

BUT YOU SHALL RECEIVE  
**POWER**  
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT  
HAS COME UPON YOU;  
AND YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES TO ME  
IN JERUSALEM, IN ALL JUDEA, SAMARIA,  
AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.

ACTS 1:8

**Group 3**  
**January 23 – 29, 2018**

## **The POWER of FAITH**

**1 John 5:4-5 (CSB)**

*<sup>4</sup>because everyone who has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is the one who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

# **2018 POWER Ministry Trip**



# **POWER Leadership**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Dave Barnes

Louie Davenport

Bob Krull

Mark LeDuc

Tim Morgan

Brian Nelson

Joe Ramirez

Marty Read

Doug Wible

## POWER Ministry Statement of Faith

POWER Ministry is purposefully non-denominational. It is our goal to promote the kingdom of God by finding unity among believers in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord as we jointly seek to fulfill the great commandment and the great commission.

### **The Great Commandment**

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and will all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.’”

Matthew 22:36-40

### **The Great Commission**

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:19-20

## Our Statement of Beliefs

In essential beliefs—we will have **unity**.

“There is one Body and one Spirit... there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...” Ephesians 4:4-6

In non-essential beliefs—we have **liberty**.

“Accept him whose faith is weak without passing judgment on disputable matters... Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands and falls... So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.” Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22

In all our beliefs—we show **love**.

“...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains—but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.” 1 Corinthians 13:2

POWER Ministry believes there is order in worship, but does not deny spiritual gifts given to individual believers.

## ESSENTIALS

We believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired, infallible, word of God and the supreme and final authority on all matters upon which it teaches. It is absolutely true and trustworthy and our standard of faith and practice.

We believe there is one true and living God, Creator of heaven and of earth, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but as a result of sin is lost and powerless to save himself. Sin remains in man and can be forgiven through repentance and the forgiveness of God through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe apart from Jesus Christ all people are spiritually lost and because of sin deserve the judgment of God. The only hope for man is to believe in Jesus Christ, the virgin born son of God, who died to take upon Himself the punishment for the sin of mankind and who rose from the dead so that by receiving Him as Lord, man can receive God's salvation and eternal life. Salvation cannot be earned through personal goodness or human effort. Salvation is a gift that must be received by humble repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe Jesus Christ led a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross to take upon himself the punishment for the sin of mankind, died and rose again bodily, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return in power and glory to fulfill the eternal plan of God.

We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin and draws people to Christ. He also indwells those who have received Christ for the purpose of enabling them to live righteous and Godly lives and gives them spiritual gifts to serve the church and reach out to a lost and needy world.

We believe death seals the eternal destiny of all people. At the final judgment unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation. Believers will be received into God's loving presence and rewarded for their faithfulness to Him in this life.

We believe that all believers are members of the body of Christ, the one true church. Spiritual unity is to be expressed among Christians by acceptance and love of one another across ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, national, generational, gender and denominational lines. The mission of the church is to reach lost people and grow them into fully devoted followers of Christ.

*Acts 1:6-9 When the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking Him, "Lord, are you going to free Israel now and restore our kingdom?" "The Father sets those dates," He replied, "and they are not for you to know. But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about Me everywhere — in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." It was not long after He said this that He was taken up into the sky while they were watching, and He disappeared into a cloud.*

# POWER HISTORY

In July 2000, a group of men met in Riverside, California to seek God's wisdom in the formation of a Men's Ministry dedicated to the impoverished Mexican nationals along the Texas/Mexico border. At this meeting, the men expressed the desire to establish a nondenominational non-profit organization that would include whoever God chose to be involved. Shortly after that meeting, going purely on faith, it was agreed to form the organization known as POWER (**Purposeful Outreach With Eternal Results**) Ministry.

Using Acts 1:8 as a statement verse, the leadership team partnered with Louie Davenport, an Idaho farmer, who for 25 years had been ministering along the border. Under the sponsorship of Bridges Christian Fellowship, six months later, in January 2001, 41 men took the initial POWER missions outreach trip offering food, clothes, shelter, encouragement and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people along the Rio Grande. Since the first journey, the Ministry has conducted youth and couples' trips in addition to an annual trip for men. God has blessed this ministry **over the past fifteen years in that:**

- ✓ **865 men have participated in at least one trip from 30 states and 7 countries**
- ✓ **Over 200 churches have been represented**
- ✓ **7,400,000 pounds of food have been delivered**
- ✓ **85 homes, churches and other structures have been built**
- ✓ **\$400,000 have been donated to missionaries and ministries in the region**
- ✓ **35 puppet shows have been presented**
- ✓ **30 children's festivals have been provided**
- ✓ **120,000 bibles have been distributed**

Countless lives have been changed for Jesus Christ!

The purpose of POWER Ministry is multifaceted. Providing those who go on the annual trips an opportunity to have a first-hand, third world missionary/outreach experience without traveling overseas, they participate in reaching out to those less fortunate. In this process, they assist the Mexican nationals with the essentials of life. Most live in bitter poverty with little chance of improvement, by providing food, clothes and building homes, we are able to meet some of their physical needs. This provides an opportunity for the missionaries we support in addition to the trip participants to minister to the hearts open to hearing the Gospel. For those who attend, this often is a life-changing experience in terms of commitment to serving our Lord. We trust this will be a stepping-stone for men to dedicate their lives to sharing the love of Christ.

During our ongoing history, God has provided people and resources to accomplish His will. The Leadership Team will continue to depend on Him for everything, trusting the future of POWER Ministry to Him. We appreciate those who accept the challenge to seek God's will in their life through this endeavor. May He continue to bless those who serve Him through this ministry.

