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## Growing and Groaning with Young Men

In the 1980's, Bro. Marshall and Sis. Jan Heinold uncovered a startling statistic within Mexico. At that time, there were 220 children's homes for girls, but for boys, only 3. The numbers reflected a truth that ministering to young troubled men is tough. Young men are harder to reach and harder to tolerate.

CVE (Magdalena, MX) is a ministry that seeks to extend hope and bring the restoring light and life of Jesus to youth whose trust has been violated at the most basic levels. Youth arrive at CVE as boys and girls and all too soon become young men and women. Passions during this age are intensified from their traumatic past. Brothers have a heart to disciple these young boys into maturity and manhood.

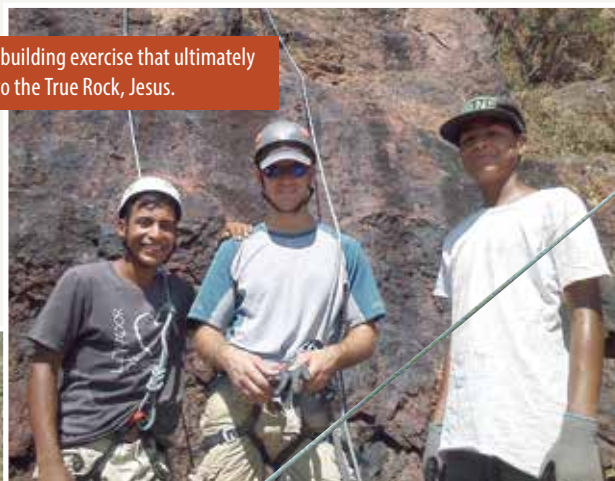
### A Creative Activity

After seeking counsel from those more familiar with the struggles of young men, the brothers decided to pursue the specific activity of rock climbing. The purpose was to create isolated environments of fear that were moral, legal, and safe. While undeniably enjoyable, the activity was designed and executed for function, not fun. Intentionally they wanted the young men to confront their fears in a constructive, not destructive manner.

A well-earned feeling of accomplishment



A faith-building exercise that ultimately points to the True Rock, Jesus.



