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Introducing The Fatted Calf Ministry

In August of 2020, HarvestCall welcomed The Fatted Calf ministry into our organization and is excited to share with you who they are and who they minister to. We visited with Sis. Ann Wulf, their Communication Manager, to learn about what we can expect from their ministry.



Hello Ann! Thank you for taking the time to visit. I would like to share with our readers first who The Fatted Calf is and what is their primary focus?

It's my pleasure to share with you and the readers more about us. The Fatted Calf began in 2009 providing career development and job opportunities to the children living at Casa Vida y Esperanza (CVE) and to the community of Magdalena de Kino, Sonora, Mexico. We feel our mission is "to glorify and obey God by sharing the gospel and discipling believers through kingdom-driven business practices, training, and trust-based relationships."

It is encouraging to hear that there are career opportunities available in the community. How does The Fatted Calf fit into the Magdalena church?

Our vision is to have "effective business and training initiatives partnered with the local church, sharing the gospel's ability to reconcile heart, soul, and mind to full identity in Christ, making disciples who, in turn, make disciples." To achieve this, the HarvestCall missionaries serving on staff are actively involved in the local church delivering sermons, teaching Bible lessons, and serving in administrative and supportive capacities. Seeds are planted and God gives the increase.

You mentioned the "effective business and training initiatives." Can you share a little bit more about these?

Of course! To start with, Productos Carnicos la Misión (PCLM) is a Mexican business entity owned by



▲ Founders of The Fatted Calf, Duane and Ann Wulf

two non-profit organizations, The Fatted Calf and House of Life and Hope, and have separate board of directors. PCLM is a beyond-profit business established to build relationships, serve others, and provide employment. It consists of three business units: Carnísimo, Rancho Agua Viva, and Carnísimo Burgers, each with their own vision.

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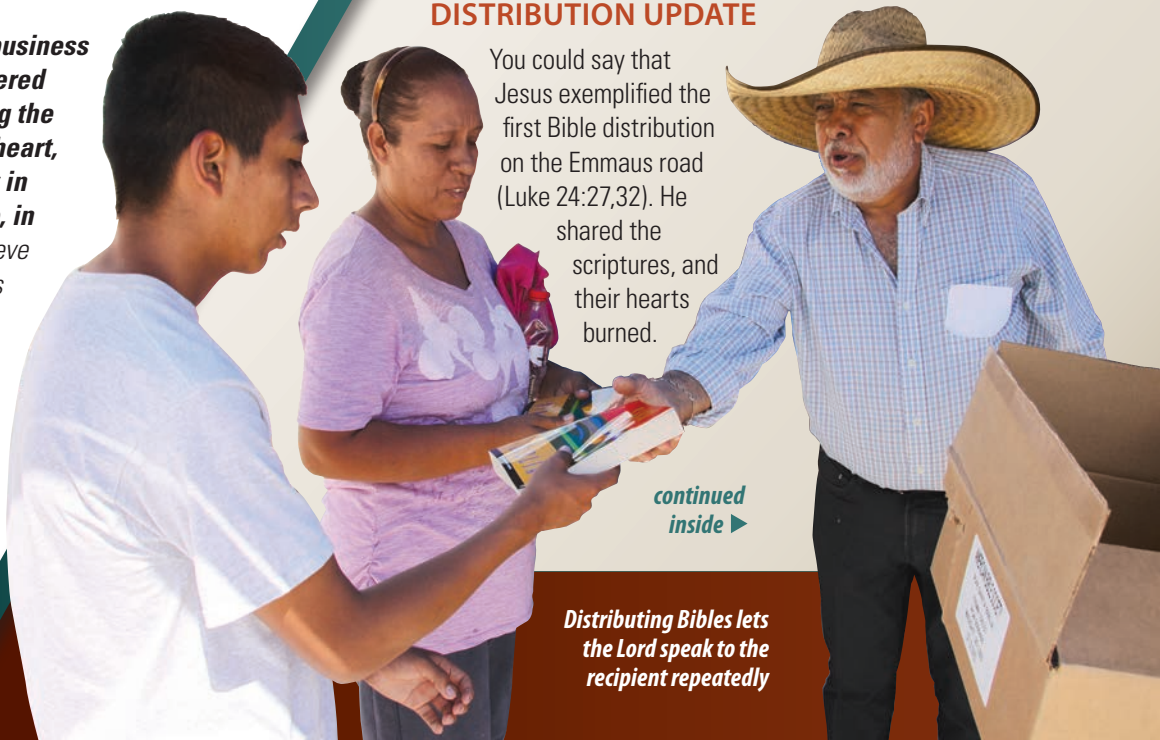
Carnísimo and Carnísimo Burgers 2020 employees ▲