## POWER 2018 Ministry Mission Trip Itinerary — GROUP 3

**Tuesday, January 23**

**Shirt Color: Bright Red**

### **Travel to San Antonio and Del Rio - Faith Mission**

**AM: NOTE: Travel plans vary for all participants. Arrangements to get to San Antonio by 4:30 p.m. if you are making your own airline reservation or if you are driving. Check with local Leadership for specifics. Meals and snacks (other than dinner) are on your own on this travel day.**

05:00 p.m. San Antonio Groups Arrive  
06:00 p.m. Dinner in San Antonio  
07:15 p.m. Leave for Del Rio  
10:15 p.m. Arrive at Faith Mission in Del Rio  
Intro Meeting at Faith Mission

**Wednesday, January 24**

**Shirt Color: Trophy Gold**

### **Working at Faith Mission - Acuna, Mexico**

06:30 a.m. Breakfast at Faith Mission  
07:00 a.m. Worship and Devotions  
08:45 a.m. Projects:  
    Build Church for Pastor Jose Morales  
    Build Roof for Pastor Julio's Church  
    Build Classrooms at Pastor Casio's Church  
    Build Sister Blanca's Roof  
    Faith Mission Repair Work

Food Crew

01:15 p.m. Lunch in Acuna  
02:00 p.m. Projects:  
    Build Church for Pastor Jose Morales  
    Build Roof for Pastor Julio's Church  
    Build Classrooms at Pastor Casio's Church

J.O.Y. Tour  
Food Crew

06:30 p.m. Dinner at Faith Mission  
08:00 p.m. POWER Store Opens

**POWER 2018 Ministry Mission Trip Itinerary**  
**GROUP 3 (Continued)**

**Thursday, January 25**

**Shirt Color: Marine Green**

**Working in Acuna, Mexico — Traveling to McAllen**

06:30 a.m. Breakfast at Faith Mission

07:00 a.m. Worship and Devotions

08:00 a.m. Projects

Build Church for Pastor Jose Morales

Build Roof for Pastor Julio's Church

Build Classrooms at Pastor Casio's Church

J.O.Y. Tour

Food Crew

Food Crew

01:30 p.m. Lunch at Faith Mission

02:30 p.m. Bags Packed and Loaded

02:45 p.m. Meet with Allen Ehlers

03:15 p.m. Leave for Laredo

06:45 p.m. Dinner in Laredo

07:45 p.m. Leave for McAllen

11:15 p.m. Arrive at I Stay Hotel in McAllen

**Sponsoring Churches**

Glocal Outreach

Magnolia Presbyterian Church

Compass Church

Crossroads Community Church

Desert Hills Church

New Day Christian Fellowship

East Hills Church

Believers Church

First Presbyterian Church of Rome

**POWER 2018 Ministry Mission Trip Itinerary**  
**GROUP 3 (Continued)**

**Friday, January 26**

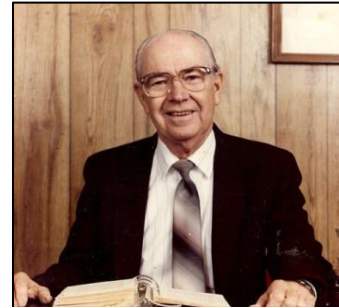
**Shirt Color: Jet Black**

**Magdiel Bible School – Matamoros – Visit With Students**

06:30 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel  
07:30 a.m. Worship and Devotions  
08:45 a.m. Leave for Brownsville  
10:15 a.m. Arrive at Magdiel Bible School

Time with Students in Morelock Chapel

12:45 p.m. Lunch  
01:30 p.m. Free Time with Students  
03:15 p.m. Leave for McAllen  
05:45 p.m. Dinner at Rudy's  
06:45 p.m. Leave for Hotel  
07:15 p.m. Arrive at Hotel



**Ray D. Morelock**

Teacher and Director at  
Magdiel Bible School  
1952—2008

The man that got it all started!

**POWER Ministry Partners**

**Pat and Mary Jo Pace** — Missionaries to 500—700 families per week on the Lower Laguna Madre Fishing Islands off the coast of Matamoros, Mexico.

**Rick and Kim Hall—Valley Baptist Mission Education Center** — Past director of Laredo Stepping Stone and POWER alumni.

**Pastor Ezekiel and Edith Alejandro** — Pastor of the Power Church of Hidalgo, Texas. Former warehouse manager at Border Missions and POWER Mission Trip Alumni.

**New Covenant Farms** — Gooding Idaho Foundation spearheaded by Louie Davenport providing food, transportation and logistics support to POWER Ministry.

**Brandon and Jessica Craig** — Currently serving as missionaries in Moldova, a country between Romania and the Ukraine and POWER Mission Trip Alumni.