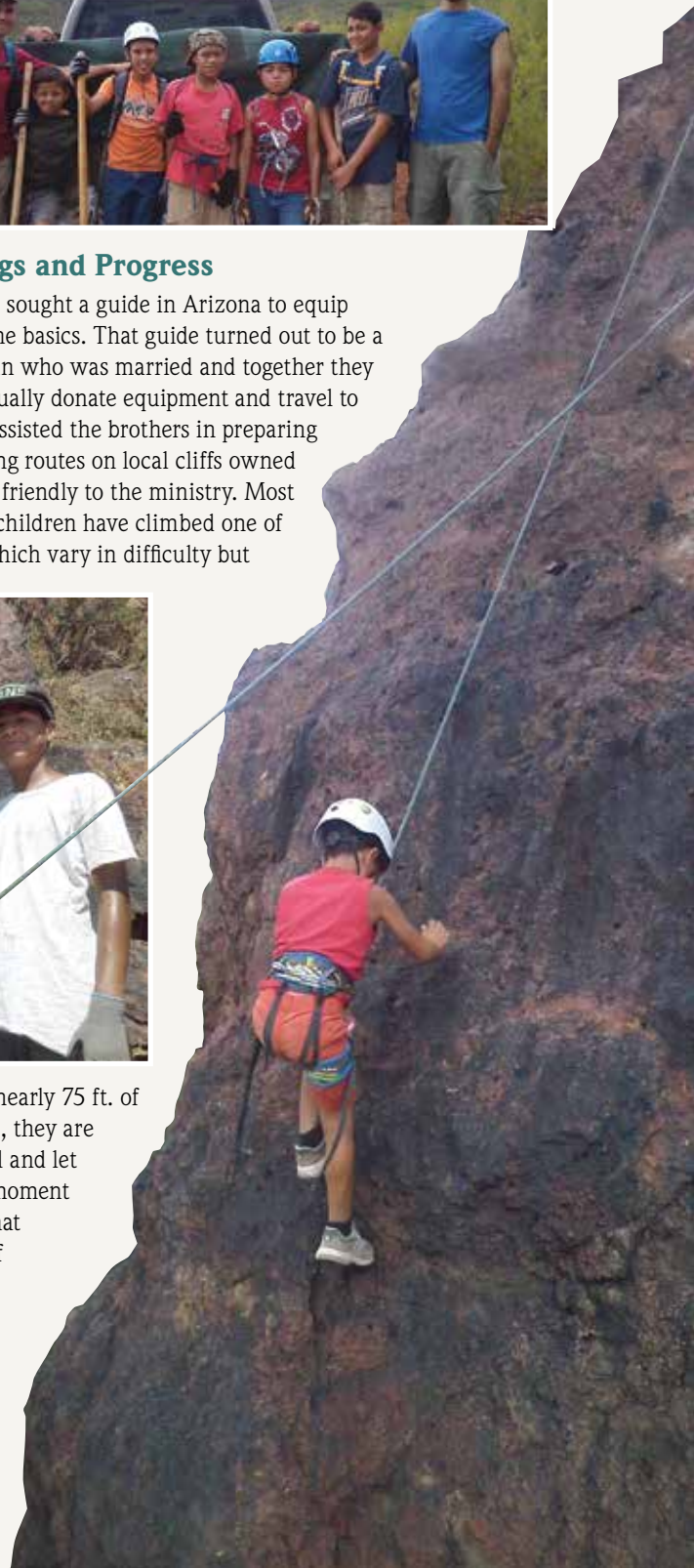
consistently rise to nearly 75 ft. of cliff height. At the top, they are asked to push off the wall and let the rope catch them. It is a moment of decisive and fearful trust that culminates in a split second of freefall before the rope slack tightens and catches them. In addition to a keen focus on safety, the brothers also encourage the climbers from both the top and bottom of the cliff.

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### Beginnings and Progress

The brothers sought a guide in Arizona to equip them with the basics. That guide turned out to be a believing man who was married and together they would eventually donate equipment and travel to CVE. They assisted the brothers in preparing some climbing routes on local cliffs owned by a rancher friendly to the ministry. Most all the CVE children have climbed one of the routes which vary in difficulty but



# Minerva's Story

A FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT OF HOW AC TEAMS AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER ITEMS HAVE MADE



For the past twenty-five years, Minerva and her family from Juarez have faithfully worked alongside Apostolic teams. During our last medical team trip, we asked her to share her story:

"In the late 1980's, when I was 15 years old, Pastor Chito of Granjas Church in Juarez invited me to help with the Apostolic Christian World Relief medical campaign. I did not know how much this would bless my life. The campaign was small at that time; we saw 500 people in the five clinic days. I helped by teaching the children about Jesus. In 1987, I gave my heart to Jesus and was

baptized in 1989. At the Granjas church, I helped cook and serve the food provided by your church. The school sponsored by Child Sponsorship is also in this building. I help at the school by teaching Bible Classes to the children. Many children have been fed, educated, and taught God's Word over these many years. Thank you to World Relief, now HarvestCall.

Back to my earlier life, Bertin and I were married when I was 20 years old. We helped with both the construction and medical teams. Two years after we were married, Chito asked us if we would like a house built by an AC construction team.

We were thrilled and praised God for His Blessings. We had arrived from another city with our small baby and had no home. My house was built by a beautiful group of Americans in 1995. It was a small home and we have added two rooms and a bathroom since then.

[Currently, Bertin and 2 sons – Angel 21 y/o, Ezequiel 14 y/o – and 2 y/o daughter, Mimi live in this 2 bedroom, bath, kitchen and tiny living room. The medical teams enjoy having a "lunch call" after church on Sunday in their home.]