Causing Their Hearts to Burn Within Them

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

You could say that Jesus exemplified the first Bible distribution on the Emmaus road (Luke 24:27,32). He shared the scriptures, and their hearts burned.

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Distributing Bibles lets the Lord speak to the recipient repeatedly





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PROCLAIM CHRIST & SERVE OTHERS

Five Myths Regarding Missionary Service

Doubts and fears can overwhelm when someone is discerning their desire to the mission field. While it's easy to have assumptions, they may be wrong. Understanding common myths can be helpful to ensure individuals are balancing the realities with expectations.

MYTH #1: I must be young to serve on the mission field.

REALITY: There never is a "best" time to serve on the mission field. In general, those that are in their 20's tend to have more energy and learn language quicker, yet they lack valuable life experiences. Those that are in their 50's and 60's may not have the stress of moving a young family to the field, yet they may wrestle with health challenges or adapting to a new culture. Just as with age, there are also advantages and disadvantages to being married or single on the field. Each season of life truly brings unique challenges and opportunities.



MYTH #2: If I am called to an overseas mission field, I must go now.

REALITY: When we hear God's leading as Christians, we have been trained to respond. At times however, God could be planting a vision for the future. If someone is considering serving overseas, they should also consider timing. Are there personal or relational issues they need to resolve before they leave? Are their children in a position to make the

transition or is this a vision for ten years down the road? Some people fear that if they don't go now, they never will. While that may be true and God may redirect you, it is best to keep your heart prayerful and hands open. If you are doing those things, you will not miss an open door for service.

MYTH #3: I must be outgoing to serve on the mission field.

REALITY: God draws both extroverts and introverts to the mission field. While individuals who are outgoing tend to have an easier time initiating conversation with new people, this approach may not be welcome by all. Personalities that are quieter may connect better one-on-one

Bible Distribution

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This same power is available today by sharing the Word through Bible distribution!

How can you get more involved? Ask your congregation's Bible Distribution contact

(possibly the HarvestCall rep) how you can help activate a local effort. Sunday school classes, single groups, and families can benefit from sharing God's Word. Make Bibles available to friends, students, and visitors. Although we often engage others directly when distributing Bibles, distribution may not always involve face-to-face interaction. We may put Bibles in disaster



New Online Ordering for Free Bibles

If you represent a local Bible distribution ministry or an Apostolic Christian organization or HarvestCall ministry that distributes Bibles, you can now order them online on the HarvestCall website at www.harvestcall.org/distribute-bibles.

kits, deliver them in bulk (nursing homes, prisons, jails), lay them out at places of business, etc. Whether we've met our recipients or not, do we

have faith that God will move them to read his Word and then touch their hearts with what they read?

This is a leap of faith! The promise in Isaiah 55:10-11 addresses this topic. God's word "...shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Let's believe that God will use our Bible distribution work for his glory and purpose.

By Jeremiah Psinas



with individuals, allowing them to deepen friendships. Regardless of whether you are outgoing or quiet, if you are not in the practice of talking to your neighbors or inviting coworkers to church, this won't change on the field. There is an expression "There is no transformation by aviation," and this holds true in many cases.