**POWER 2018 Ministry Mission Trip Itinerary**  
**GROUP 3 (Continued)**

**Saturday, January 27**

**Shirt Color: Dark Chocolate Brown**

**Working in Reynosa and Festival at Alianza**

- 06:30 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel
- 07:00 a.m. Worship and Devotions
- 08:15 a.m. Projects in Reynosa:
  - Build Apartments at Senda de Vida
  - Crew at Big Heart Orphanage
  - Prison Visit
  - Festival Prep
  - Food Crew
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch at Alianza
- 01:45 p.m. Festival at Alianza – Begins with Puppet Show
- 05:45 p.m. Leave for McAllen
- 07:15 p.m. Dinner at Golden Corral
- 08:45 p.m. Leave for Hotel
- 09:00 p.m. Arrive at Hotel

**Sunday, January 28**

**Polo Shirt Color: Navy**

**Church at Alianza – Travel To San Antonio**

- 08:00 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel
- 08:30 a.m. Leave for Worship and Devotions
- 09:15 a.m. Worship and Devotions
- 10:45 a.m. Leave for Alianza Church
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Alianza
- 12:15 p.m. Greet Members of Church
- 01:00 p.m. Alianza Church Service
- 03:15 p.m. Leave for Three Rivers
- 07:15 p.m. Dinner at Agave Jalisco
- 08:15 p.m. Leave for San Antonio
- 09:45 p.m. Arrive at Travel Lodge Hotel – San Antonio

**POWER 2018 Ministry Mission Trip Itinerary**  
**GROUP 3 (Continued)**

**Monday, January 29**

**Shirt Color: Athletic Royal**

**Sharing, Reflecting and Traveling Home**

07:00 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel  
 08:00 a.m. Debriefing at Hotel  
 12:30 p.m. Lunch  
 02:30 p.m. Groups Leave for Airport  
 Miscellaneous flights leave from San Antonio

**Note:** Travel plans are unique to each traveler. Dinner is on your own at airports/plane. Flight info varies for all participants. Check with local Leadership for specifics.

**Power Through the Years:**

YEAR	MEN		MAJOR PROJECTS	
2017	180	3 Churches/2 Houses	Juan David Salas Church	Benjamin Retana Church
2016	173	2 Houses / 1 church	Guadalupe Victoria School	Heart of the King Orphanage
2015	175	4 Houses	Leona Vicario School	El Shadai Orphanage
2014	168	3 Houses	Nopelara Community Center	Church and 3 Pavilions
2013	134	2 Houses	Alianza High School	Senda de Vida Clinic
2012	131	2 Houses	Senior Citizen Center	Youth Center
2011	117	3 Houses	Dorm at Faith Mission	Churches for Pastors Hugo & Juan
2010	149	10 Houses	Church for Pastor Felix	Rio Bravo Children's Home
2009	132	9 Houses	Two Church Expansions	Churches for Pastors Antonio & Jamie
2008	132	2 Houses	Big Heart Classrooms	Stepping Stone Missionary House
2007	155	POWER Puppets	Bathhouse at Stepping Stone	Dining Hall at Refugio de Ninos
2006	234	4 Houses	Church for Pastor Rafael	Church for Pastor Armando
2005	216	Church	For Pastor Enrique	Duplex at Stepping Stone
2004	154	Church	For Pastor Renee	Alianza Junior High School
2003	81	Apartments	At Josiah and Bethany	Pavilion at Mission 1 Phase II
2002	59	Egg Production Facility	At Rio Bravo	Pavilion at Mission 1 Phase I
2001	41	Mission I	Warehouse	Alianza Clinic

## **Trip Responsibilities – Group 3**

<b><u>Area of Responsibility</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
Trip Director	Mark LeDuc
Group Leader	Dave Barnes
Trip Coordinator	Tim Morgan
Personnel Manager	Brian Nelson
Operations Manager	Marty Read
Operations Coordinator	Larry Johnson
Itinerary Coordinator	Dave Johnson
Financial Manager	Brian Nelson
Construction Director	Ray Hahn, Jr.
Project Coordinator	Barry Olson
Major Project Leaders	Brian Albright
	Cody Gibbs
Construction Resource Coordinator	Gary Astfalk
Assistant	Barry Olson
Food Coordinator	Chris Clark
Assistant Food Coordinator	Chris Cho
BBQ Manager	Bob Smith
Festival Coordinator	Kyle LeDuc
Assistant Festival Coordinator	Ben Sullivan
Assistant Festival Coordinator	Evan Lo
	Brian Nelson
Bible Distribution	John Pulusele
	Mike Reynolds
Candy Distribution	Nelson Prosper
	Clark Edmund
Water Distribution	Daniel Skipper
	Tim Yuan
Magdiel Gifts	Bob Smith
	Tim Morgan
Luggage Coordinator	Lou Dempsey
Assistants	Shay Dufresne
	Mike Brown
Unloading Truck Coordinator	Louie Davenport
Cotton Candy	Mark Middlestead
	Marvin Farr
Popcorn	Paul Chang
	Der-Ren Chu
Handyman	Dick Middlestead
	Chuck Cram
Puppet Coordinator	Joe Ramirez
Family Portraits	Dave Coryell
	Larry Hanfland
	Alex Perez

### **Trip Responsibilities – Group 3** – *Continued*

First Aid  
Journalist  
J.O.Y. Tour Leader  
J.O.Y. Tour Coordinators  
  
Small Project Coordinators  
  
Lead Electrician  
Power Point  
GPS Manager  
Troubleshooter  
Jesus Film Project  
  
Worship Leader  
  
  
  
Prayer Group Coordinator  
Leaders  
  
  
  
Web Site Coordinator  
Assistants  
  
POWER Retail Sales  
  
  
  
Interpreters  
  
  
  
Photographers  
  
  
  
