

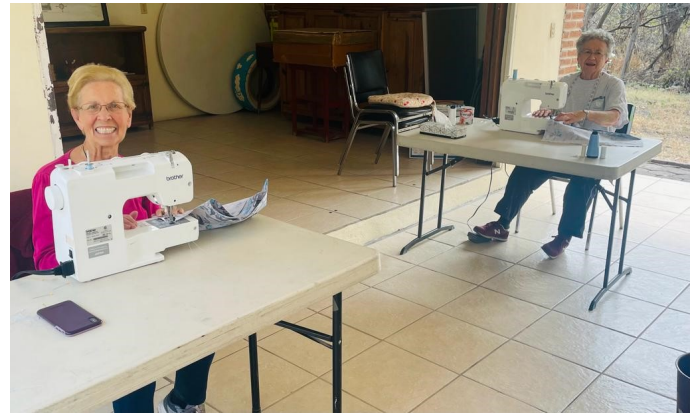


March 13, 2023 "Give Ye Them To Eat" Mark 6:37

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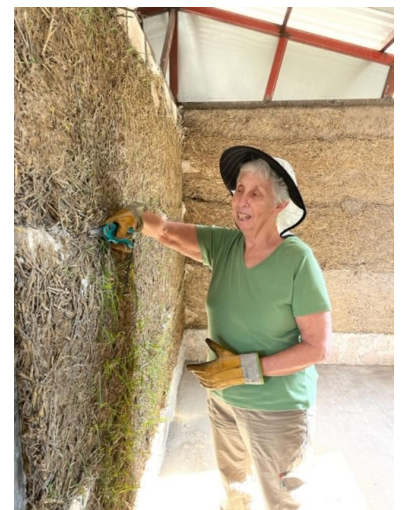
We thank God for you, your prayers and gifts, your love of mission and of the ministries of Give Ye Them to Eat. We have much to be grateful for: Since October we have enjoyed the presence of 52 people in four AWARE (Alternative Work/Study and Reality Experience) teams. They came from Pennsylvania, Spokane, Washington, Nashville, TN and Fredericksburg, VA. We are grateful to all of them and especially their leaders who do a great deal of work and of praying to get their groups to Puebla, Mexico.

In the Tennessee group Barbara Garcia and Sally Meredith (Sally and Bob are from Aldersgate UMC in Massachusetts) sewed 40 covers for cushions – this was an enormous help, both because the old ones were in bad shape and also, by covering the cushions they stay like new.



Both groups worked on a compacted earth and straw house with a metal structure. The Tennessee group built the walls and the Virginia group plastered the walls (they also did other things on the house!). This house will be for Veronica Galindo. Veronica and her 17 year old son will live there. Some of you may remember that in the last three years she lost

two brothers who were working in the US, her mother and most recently her father. She had a bad case of Covid and has serious issues with her back. She is a very hard worker and was with GYTTE part time for many years until we invited her to work fulltime in 2020. She is now the head cook and also does many other indispensable jobs at the Tree of Life Center. Manito UMC in Spokane WA raised the money for this house!



Both groups also worked building new gabiones in the arroyo near the Casa de Visita (visitor's house – one of the first straw-bale houses). This involves building large



baskets out of chicken wire and filling them with rocks – so many trips to get rocks are necessary. It is hard work but people always enjoy working with Liborio! These particular gabiones help build a new organic layer as dirt is carried here by rain from higher ground.



The Tennessee group worked on leveling the walkway around the kitchen.

They also helped harvest our crop of Flor de Jamaica (Jamaica flower) that we use to make juice.



Both groups worked cleaning bamboo – a kind with a small diameter called Carrizo. They then cut it and worked with Salatiel to make a barrel with it for catching rainfall.



Both groups also worked with Marce preparing square foot gardens. The Virginia group also got to plant and water seeds and see them sprout.



There was very rich discussion during reflections and I think both groups helped solve most of the world's problems! They both visited Tlancualpican, had an in depth tour of the Center with Catalino, went to a local church service and had fellowship time with the



members, went with Estela and other health promoters to see them give health classes (dental hygiene and cervical-uterine cancer), had a meal and gift exchange with the staff and ended the time at the center with a closing ceremony at the chapel.

We hope you take time to read and share this newsletter and prayerfully consider coming on and AWARE team this year!

In God's love,

Nan, Miguel, Clara, Cata and all the team of GYTTE



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