Dear Friends.

The saga continues regarding the Earthquake Recovery Plan in Mexico and there's good news! The straw bale house construction in the village of San Juan Pilcaya, that began on November 6<sup>th</sup>, is almost complete. This week the floor will be laid and then the Quiroz family will move into their new, two-room home. You might think that a house with only two rooms is small, but it's twice the size of their home that was destroyed in the



quake! Although they don't celebrate Thanksgiving in Mexico, the Quiroz family is extremely thankful to and for everyone who made it possible for them to participate in the construction workshop that resulted in the building of their new home.



Due to the donations given by many of you and a number of UMC congregations, the Recovery Plan became a reality. Thank you for your generosity. It's interesting that the definition of the word GENEROUS is *giving or sharing in abundance and without hesitation*. Actually this describes you, the donors. The Bible text from Matthew 25:40 also refers to this. "And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me'." A family with no shelter will soon be living in their very own home.

Construction on the next home begins Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> in the mountain community of San Francisco Huilango. If you or your church have not yet had the opportunity to make a donation to the Earthquake Recovery Plan with the Advance Special Project "Give Ye Them To Eat" (GYTTE), now is the time. This Tuesday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> is GIVING TUESDAY for all United Methodists.

Consider giving the gift of HOPE for a better life and future for those with whom the GYTTE staff works in south-central Mexico. The information on GIVING TUESDAY can be found in the attachment included with this message. When making a donation for GYTTE, use the program name and code number: Give Ye Them To Eat - #07629A

We are thankful for your prayers and participation with this ministry in Mexico.

May the blessings of Jesus Christ be yours,

The Hendersons

Terry and Muriel Henderson

Retired GBGM Missionaries



## Give Thanks — Then Give Hope and Healing on UMC #GivingTuesday Nov. 28

Today, as you gather with friends and family to celebrate and give thanks for the blessings in your life, please remember those hurting around the world.

Thanksgiving is the perfect day to consider how gratitude for your own blessings translates into generosity that blesses others. In less than a week, United Methodists will band together to give through The Advance on UMC #Giving Tuesday Nov. 28.

We hope that you will be a part of this life-changing day.

The Advance serves as a channel for connecting the passions of United Methodists with projects and missionaries whose work best aligns with those passions. Wherever you are inspired to give, The Advance provides the avenue to ensure that the funds you give go exactly where you intend for them to go.

You can search more than 600 United Methodist-related projects and over 300 United Methodist missionaries to find the work you want to contribute to. Search by region (Africa, Asia-Pacific, North America, etc.); population; topic (Food and Agriculture, Church Development, Disaster Response and Relief, Education, Health, Economic Empowerment, Social Justice, WASH/Water & Sanitation, Women and Children and Mission Personnel); or other parameters to discover the best fit for you.

When you give to The Advance, you know that 100 percent of your gift goes to the missionary or project you specify, not to overhead costs or administrative salaries. So give with confidence and passion.

Take a few minutes now to browse <u>UMCmission.org/Give</u> and decide where to direct your UMC #GivingTuesday gift.

Please forward this information to those you think would benefit from this opportunity to **Connect Their Passion** with God's Mission.

With blessings and thanks for your generosity,

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