Videographer  
Wake Up  
  
  
Worship Set Up and Tear Down  
Radios

Chris Clark  
John Wright  
Mario Perez  
Damon Nevatt  
Juston Keeble  
Gary Astfalk  
Lou Dempsey  
Ben Sullivan  
Evan Lo  
Larry Hanfland  
Bob Smith  
Wage Wagemaker  
Jason Richardson  
Luke Smith  
John Wright  
Dave Barnes  
Cody Gibbs  
Jay Tavarez  
Mario Perez  
Tim James  
Oliver Cardenas  
John Nielsen  
Chris Nettles  
Joe Ramirez  
Bobby Biber  
Dave Coryell  
John Nielson  
Joe Ramirez  
Kyle LeDuc  
Brian Nelson  
Larry Johnson  
Loren Vander Schaaf  
Joe Ramirez  
Jay Tavarez  
Paul Garcia  
Jose Verastegui  
Oliver Cardenas  
Frank Cordova  
Doug Bailey  
Chris Nettles  
Marvin Farr  
Dave Coryell  
Luke Smith  
Mark Middlestead  
Dick Middlestead  
George Greer  
Tim Yuan  
Juston Keeble

**Trip Responsibilities – Group 3** – *Continued*

Laundry	Tim Yuan
Van Key Manager	Scott Lips
Van Crew Director	Chris Wilburn
Van #1	Daniel Lips
Van #2	Richard Box
Van #3	Joel Cox
Van #4	Frank Cordova
Van #5	Wage Wagemaker
Van #6	Kirk Roberts
Van #7	Tyson Schubert
Van #8	Jason Richardson
Van #9	Alex Leitzke
Tire Pressure Tech	Bob Smith
Communion	Chris Clark
Coordinator of Food Delivery	Louie Davenport
Cargo Redistribution	Richard Box
	Joel Cox
Late Night Van Loading	Paul Garcia
	Jose Verastegui
Lost and Found	Joe Ramirez
Devotions	Bobby Biber

## **Casa Hogar Ninos de El Shadai**

**Aroldo & Xochil Rios**



Arnoldo and Xochil Rios have a heart for caring for orphans and have served at one of POWER's previous partners Josiah and Bethany Orphanage for a long time. They felt the calling of God to start their own work. Using Psalm 23:1 as their key verse, they walk by faith to care for those who need a loving home. Shaping these young lives and modeling a Christ like life is a job that never ceases and can be full of challenges. A stable home life is always an asset when caring for young children and after having relocated a few times in the last few years God provided a location where a 2 story dormitory could be built for the orphanage in 2015. In yet another example of the amazing way that God works, the construction is a partnership with a church in San Antonio, Alamo Ranch Community Church, where our Alumni Dave Coryell attends. Coryell used to live in Riverside but he moved to San Antonio and his church began to work with Arnoldo and the orphanage about the same time POWER was. We encourage all of those on our POWER Ministry Mission Trips to be alert for opportunities to use your contacts and resources to be a blessing to one of our many ministry partners along the Texas Mexico Border.

**FAITH MISSION INTERNATIONAL**  
**Pat & Sandra Schmeling**  
Del Rio, Texas



Since 2004 Pat Schmeling and his wife, Sandra, have served as the administrator of Faith Mission International in addition to ministering across the border and working with a large group of Mexican pastors. Pat's vision and passion is to train leaders and equip them to fulfill their roles in ministry to the glory of Jesus Christ. He is involved in pastoral teaching and helps pastors develop well rounded ministries in the areas of evangelism, discipleship and activating the members of their congregations to also serve and ministry. Working together with Mexican Pastors they identify and prepare leaders with a vision to plant new works in Mexico. Pat also preaches the word on both sides of the Border. Pat is invaluable to POWER as he helps identify and prepare projects, receives shipments to the POWER storage shed, prepares the dorm accommodations, leads tours of Acuna, arranges puppet shows and visits to the jail among other vital tasks.

Faith Mission International has hosted hundreds of American churches coming for short term mission trips to minister in Mexico over the years which Pat also coordinates. Due to the violence along the Border, tougher screening of cross border travelers requiring passports and a bad economy there has been a large decrease in groups coming to minister. This circumstance has opened up the opportunity to begin having churches send individuals to the mission to receive training for the mission field specifically Hispanic speaking countries. The idea is to train up new missionaries the same way Jesus taught his disciples with one on one, hands on, real life experiences. The new program will be called "The Institute of Advanced Leadership and Missionary Training" and Pat is very excited to see what God is going to do. Be sure and get a chance to meet Pat personally and you will get a feel for what it is like to be a boots on the ground missionary.

The founder of Faith Mission International, Allen and Charlene Ehlers are now retired and living at Faith Mission. Allen and Charlene's son, our old time friend Tim, and Tim's wife Rosa are also working and ministering in Ohio. Many POWER veterans carry fond memories of doing ministry with the Ehlers on previous trips. Numerous churches and food distribution centers/missions were built and continue to be used to win the lost to Christ.

Donated by POWER Ministry through the

**Ray Morelock Memorial Bible Fund**

In Honor of Rev. Ray D. Morelock 1921-2009  
Follower of Christ, Reverend, Teacher, Husband, Father,  
Mentor, Friend. Missionary to Mexico for 60 years, Director of  
Instituto Biblico Magdiel in Matamoros overseeing more than  
2000 students graduate. Helped establish the National Revolving  
Fund responsible for building over 500 churches in Mexico.  
**[www.powerministry.org](http://www.powerministry.org)**

Dave Johnson heads up the procurement and distribution of bibles and tracts for POWER Ministry. Above is the sticker we put on every case of Bibles we distribute.

