

A little update about our lives in Mexico.

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The Bolaños Bulletin

Looking Back on 2018

As we look back on the year 2018, we are overwhelmed by all that God has done. Our year was extremely challenging, as well as full of success!

At the TJ House we had a year full of action! We saw eight students graduate from college and had blast celebrating each of these monumental moments! When we consider the background of each of these students, the challenges they have faced, hard work, perseverance and personal development they have initiated, it is a miracle what they have accomplished. We consider it an honor to be a part of their journey, witness the cycle of poverty end in their lives, and know that permanent, generational change is happening through the love of God at work in their lives!

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In July, we lead a team of TJ House

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and stretched outside their comfort zone. They served alongside missionaries in Huajuapán, played with the kids at the home, and served in the local prison.



Our main purpose in visiting the children's home, was to share with the teenagers, the opportunity they have to attend university in Tijuana. Each of our team members shared their TJ House and university experience, and we are now excited that two students from the Oaxaca children's home have applied to come to Tijuana in the fall.



This trip was life changing for our students. We are thankful to have given them the opportunity to serve their fellowman, be on the giving end of a missions experience rather than on the receiving end, and recognize that God can and will use them to change the lives of others.

Big thanks to FFHM and Camano Chapel for helping make this trip and experience possible! We definitely hope to lead more trips in the future!

The Bolaños Family



One of the highlights of our trip to Oaxaca was reconnecting with the young men that we cared for when we were house parents at the children's home! It was so affirming and encouraging that they still wanted to see us after so much distance and time! We are proud of them and what the Lord has done!



Our **Pedro** continues to just blow us away with his maturity and work ethic! Pedro graduated from college two years ago, and just landed his first job within his tech and computer programming field. He works for a trucking company, and has developed an application that monitors the movement of their inventory all over the country! He lives in



Alfredo had a life changing year, as he and his girlfriend, Gissel received their first baby Gessli Aitanna in mid November, making us grandparents! Alfredo and his little family are living in Mexicali for the next year or so, as Gissel finishes studies in business administration. Then they hope to move closer to us, which would be so great!!

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thankful we get to see him all the time!

journey of parenthood!



Audrey turned two in September!! She is a breath of fresh air in our house of adults. She is rapidly expanding her vocabulary and her easy going and funny spirit make her cherished by all, and totally spoiled!



Micah continues to be our super active, smart and outgoing boy. He turned eight in November, and this fall we started homeschooling. We love the freedom it brings our family. Micah has recently taken up skateboarding and loves "Dog Man" comic books!

A New Generation of Students

This fall we received six new students at the TJ House. We are enjoying getting to know them all and are excited to see what God does in their lives during the years they are living at the TJ House and studying at a college level. If you would like to get involved on a more personal level with our students nearly all of them are in need of sponsors or cheerleaders! College is hard and even more so with a nonexistent family or support group! Sponsoring a college student changes their life, gives them a family, and the motivation to do their best!! We would love for you to be a part of our ministry team!

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