The home is a huge blessing to us. We have had many happy memories here.

Minerva teaching about Jesus



My own Bible



Medical-dental team having lunch call at the Rey's Home



## A DIFFERENCE

Bertin and I love to share the love of God with the people of our community, especially the children. We have VBS every summer for six days with 130 children participating and 30 adults helping. The theme this year was "The Secret Ingredient". Each night we gave more clues and lessons about the secret ingredient. The secret ingredient is "The Love of God". We are thankful for the Bible Story Books, Coloring Books, and Crayons that come in the kits from HarvestCall. We also use the flannelgraph donated by your church for VBS and Sunday School to teach the Bible Stories. The children love to learn



Thankful and excited for a Bible and wheelchair

about the Bible. Once a month on Saturdays we have a Bible program for the children.

We have been so blessed by your church. The help of the medical campaign has been a great blessing for the people of the city spiritually and

economically because in our homes for several weeks, we can have health things (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap) personally. Most of the time, I have not had to buy toothbrushes and toothpaste as we get them in the health kits. Recently we ran out of toothpaste and I needed to buy Mexico toothpaste. Then you came again and we received more toothpaste. I just opened it and smelled it. It smelled so

good. I was happy! We are also thankful for the comforters that you give away. The ladies just love them. At the campaign this week, some elderly ladies waited patiently in the 100 degree heat – just to get a blanket! They keep us warm in the winter. The expecting mothers so much appreciate the baby kits that you bring (layettes with blanket, onesies, and diapers). All the gifts we get are helpful, but the Bibles are a gift of greater blessing for the salvation of the people. Everyone can have a Bible and continue to explore and read it. Thank God for all those who help us.

The time you could not come because of the violence in the city, people came to me asking for soap, toothpaste and brushes, soup, blankets, children's materials and Bibles. I told them, "I'm sorry. The medical campaign has not been able to come. Pray for God to bring them back." So, thank you for coming back.

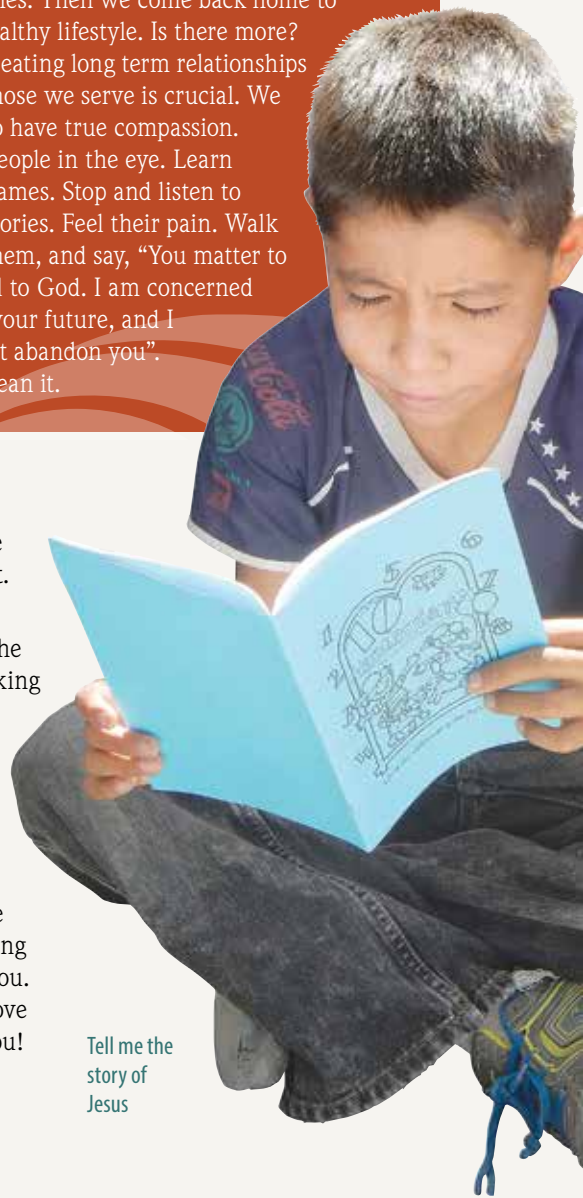
Every year when September is coming, we get excited... a medical team will be coming soon! We love to see you and work with you. It encourages us! We love all of you! We love you in Christ, thank you and God Bless you! We hope to see you next year."