Our Bible budget is approximately \$27,000. I am grateful that every single year that POWER has been in ministry, the leadership team of POWER has raised its budget for Bibles without exception. This year \$23,500.00 has been spent so far to-wards the January 2015 trip. We purchased:

Spanish Bibles	7,344
English Bibles	72
Spanish New Testaments	6,000
English Tracts	390
Prison Bibles	240
Assorted Spanish Tracts	18,200
Spanish Book of John	13,700

We continue to distribute Jack Chick tracts this year. Several of our ministry partners have requested them and because of their comic book style and strong message they have become another important tool in winning souls for Christ. We will have over 18,500 to distribute and most of them get read by many different people. At just over .15 cents each these tracts could very well be one of the best investments we make!!!

The Bibles, New Testaments and Book of John's are distributed to 18 different locations primarily along the Texas/Mexico border. Some of the locations warehouse them for distribution to numerous other missionaries, pastors and organizations so it is my estimate that around 50 or more locations benefit from the Ray Morelock Memorial Bible Fund. Many of the Bibles go into prisons and jails. Some help new churches we build, providing a Bible for new attendees to read. We have some of the Bibles going deep into Mexico. Many of the people who we supply Bibles to indicate they have no other source of obtaining Bibles and that POWER, through the Morelock fund, serves a very important piece of their ministry. Getting the Word of God in the hands of saved and unsaved people was a real passion of Ray Morelock and it is the intent of POWER Ministry to honor him by continuing to distribute Bibles as the Lord provides.



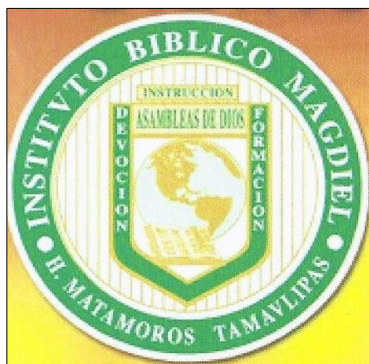
## **INSTITUTO BIBLICO MAGDIEL**

Seventy-six years ago, Magdiel Institute in Matamoros Mexico was founded. Andres Sanchez Garcia was the man that God enlightened and inspired in the organization of the institute. He declared the school's name for the word, "magdi" which means "gifted by God."

Alfonzo de los Reyes, General Superintendent of Mexico for the Assemblies of God, gave testimony that for "seventy-six years Magdiel has successfully performed in the laudable task of training ministers of the gospel, both men and women. Throughout the length and breadth of the country, men and women graduates of the classrooms are declaring God love, hope and eternal life as pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers. Some graduates with advanced theological degrees now serve as directors of other institutions and hold positions in the highest levels in the Latin America School of Theology (ISUM). Countless graduates have held and are holding leadership positions in the 23 districts of Mexico and in the General Council. As well, throughout the United States many Spanish-speaking churches and districts are led by graduates from Magdiel whether that be district officials, directors of schools, presbyters, pastors, or lay leaders."

Throughout Mexico no other school compares to the impact and historical significance Magdiel Institute has provided for 76 years. By the grace of God and obedient servants of the Lord, this institute has graduated over 1500 students. During my 14 years of serving along the border of Mexico and South Texas, I have been amazed and touched to see how many of most faithful pastors and teachers proudly display their certificate of graduation from Magdiel Institute. I am committed to the revitalization of this most admirable institute to the highest level. With the new facilities, the visionary leadership, and committed friends from POWER Ministries, God will be exalted throughout this hemisphere through the graduates for decades to come!

*Missionary Mike McGee*





## “Senda De Vida”

Road to Life Ministry

Hector Luna

While visiting the Josiah & Bethany Orphanage, during a POWER Ministry mission trip in January 2007, the new concept of J.O.Y. tours was being implemented and tested. During the festival at the orphanage there were extra guys who had not been assigned a position. There were also beans, rice and clothing left in the vans that had not been handed out. God was orchestrating events to further His kingdom. The men left the orphanage and headed to a poverty stricken area just off the old Low Road coming in from the border and located right on the Rio Grande River very close to the orphanage. The minute the group turned down the dirt road along the river they noticed an encampment of numerous people living in very humble conditions and decided to bless them with the food and clothes. So began our relationship with Hector Luna and his ministry Senda De Vida (Road to Life).

On seemingly worthless land which started out as a place to dump dirt and busted up concrete and block from demolition projects, God rose up a ministry to provide food, clothing, a place to sleep and most importantly the message of God's love to homeless and recently deported people. Local missionaries have stated that this ministry was the most fertile ground they had witnessed in terms of people being saved and open to the Gospel.

POWER now supplies all the rice and beans to the shelter along with Bibles and regular love offerings. Over time we have watched as God supplied the funds and manpower to build dorms, a church, flood retention walls and drains, sewing classrooms, a kitchen and a director's home. The improvements over the last 5 years made it possible to shelter and bless numerous people to the point more room was needed to meet the never ending and growing needs resulting from the bad economy and more aggressive US immigration enforcement.

Just when it seemed a new location would be the only answer to this problem the floods of 2010 caused the Mexican Government to declare the entire area unfit to live and began requiring every-one who lived alongside the river to move. During 2011 much prayer was dedicated to seeking God's will for the ministry as negotiations with the Mexican Government seemed to be heading towards the Govt. requiring the ministry to relocate to several non-adjacent and smaller less desirable parcels. This was very disheartening news as it meant that all the improvements at the shelter would be lost or in need of dissembling and relocating.

