## MINISTRY TOOLS OF MATTHEW

The facility of Emanuel Mexico Mission is a ministry tool straight out of the book of Matthew. For over 50 years, it has helped children, youth and adults. For the past 30 years, it has housed the Ontañon Church of Christ, another place for children, youth and adults to come and hear the Gospel preached. Because it is located in the inner city that provides us with many challenges and opportunities to serve those that are living in poverty, overcrowded housing, gangs, drug related needs and the like. But that does not detour us from sharing all that God has blessed us with.

Food, water, clothes and medical needs are just a few examples how we help our neighbors in need. When the city cuts off our water supply to the inner city, which happens many times throughout the year, our neighbors come to us for this major need. We have two large underground water tanks and three roof top tanks. Enough to supply us all during those tough dry desert months. We provide clothes through our annual open door bazaar and food drives give us the opportunity to meet face to face with those in need and simply lend a helping hand. We help with medical needs in the neighborhood. One great example was the past two years as we provided housing to families and individuals in need of special housing during the Covid crisis. We housed several infected individuals and families that needed a safe clean place to quarantine. The facility is large enough to house individuals separately but at the same time continue to maintain our church services and give Jose a secure place to live within the mission. We provide medicines when the opportunity is there and take people to and from doctor appointments when necessary.

Another tool of ministry that we provide is outside the facility and with that we need our transportation tools. A 2003 compact Chevy and 2015 VW van keep us safely on the move

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The ministry has been involved in the teaching opportunities of Colegio Cristiano del Centro (Central Christian College) since its conception in 1974. Jose is no exception to that rule. This semester Jose is teaching three classes: Hebrew History II, Apologetics, James and I and II Peter combined. He was struggling each day to take his computer and TV screen to his classes for teaching purposes, Tuesday through Friday. But thanks to the Shining Light class of the Markle Church of Christ, Markle, Indiana, and their bi-monthly gift we were able to provide Jose with a new ministry tool, a projector to better teach his students who are eager to learn. The projector will be a great asset and ministry tool at the college but also in our church classrooms, camps, VBS and other children's activities.

God has given us the ministry tools we need to share the Gospel in a variety of ways and it is our responsibility to use them wisely. With that being said we are very proud to say that 100% of all gifts given to E.M.M. goes directly to Mexico and the opportunities we have to share the Gospel.

Jose receives his salary and medical needs through the ministry. We maintain the facility with your funds. Autos are kept in the best possible condition at all times and our evangelism opportunities are unending. There is a food expense column which provides food for those in need. We have two part time staff members who diligently work to help in the office and with maintainence and cleaning of the facility.

Matthew 25:35-36 In a nut shell, we are simply following Christ's example of sharing with others in need, feeding those that need fed, a cup of water to those that thirst, help provide shelter when needed, praying with the sick when they need a helping hand and we have been in the prisons as well visiting when called upon.

Thank you for helping us be the Ministry Tools of Matthew to the inner city of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

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