AMMAR children come with their parents to help with the team and develop friendships with the American Children. Social media has helped continue these relationships.

## Long-term Care and Relationship Building

A Medical Team... A Construction Team... One Week of serving, giving medical education, building a house and making memories. Then we come back home to our wealthy lifestyle. Is there more? Yes! Creating long term relationships with those we serve is crucial. We need to have true compassion. Look people in the eye. Learn their names. Stop and listen to their stories. Feel their pain. Walk with them, and say, "You matter to me and to God. I am concerned about your future, and I will not abandon you". And mean it.



Tell me the story of Jesus

## Poverty and the First Commandment

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. Mark 12:30

Have you ever wondered why God spells out four specific ways in which we are to love the Lord? Why isn't the command simply to love Him?

According to the authors of *When Helping Hurts, how to alleviate poverty without hurting the poor...and yourself*, poverty is not just the lack of material goods. It is the result of broken relationships in four specific areas:

- Broken relationship with God
- Broken relationships with others
- Broken relationship with our self
- Broken relationship with the rest of creation

These areas of broken relationship correlate strongly with the four aspects of the 1st Commandment, showing the path to true riches, or conversely to true poverty.

Correlating the 1st Commandment with the four broken relationships identified in *When Helping Hurts* helps us understand:

- We all are susceptible to poverty when we fail to obey the first commandment. It is possible for someone much more materially poor than us to be rich in ways we are poor. James 2:5
- When ministering to others, the gospel can never be secondary. Jesus is the only one that can enable people to mend the broken relationships that lead to poverty.

May God grant us grace to recognize and confess our own poverty as we come alongside those suffering from broken relationships whom the Lord would have to worship Him with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength.



John Huber  
Executive Director

### THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

### BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

#### Loving God with all our Soul

OR

#### Broken Relationship with God

Reconciled to the Father by faith in Jesus Christ and no longer separated we enjoy relationship and peace with God. Rom. 5:1

This always leads to poverty regardless of the amount of one's possessions. Rev 3:17

#### Loving God with all our Heart

OR

#### Broken Relationship with Others

Submitting our heart to God in repentance, he cleanses our heart from those things that would hinder relationship with him and others.

A heart filled with bitterness, un-forgiveness, abuse, prejudices and un-repentance leads to poverty of relationship with others.

#### Loving God with all our Mind

OR

#### Broken Relationship with Our Self

Believing with all our mind what God says about us and himself; that we are created in his image, for his glory, and that he loves us. Isa 43:7, John 3:16

Falsely believing thoughts of inferiority, hopelessness, powerlessness or an exalted belief of superiority, looking down on others and believing we are or have all the answers. I Cor. 4:7

#### Loving God with all our Strength

OR

#### Broken Relationship with Rest of Creation

Diligently applying the strength he gives us as stewards – not owners – of our material goods for the purposes of his kingdom and glory and not our own.

Fear, apathy, lacking initiative and/or purpose that impairs our relationship with society. Conversely, being a workaholic or the pursuit of material gain for self-glory leads to broken relationship with the rest of creation. I Tim 6:9-10

"And God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water: and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink" Genesis 21: 19

# Clean water is miles away

## MORE SANITARY WELLS NEEDED IN HAITI

In one very materially poor area of Les Cayes, Haiti, the people live next to a river. This river is contaminated from both animals and humans. The river is very dirty, but because a clean sanitary well is miles away, they use the river as their primary water source. They wash dishes and clothes in it, bath in it, and even drink it. You can imagine the result.