But God was at work behind the scenes softening the hearts of Government officials who just recently gave permission for the ministry to stay and allow them to expand on the land next door now vacant by the forced relocation of all the other habitants of the area. What a miracle that now the city is even bringing loads of dirt to help raise the land above the flood zone and is allowing the ministry to expand on land previously owned by others at no cost to the ministry!!! It is on this very land that the 2012 POWER team chose to build a Shelter for homeless elderly men as a project. This building will shine as a light of God's love to the neighborhood. Using the two verses shown below as a theme Senda De Vida and its director, our good friend Hector Luna, continue to reach out and meet the needs of homeless people and migrants in Reynosa with the eternal result of growing God's kingdom.

**Matthew 11:28** *“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”*

**Matthew 25:40** *“And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it*

*unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*

## **ALIANZA CRISTIANA (DOME CHURCH)**

Mario Perez

Our church was born in 1978 when two missionaries, Ramon Esparza and his wife Kate, arrived in our city to share God's Word with a small group of people which gathered near a city park.

Two years later, the first Christian Missionary and Alliance temple was built in the colonia named "5 de Diciembre". At that time the church was made up of 20 people. On September 20 of 1981, the recent seminar graduate Pastor Mario Perez Rojas was named the senior pastor of the church. In December of that year, he married his fellow seminar classmate Martha Alfaro. From that day on, the young couple, along with the congregation started working in sharing the gospel throughout the city.

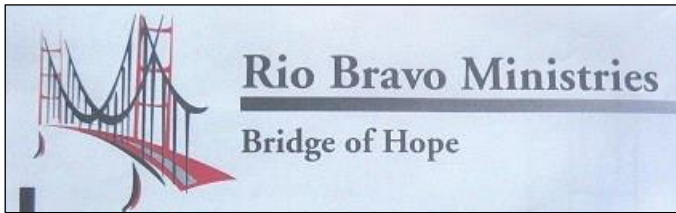
By 1986, the church had grown so much, they had to build a larger temple with a capacity for 1000 people. God's blessing was over the church and many people came to know Christ. The sick were healed, people were freed, and the church's motto was "God is bigger than my problems".

The church kept growing and so did the vision. In 1992, the church left their facilities and moved to where the actual facilities are now. The first meeting was held under a large tent. Several years ago a large metal dome was erected to replace the tent.

Now the church keeps growing and each day history writes itself. Now we have two services on Sunday mornings with approximately 2900 to 3000 combining both services. We have a private school which has been going for 10 years. This school is well recognized in our city for the outstanding students and academic level. We have now opened a church in McAllen. And so the vision continues.

We also praise God for the relationships and partnerships he has given us. We are blessed to have the POWER group each year in our church. And we thank God for their ministry because they have been a great part of our growth and have helped us in our work to reach the city for Christ.





## **RIO BRAVO MINISTRIES**

Ray & Leah Hansen  
Spencer & Patty Hansen

In 1980, as Principal of Garland Christian School in Garland Texas, Ray was challenged by a missionary to get the school kids involved in missions. That year Ray and Leah led their first mission team to Mt. Hebron Bible Institute in Monterrey, Mexico. The Hansen's continued to host mission teams annually, then bi-annually, then quarterly until the Hansen's were asked to help with a children's home in Jimenez, Chihuahua. After their first year in Jimenez, Ray and Leah attended language school at Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, Texas (on the border of Texas and Mexico). While in language school the need on the border became evident. So in 1991, Ray went to Reynosa city officials and requested permission to start a children's home in their city. Soon after, the city of Reynosa donated a plot of land to build Hogar de Ninos Rio Bravo.

Now the hard part, locating the plot of land. This proved to be very challenging. After hiring two survey teams, the land was discovered. It was covered in garbage, cactus and scrub brush. There were no roads, no electricity or running water, and no sewer system. Construction of the children's home started immediately. Mission teams cleared the land and cleaned up the garbage. The cement for the foundation of the first home was mixed by hand with water that was carried in from the homes of Christian neighbors two blocks away. "This was the beginning of faith-building in our lives and in the lives of those who would help make this home for many children", stated the Hansen's.

Today the children's home that started on a trash dump is considered **"The model for children's homes across the state of Tamaulipas"**. This statement was recently made by the Director of Social Services for the State of Tamaulipas. There are currently 52 children in the orphanage and 180 children in the school.





## **REFUGIO INTERNACIONAL de NINOS HISTORY**

Over 35 years ago a lady named Shirley moved to the interior of Mexico from the U.S. and married a Mexican man named Lee Mendoza. One day Shirley, who came from a Mennonite background, found an orphaned child had been left at her doorstep. She took in the child and as time went by many others were also taken in and cared for. In the mid 70's, the Mendoza's moved to Reynosa and rented a building where they continued to take in children who needed a home. Tragically, a fire destroyed the rented building. It was at this time the Mennonite Disaster Relief provided the funds to purchase 14 acres and build six (6) separate homes on the outskirts of Reynosa. The orphanage is called Refugio Internacional de Ninos, or International Refuge of Children, and is overseen by Children's Haven International whose sole purpose is "Providing loving Christian care for needy children". As a nonprofit organization, the mission of Children's Haven International is to meet the needs of children who come under their care so that his or her physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs may be met and that he or she can become a responsible, Christian citizen of their country.

In 1988, six (6) acres was donated in Pharr, Texas just across the border from Reynosa. This site now consists of RV hookups, housing, offices and a thrift store which sells donated items to raise funds for the orphanage. Volunteers work at the thrift store and also at a second fundraising home office location in Canada.

