentioned before, our college guys have really picked up the pace and now handle our food distribution - yesterday they took the van and hooked up with MCCA, picked up all the food, headed back to the ministry to bag all of our beans, rice, flour, oatmeal, powdered milk, and then distributed all that food to over 20 families (ministry families) in our community of El Zorrillo, along with huge cans of tuna, cooking oil, bags of potatoes and sugar, and bibles. MCCA is good, all the time, and we get to deliver the Lord’s blessings, all the time!

Special thanks to **Luis** and **Abraham** for taking over that part of our ministry - I am long overdue for my hernia surgery and have been told by my doctor don’t pick up *anything* until after - please pray we can save enough funds so I can go under the knife in early December . . . my belly hurts a lot . . . better yet, pray for healing!!! Would rather be healed miraculously than get cut up . . .



Rosa - So in a previous newsletter we asked if someone could help out our ministry cook Rosa (left) with a newer (used) washer - she had been washing clothes for her and her daughter old school (washing rock and powdered detergent) style for years - our Rosa, who was baptized at Las Cañadas (water park across the street) just two weeks ago by yours truly - yes, I was crying too when she came back up out of the water . . . **just today** with the help (carrying up the hill) of **Chuche** (Abraham), **Oliver**, **Marcos** & **Angel**, and these amazing people back home who donated for this work of the Lord, we got to bless miija with her “new” washer!!! She felt so overwhelmed with this “love gift” sent from our beloved back home she could not stop smiling, neither could her daughter!

PLEASE pray that her washer doesn’t get pinched by inquisitive neighbors - it happens all the time in “El Zorro”.

Also please pray that “miija” would become that interim spiritual leader of her home until the Lord brings the right man of God to her side . . .

“Hola buenas tardes . . . Nose por donde empezar, estoy muy contenta por lo que hicieron por mi , por averme apoyado con una lavadora, la verdad ya me hacia mucha falta - para mi es una gran bendición eso. Muchas

gracias, DIOS LOS BENDIGA SIEMPRE - Walter y los patrocinadores! Gracias!!!” Rosa

“Hello good afternoon.... I don't know where to start, I am very happy for what you did for me, for helping me with a washing machine, I really needed it - for me it is a great blessing. Thank you very much, GOD ALWAYS BLESS YOU - Walter and the sponsors! Thank you!” Rosa Truly, to Him be all the glory . . .

THE WATER PARK KIDS - Last week we took 12 more kids to the water park, our last visit, praise Him! Thanks to all of our sponsors who made this possible, our kids had a blast - each time we went we left the ministry at 9ish am and made it to poolside (photo - wave pool) by 9:30ish, the reason being, at 10am a bell goes off and there is a mad rush to secure those chairs (in photo) to claim your spot for the rest of the day - thank you for all the food you provided, all the ice-cream you provided, all the tacos you provided, all the sandwiches and chips, drinks, admission fees, gas you provided, and most of all, the opportunity for **Rosa** to commit her life to the Lord and within minutes being obedient and getting baptized before an entire crowd . . . God is good all the time. The following are “thanks” from some of our kids who enjoyed this outing . . . this time I’ll leave the translation to you guys - enjoy!

Mariana - “*Gracias a todos nuestros patrocinadores que nos apoyaron para ir a Las Cañadas y también por todas las salidas que hemos hecho para convivir . . . gracias por todo su apoyo, les agradecemos mucho porque podemos convivir y salir a divertirnos, se los agradecemos mucho por su esfuerzo, gracias. Dios los bendiga.*” (right photo)

Raul - (seated in pool photo) “*Hola, buenas tarde para todos los patrocinadores que mandaron fondos para los Elegidos, muchas gracias!! por parte Raúl*”





Angel “Gracias patrocinadores por los fondos para ir a Las Cañadas!” (*Angel, with the big eyes eating ice cream after our water park visit with Max & Elias*)

Max & Mom - “Muchas gracias por llevar a los niños a los albercas para divertirse en su vacaciones, que Dios los bendiga a todos los hermanos americanos y estoy agradecidas con ustedes. Muchas gracias!”

Abigail (Mariana's big sis) - “Hola, buenas noches, gracias por mandarnos fondos para poder ir a Las Cañadas y por hacer que nuestro día se haya alegrado, nosotros seguiremos hechándole ganas y seguiremos compartiendo la palabra de Dios y siendo luz para los demás.” (right)



The Birthday Girl - That's my lovely wife *Maribel* on the left (photo) on her first visit ever to Santa Barbara a few years back - she fell so in love with the city it is her favorite place to visit in all of California, and yesterday was her birthday!!! It's not too late to send my wife something if your heart leads you to do that - just let me know . . . for years my wife had told me how they NEVER-ever celebrated her birthday, and when she finally celebrated it with me it was so hard for her to receive such attention, admiration and celebration, only because it was her birthday - I told her to get use to it, and so we now celebrate her over three days in case we forgot to do something special for her, to make up for all the years (24) she never got the chance to be loved on on her special day - even just today when her family showed up at our doorstep this morning, they could barely eke out a happy birthday to her.

Also, for years *Maribel* had shared with me how she had been born at home (a house in San Quintin), no doctor, no nurse, no mid-wife, just her

mom and her older brother, primitive yes, but normal for a strong Oaxacan mother . . . right there on the concrete floor. Not true!!!

Her mom *just yesterday* told her she had actually been born in a migrant camp (dirt floors), the same migrant camp she showed me one day while driving around in San Quintin years ago, that same migrant camp that brought tears to my eyes when I saw where my lovely wife once lived as a child (basically a shack, no doors, no windows) and yes, her brother actually did cut the umbilical cord and mom did all the cleaning of her newborn baby, at the time better known as “guera” (light skin) or white baby girl.

(Our conversation last night)

“Say what!?! So honey, you were born like, a gringa?” (white girl)

“I sure was . . . in fact, my mom told me some people wanted to steal me because I was so light skin.”

I guess it's very rare to be born so light skin in a Oaxacan migrant camp (most Oaxacans I know are dark skinned) - I'm so glad nobody stole my precious wife from the Lord!

From the bottom of our hearts, **thank you so much** for providing so we could celebrate her birthday yesterday with her favorite food, and after, all she wanted to do was sit down and read the Bread of Life together, all day long and all night long. God is good, all the time . . . *te amo mi amor!*

All our love,

Walt y Maribel (the Birthday Girl) y Los Elegidos Swim Team (nobody knows how to swim!)

How to give . . .

Mexican Christian Children's Aid - <https://www.mccaredlands.org/>

Los Elegidos Support - Walt & Maribel

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/Requejo777>

Commission to Every Nation: <https://www.cten.org/mexico-missionaries/walter-and-maribel-requejo>

Our Zelle account# **805-815-6511** linked to our Wescom Credit Union account

A promise from the Lord . . .

"A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."