



This Christmas... May the blessing of Joy abide within you...

May the blessing of Peace rest upon you...

May the blessing of Love flow through you.

May all the blessings of the Lord be yours at Christmas and in the New Year.

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Dear Generous, Mission-Minded Friends:

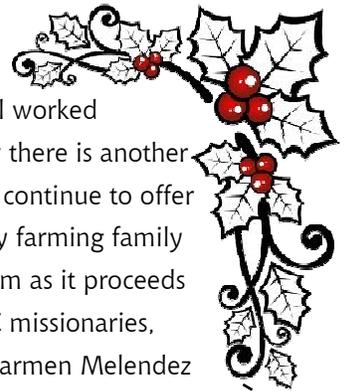
For the past 41 ½ years we have been in mission with the Methodist Church of Mexico under the sponsorship of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church and you have made this possible! Since 1972, people like you and churches like yours supported us, the Hendersons, and the ministries through which we served. For this, we are eternally grateful to you and for you.

Although the "Give Ye Them To Eat" ministry (GYTTE) continues in Mexico, the Hendersons are retiring! We can't believe this time has come but it has and we are now going to discover what retirement is all about. We hope it will be as much fun and as rewarding as serving in Mexico has been.

As an integrated development program, GYTTE is all about opportunity; offering development opportunities to the resource-poor families in the rural sector of south-central Mexico. That is what you have been providing to disadvantaged individuals and families over the past four decades.

- ☑ Close to 40 students received educational and/or seminary scholarships.
- ☑ Innumerable local, district & conference Christian Education & teacher training workshops
- ☑ Annual VBS & Advent/Christmas materials were produced and distributed
- ☑ Two hundred women have been trained as community-based, primary health workers and continue to receive ongoing education through classes each semester
- ☑ 10,000 people or more are reached annually by the volunteer health workers GYTTE trains
- ☑ Construction of the "Tree of Life" Training Center in rural Tlancualpican
- ☑ More than 500 rural technology tours of the "Tree of Life" Training Center
- ☑ Annually countless people attend workshops and courses on alternative construction methods & materials, fuel-saving wood-burning stove construction, dry composting toilet construction, dehydration of fruit & vegetables, terracing, compost making & usage, worm farming, etc., etc.
- ☑ Creation Stewardship Retreats for youth, families and clergy
- ☑ Week-long Rural Development courses for villagers, seminary students and clergy
- ☑ 10,000 animals distributed to farming families who were trained in livestock development during GYTTE's first 15 years of operation while representing Heifer Project in Mexico
- ☑ Hosting three to five work/study teams each year
- ☑ And much more was accomplished during these past 41 ½ years, as the love of God and the introduction to Jesus Christ was shared with those participating in the GYTTE ministries





**How to donate to the
“Give Ye Them To Eat”
Program through the GBGM
Advance**

**Through the Advance 100% of your
donation will reach the GYTTE
Ministry in Mexico.**

Have the mission project name and
code number ready:
Give Ye Them To Eat
No. 07629A

◆ **GIVE THROUGH YOUR
CHURCH:** Make check payable to
your local church, with the project
name and code number noted on
the check and have your church
send your donation to the Advance
GCFA address noted below. (GCFA
stands for General Committee on Finance
and Administration.)

◆ **GIVE BY MAIL:** Make check
payable to the Advance GCFA.
Advance GCFA
P.O. Box 9068
New York, NY 10087-9068
Note the project name and code
number on your check.

◆ **GIVE BY PHONE:**
1.888.252.6174
Credit card gifts can be accepted
by phone. Designate your gift for
“Give Ye Them To Eat”, Code No.
07629A

◆ **GIVE ONLINE:**
www.umcmision.org
Go to "Give to Mission" scroll
down and click on "How to Give."
Designate your gift for the Project
Name and Code Number:
Give Ye Them To Eat, No. 07629A

The list could go on about all that was done as we all worked together with the GYTTE staff over the years but now there is another opportunity in which we can all participate. We can continue to offer a better life to the people of rural Mexico, one needy farming family at a time, through the “Give Ye Them To Eat” program as it proceeds into the future under the leadership of the new UMC missionaries, Alejandro Rodriguez (Advance No. 3021885) and Carmen Melendez (Advance No. 3021884). The Rodriguez family is now in Mexico and on the job where they are working with the dynamic and dedicated GYTTE staff. We invite you to bless them and Mexico through your prayers and giving for their ministry with this integrated development program. Become acquainted with the Rodriguez family by reading their bios on the GBGM webpage (umcmision.org) or by going to the GYTTE program Facebook page (www.facebook.com/GiveYeThemToEat).

In our minds we can see the faces of those who have graduated from college, others who are now serving as Methodist ministers, the families that have more productive lands and livestock, families who have built their own home and bathroom facilities and more. We treasure these memories and thank you for the privilege you gave us to serve God’s people in Mexico.

We wish we could visit with each of you and your congregations to thank you personally for the opportunities you have given us across the years and for all your prayer and financial support for us and our ministry. Unfortunately, each of us have experienced health issues that keep us from traveling. Thus we want to express our gratitude to you through this, our last official newsletter as UMC missionaries. Thank you and God bless you now and always.

In gratitude,

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Retired UMC Missionaries

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P.S. Send your personal or church e-mail address to GYTTE so you can receive periodic updates from the mission field. The e-mail address for the “Give Ye Them To Eat” program remains the same as always:

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