Today the orphanage has grown to include a large gymnasium/chapel with kitchen and apartments, a large storage building, swimming pool, soccer field & playgrounds and two dormitories that can house up to 50 people in addition to the original six houses. Having children cared for in individual homes under the care of long-term house parents is a main focus. In this way, the children are cared for in family units rather than institutionalized. It is in this setting that God's love and ways can be best modeled and taught. Extensions to each of the homes are being made to help accommodate the house parents to help meet the needs of their own family and children who live alongside the orphans. By improving conditions for the house parents, everyone benefits as it adds stability to the lives and family units of the orphans which is so important. An additional home for the children is close to being completed and a primary school has also been built so the children get a good educational start.

God certainly picked out a prime location for the orphanage which in the last few years has gone from a rather remote countryside setting to one of being surrounded by hundreds of new homes as the city of Reynosa grows. Plans are under way for the orphanage to reach out to the community and add additional grades to the school, build a multipurpose facility, medical clinic, a program to teach teenagers a trade and a kitchen/dining hall to better reach the local community God has placed around them for Christ. Many success stories can be told. Several children have become missionaries. One is a dentist, another a lawyer and two are enrolled at a Bible Institute to become missionaries. Many have gotten University degrees or are involved in pastoral work or church leadership. Often they return to help the children still at the orphanage. One young lady graduated from Bible School, served as a missionary and has returned to serve as a nursery/preschool instructor!!

POWER Ministry looks forward to working with the new American-side directors Randall and Betsy Chacon and orphanage Director Malena Guillen who has taken the place of our old friends Francisco and Lulu who stepped down as she prepared to give birth to twins. Make sure to get a chance to meet Randall, Betsy and Malena. Don't forget to introduce yourself to the house parents and children as we work on our



projects at the orphanage.

## **BORDER MISSIONS**

Jerry and Albertia McKnight

Border Missions is a non-profit non-denominational Christian organization located in Hidalgo, Texas just across the border from Reynosa, Mexico. With Isaiah 58:6-7 as a theme verse, Harold and Katherine Morgan founded the mission in 1956 after witnessing the spiritual hunger amongst Mexican nationals in the farm labor camps. At that time, Mexico was truly a land of darkness where idols were worshipped. Mexico was predominately a Catholic nation and there were restrictions in regards to sharing God's Word. Therefore, the mission was built in the United States. Border Missions has used the distribution of food and clothing in order to reach the lost for God. Many churches have been planted along the Texas-Mexico border and in the Mexican interior by people who were saved at the mission.

For more than 30 years POWER Ministry and its predecessor ministries have provided the beans and rice to help feed and minister to those who are in need. Since 2000 POWER has also provided Bibles, T-shirts, financial assistance and done small work projects at the mission.

The work continues today under the direction of Jerry and Alberta McKnight. The McKnight's assumed the directorate in July 2010 following that of Glenda Atcheson who continues to serve Border Missions as a member of the Board of Directors. The McKnight's are from Mt. Enterprise, Texas, a small town in northeast Texas. Jerry's first mission experience was over twenty years ago while he was an associate pastor in the Houston, Texas area. He accompanied a missionary and helped in giving out food and clothing to the people of a very poor village near San Fernando, Mexico. From that very first mission outreach, God placed in his heart a love for the Mexican people and a burden to help them. Alberta joined in this burden, and from that point on trips were planned to Mexico as often as possible, bringing mission groups, helping to build churches, supplying food and clothing, and most importantly, bringing the love of Christ to all that would listen.

In 2003, knowing that God was calling them to Mexico, they both quit their secular jobs and moved to the Rio Grande Valley to work full time with a ministry in Mexico. Since that time, they have had the opportunity of helping to build a Bible School and several churches in the interior of Mexico.

The McKnight's thank God for the privilege of being directors of Border Missions where they can continue to serve the Lord through supplying the physical and spiritual needs to those on both sides of the border. Also serving are Steven and Suzanne Stokes.

Thanks to each one who is able to help us with clothing as well as monetary donations to keep this work ever moving forward!





**Faith Missions Ministries**  
**David and Amy Burkett and Family**  
**David and Ming Morales**

Faith Missions Ministries is a ministry dedicated to winning the lost to Jesus Christ! They are independent and believe and preach the full gospel message of Jesus Christ! They work with all denominations. The ministry was founded in 1982 by Rev. Harold Burkett with the emphasis on taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to Mexico and Central America.

In 1997, his son, David, along with his wife, Amy and family began with the ministry and were called to the full time mission field to serve as missionaries to Mexico. After attending the Calvary Ministerial Institute (missionary school) in El Carmen Mexico, they began to fulfill the vision that God has laid on their hearts to win 1,000,000 souls to Jesus Christ. Through a prophetic film ministry and evangelism, they ministered to many Indian villages in the mountains of Oaxaca Mexico. The Burkett's have seen thousands of souls come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Presently, the Lord is using the Burkett's to minister in many colonias in Mexico and the U.S. as they host mission groups, minister the gospel, feed the hungry and (Nail Pouch Ministry) building churches and houses for the needy.

The word FAITH stands for: **F**ully, **A**rmed, **I**ndividuals, **T**eaching, **H**ope.

Faith Missions Ministry is located in El Cenizo, Texas with mission quarters able to house short term mission groups of 15 or less. A work has been established in Nuevo Laredo called Blanca Navidad. Here a warehouse has been built to store materials needed to build homes and other items for needy families along with a kitchen to serve food to the people who come and worship under a large tent. After the services, people are given a bag of groceries many of whom would go hungry without assistance.

POWER Ministry partners with the Burkett's and David and Ming Morales by providing beans and rice which help feed over 700 people each week. Visiting Blanca Navidad allows one to experience the great vision of what the Lord is doing on the mission field. You will not leave the same way you came. It will change your life.