Washing clothes in ditch

Getting a safe, clean well was beyond their reach financially. Seeing the need, HarvestCall Haiti Water Aid decided to donate a well for them.

These wells provide reliable, clean water for about 300 people each, sparing them from the diseases and complications caused by contaminated water. As you can see from the photos they are always very busy.

### Haiti Water Aid –

Haiti has a great need for more sanitary water wells. Since the Haiti Water Aid program began in 1985, over 1,100 wells have been drilled for grateful Haitian communities, but there are still many that lack access to clean

water. These wells are drilled by a five-man crew of Haitians that have been trained by HarvestCall. They are skilled Christian workers and drill wells throughout the Haitian countryside, modeling godly living in their interactions. Completing a new well costs about \$7,000. To encourage community involvement and sense of ownership, HarvestCall prefers to have the locals



The Haitian well-drilling crew. All are believers.



Committing this well to God in prayer

contribute \$2,000. But there are some poor communities that simply cannot raise this amount. That's where sponsors are needed.

### Donate: Sponsor a Well –

For \$2,000 you, a group of your friends, a Sunday School, or other group, can sponsor a well with a hand pump for a poor community that cannot afford to pay for having a well drilled. You (or the group donating) will be sent complete information on the sponsored well, including when and where the well was drilled and photos of the well and the Haitians it serves. When you sponsor a well you show the love of Christ by providing safe sanitary water to hundreds of people that were previously taking their water from a contaminated source.



Clean, safe, life-giving water

Sign on the wells read "in the name of Jesus Christ"

These wells are well-used!



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# Growing with Young Men

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## Discipleship Modeled

Stretching men like this is as old as our own Master. Jesus was intentional to constrain his fearful and hardened disciples into a boat in which he would send a contrary wind through the hours of night. He cared for them and he prayed for them, but he purposely exposed them to the elements. In the end, he walked on the water, appeared as a ghost and brought those tough men to cry out. Only then did he enter the boat, rebuke the wind and speak peace to the water. Safely, but intentionally, he enlarged their hearts that they would ask the fundamental question, “What manner of man is this that even the winds and wave should obey his voice?”

## Your Participation

**Pray** - Please pray that God would continue to provide wisdom and insight for the brothers and couples that they might consider these young men and disciple them in the pattern of Jesus. Also, pray that the Lord would redeem the past of the young men and soften their hearts to



Rock climbing allows young men to confront their fears in a constructive manner

trust others and open their hearts to the light of Christ.

**Share** - The equipment is replaced as it wears out past thresholds of safe use. Most all the present equipment has been donated through generous gifts.

**Come** - There is a need for Spirit-led brothers and couples to come mentor and disciple these

growing boys and maturing men. If you know of brothers skilled in the art of climbing, there is a need to train the younger ones and prepare new routes.

**Focus** - For those visiting CVE, rock climbing is unlikely. This is not a recreational program. It exists to minister to the children, particularly young men, and point them to the gospel, which is central to all that CVE does.



Missionary staff provide godly examples



**STAY CONNECTED** | Prayer support is needed in every part of HarvestCall work. Here are two ways to learn about projects, how to be involved and how to pray specifically.

**Stay in touch with email updates** | Go to the HarvestCall website ([www.harvestcall.org](http://www.harvestcall.org)) and select “Join our email list” on the home page. Enter your email address.

**Free newsletter** | We will mail an Update newsletter four to five times a year with recent news regarding HarvestCall ministry programs and how to be involved.

**HELP FINANCIALLY** | If you prefer your donation is used where most needed, indicate General Fund. If you feel moved to support a specific project, include the name of the project. If donations are greater than the need for any specific project, they will be used in the General Fund where most needed.

An envelope is provided with appropriate boxes to check. Checks can either be given to your local HarvestCall Representative or mailed to:

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