

Meet some of the workers on the construction site



Alberto – 40 years old, married, Father of three children—two of whom are EC students



Candelario – 50 years old, married, father of three and grandfather of two children who are EC students



Leonel – a single man who plays keyboard in church



Joel – 19 years old, a single man, a drummer at church worship services

Candelario is a brick layer. As he lays brick by brick he is amazed at how many loads of bricks come in. He is thankful for this job and because of it he is learning to read. People ask how he is doing so well during this crisis and he answers “God has given me this job.” They are surprised. They are also impressed with how the school is being built and how his grand-children are learning. He says, “You are all serving here in Mexico and God will multiply that seed. Thanks for your generous hearts. I am praying for you.”

Joel is a brick layer apprentice. He sees the school as a blessing from God. Not only is it providing for his financial needs now, he knows that some day his children will go to a Christian school. Eagle College is a place where children learn about God. The parents can also draw near to God through their children.

Leonel is a brick-layer (apprentice). He tells us, “I am grateful to work at Eagle College because jobs are scarce. God gives me the strength I need to do the job and I have seen His powerful hand keeping us safe.” He notes that many of the parents are being blessed because their children are daily being taught to know God and come home to share Jesus. He is doing his part because he believes that many children will become professionals from this school.

Alberto is a brick-layer, plumber, electrician, construction, painting – “anything I can do to be useful,” he says. “The school has supplied our need for a job. We thank God for all of your finances and prayers. May He bless you! What seemed impossible to construct is now possible because of your faith. God is good! We have been blessed!”

“Eagle College is a great opportunity to show that by faith together we can achieve great things. I see our 3 children are very different from children of other schools. The English is excellent and we love to see the Lord’s name Exalted. The school is a great opportunity to share Christ’s love and strengthen each family spiritually – starting with the children.”



At our annual Mexican fiesta we heard from Pastor Ramon



Teacher Appreciation Boxes

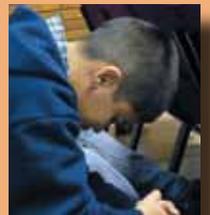
The school year at Eagle College ended July 5. It was a difficult year with outbreaks of violence still occurring and the unusually high temperature reaching to 119°. In June we found the morale of the teachers to be at an all-time low.

The new school year begins already mid August. The teachers are very committed to the vision of Eagle College. They have all agreed to return despite the unrest, having to purchase their own supplies, and not having a pay raise in 2 years. We met with Pastor Ramon and his wife Lety about how we could be an encouragement to the teachers in the new year.

As part of their “Christmas in July”, Victory Point Ministries will be helping to purchase supply boxes for each of the teacher’s in their classrooms. This is a wonderful way to show appreciation for the job that they do so well under difficult circumstances. The gift boxes will include: white board markers, stapler, scotch tape, ruler, paper clips, erasers, a pencil sharpener, and a scissors. Thank you Victory Point!!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for a small group of men who are planning a fall trip to work on the plumbing in the new building.
- Pray for the teachers as they prepare for the new school year, for their commitment and love for the children and that they can show the love of Christ effectively.
- Pray for the many families who struggle financially to send their children to Eagle College.



Thoughts from the Victory Point Mission Team

...after visiting Miguel Aleman, I believe that Eagle College is absolutely vital to the area. The quality Christian education the children are receiving gives them hope for the future and will raise up the Christian leaders needed to face the challenges of a region permeated with drugs and violence.

Ron Van Der Meulen

...after being there I feel that the building of the new school has made a positive impact on the economy of Miguel Aleman by the jobs that it has created – directly for the 30 – 40 people who have experienced some level of employment during the last six months. Also indirectly, because of all the materials that were purchased within Miguel Aleman.

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...Miguel Aleman over the last couple of years has been an area that is rampant with violence between warring drug cartels and corruption from government officials. Did we feel threatened? Not really – even though we heeded advice from our hosts at Iglesia Belen. Did we feel safe? Yes! God protected and strengthened us for each day's work and we were covered by the faithful prayers of God's people.

Did we have fun? Sure! The weather was wonderful, the people were gracious to open their homes and feeding us. Their fellowship was amazing even with the language barrier.

Did we make a difference? We hope so! We pray that God can use our small contribution to the building of this school to change the hearts and lives of future generations. This will change their community and help to build God's Kingdom – even in the midst of poverty, fear and suffering.



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UPDATE FROM THE FIELD

Our visit to Eagle College, even though it was only one week, once again energized us and confirmed the need for a Christian school in Miguel Aleman. As I walked through the school I had many children come to me with hugs and repeatedly ask, "Sir, when will you have the school finished?" When I said it might take two more years, their eyes swelled up with tears and with fear in their voice they said, "No, you have to complete it or I will have to go to another school. This is the best school and for what they teach. Eagle College is where I learned about Jesus. We have Jesus in this school. I can't go to a different school." With tears in my eyes I looked at them and said I will do my best for you all.

While I was sitting alone in the church preparing for my next meeting with Pastor Ramon I heard "Yes, Jesus loves me" ringing out over and over from a Pre-K class room and thought this is what it's all about. Your generous gifts are making dreams come true. God bless you.

Ron Brouwer

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