[www.faithmissionsministries.com](http://www.faithmissionsministries.com)

## **POWER Ministry Partners**

**Francisco and Lulu Segura** — When Ray Morelock told us Francisco was one of the best students to graduate from Magdiel Bible School, we knew we had to connect with him. We met in Reynosa where he and his wife Lulu were the directors of the Refugio de Ninos Orphanage which we continue to visit. Francisco is an attorney who gave up a lucrative profession to become a preacher and start a church in a poor Colonia on the southern outskirts of Reynosa. Some veterans of POWER may remember helping build his church and also a home next door so they could fulfill their desire to live in the Colonia and minister more effectively. One special bond we have with Francisco and Lulu is being able to pray for them during a scout out trip. They had tried for years to have a baby of their own. About nine months later they had their first child and then shortly afterward had twins!! God is good. Francisco has also been very helpful in arranging our visits to the Reynosa Prison.

**Randy and Jeannie Leyendecker/Laredo Stepping Stones** — The connection with Randy goes back to our beloved friend and former board member, John Clark, who has since gone to be with the Lord. An old friend of John Clark knew Rick and Kim Hall who had taken the directorship of Laredo Stepping Stones (LSS) and God put us all together. Randy Leyendecker was one of the founders and board members of LSS where many POWER projects have been done over the years such as a missionary duplex, director's house, two story bath house/conference room and kitchen extension. Additionally, Randy owns a lumber yard where over 100 thousand pounds of food is donated each year to ministries as a tool to further the Gospel. The lumber yard has supplied building materials to POWER at greatly reduced rates for many projects. His heart is also with the homeless and he and his wife spend numerous days each month feeding and ministering to the street people of Laredo. God also enabled Randy to purchase radio station 102.5 located in Encinal, Texas just outside of Laredo which broadcasts Christian music and ministers to the local area. Randy and his wife Jeanie are currently living in one of the duplexes Power built. We look forward to returning to LSS in future years, Lord willing.

**Gator and Deanna Carter/Big Heart Orphanage** — Gator and his wife run the Big Heart Orphanage in Reynosa, Mexico. The orphanage is aptly named because once meeting Gator you will realize just how big of a heart he has. Gator's decision to run an orphanage not on numbers of children housed but on quality of care leaves one impressed with just what God's best can really be. POWER has had the opportunity to partner with Gator as he reached out and built a local school and added on to the already impressive orphanage. Bowling with the kids has been a big hit with the POWER guys and something the kids look forward to also. Gator just recently had a kidney transplant so remember to lift him up in prayer for continued healing.



### **2018 POWER Ministry Participants – Group 3**

Brian Albright	Ridgecrest, CA
Ezequiel Alejandro	Hidalgo, TX
Gary Astfalk	Riverside, CA
Doug Bailey	Canyon Lake, CA
Dave Barnes	Big Bear Lake, CA
Bobby Biber	Brandon, SD
Richard Box	Murrieta, CA
Mike Brown	Fairfield, CA
Oliver Cardenas	Murrieta, CA
Paul Chang	Alhambra, CA
Chris Cho	Huntington Beach, CA
Der-Ren Chu	Irvine, CA
Chris Clark	San Luis Obispo, CA
Frank Cordova	San Jacinito, CA
Dave Coryell	San Antonio, TX
Joel Cox	Riverside, CA
Chuck Cram	Gooding, ID
Louie Davenport	Gooding, ID
Lou Dempsey, Jr.	Rome, GA
Shay Dufresne	Temecula, CA
Clark Edmond	Murrieta, CA
Marvin Farr	Temecula, CA
Paul Garcia	San Angelo, TX
Cody Gibbs	Bellevue, ID
George Greer	Temecula, CA
Larry Hanfland	Elkhorn, NE
Tim James	Temecula, CA
Dave Johnson	Seneca, SC
Larry Johnson	Rome, GA
Juston Keeble	Round Rock, TX
Kyle LeDuc	Riverside, CA
Mark LeDuc	Riverside, CA
Alex Leitzke	Temecula, CA
Daniel Lips	Irvine, CA
Scott Lips	Irvine, CA
Evan Lo	Riverside, CA
Dick Middlestead	San Diego, CA
Mark Middlestead	Murrieta, CA
Tim Morgan	Rome, GA
Brian Nelson	Riverside, CA
Chris Nettles	Riverside, CA
Damon Nevatt	Riverside, CA

**2018 POWER Ministry Participants – Group 3** – *Continued*

John Nielsen	Laredo, TX
Barry Olson	Ridgecrest, CA
Alex Perez	Reynosa, MX-TM
Mario Perez	Reynosa, MX-TM
Nelson Prosper	Menifee, CA
John Pulusele	Long Beach, CA
Joe Ramirez	Grand Terrace, CA
Marty Read	Riverside, CA
Mike Reynolds	Riverside, CA
Jason Richardson	Buhl, ID
Kirk Roberts	Tulsa, OK
Tyson Schubert	Round Rock, TX
Daniel Skipper	Riverside, CA
Bob Smith	Murrieta, CA
Luke Smith	Round Rock, TX
Ben Sullivan	McMinnville, OR
Jay Perez Tavarez	Laredo, TX
Loren Vander Schaaf	Maurice, IA
Jose Verastegui	San Angelo, TX
Wage Wagemaker	Twin Falls, ID
Chris Wilburn	Atlanta, GA
John Wright	Riverside, CA
Tim Yuan	Huntington Beach, CA