MYTH #4: If I am led, I won't have struggles.

REALITY: As was just stated, life does not magically change when someone moves to the mission field. If someone is struggling spiritually or has challenges in their marriage, the "high" from feeling God's leading will soon wear off. If you have a history of medical or mental health issues, those things will still come with you on the mission field. The only difference is you will be farther removed from your traditional support system, emphasizing an even greater need to have a plan and healthy coping skills in place. While missionaries often testify of feeling God's grace and power in amazing ways, there are still days that are really hard. This reality is something we see clearly illustrated in Scripture. The prophet Elijah went through a time of doubt, Jeremiah had few converts in his ministry, and King David went through seasons of deep remorse and depression. While these men – and many others – were clearly called by the Lord to serve, they were still human and still went through challenges.

MYTH #5: I must be a "Super Christian" to serve as a missionary.

REALITY: HarvestCall is not looking for perfect people to become missionaries. We desire Brothers and Sisters who are willing to own both their strengths and their weaknesses. People who are willing to grow in self-awareness and who see themselves accurately before God – not superior or inferior to others – but empowered by the Spirit. God consistently asks ordinary men and women to join Him in his plan. What is God asking you to do?

If you have questions about missionary service, contact amiller@harvestcall.org

By Amber Miller,
HarvestCall Missionary Care

EFFECTIVE BUSINESS AND TRAINING INITIATIVES

Fatted Calf Ministry

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Rancho Agua Viva is a cattle ranch striving to "grow a legacy." Their vision is to



deliver profitable beef genetics that thrive in the Sonoran Desert, as well as teach and demonstrate effective ranch management practices. Carnísimo is the meat processing facility "producing high quality food products." Their vision is to provide value to our customers' businesses through consistent high quality and specialized meat products with outstanding service. And then we have Carnísimo Burgers which is a restaurant "delivering outstanding dining experiences." The vision here is to provide value to our customers through great-tasting menu options and outstanding service in a pleasant environment. All of this being accomplished through well trained and career-oriented people.

Jonathon Aupperle (manager at Carnísimo Burgers) and an employee ►



These sound like wonderful opportunities for many of those in the church and community. Are there any other programs or groups that The Fatted Calf work with?

Yes, Expo Esperanza, as well as summer intern programs, and scholarships. Expo Esperanza is a county fair-like event held at the end of the summer consisting of children from CVE and the local community of Magdalena. Project areas include horses, cattle, chickens, dogs, creative arts, cooking, mechatronics, music, and others.



Fatted Calf Interns teach classes on various Expo projects throughout the summer ►



◀ Relationships are cultivated and top notch genetics are brought to the local ranching community by Rancho Agua Viva



Sponsorship of Expo Esperanza is shared by The Fatted Calf and CVE. The mission of Expo Esperanza is "to develop leadership, responsibility, and technical skills in today's youth through experiential learning programs that encourage proactive involvement at community and personal levels." The Fatted Calf has a scholarship program targeted to current and former residents of CVE and others affiliated with CVE, to help facilitate individual career goals and assist in funding post-high school education.

The summer internships are available through The Fatted Calf to college-age students. The goal is to attract motivated young people with servant hearts to further the mission

of The Fatted Calf as well as to develop character and professionalism to be taken back and incorporated into their communities.

It appears The Fatted Calf provides God's people opportunity to plant seeds and grow relationships that will potentially last generations. Over the last decade have you seen God's hand at work through The Fatted Calf in a particular area that stands out in your mind?

Absolutely! We have seen God at work through the relationships developed with the community of Magdalena throughout years of business interactions and consistently investing in the lives of the kids at CVE.

For example, eight years ago, one of the residents of CVE left as a teenager to explore life outside of Christianity. After hitting bottom, he was able to get in touch with one of the missionaries from his past. The seeds God had planted so many years before bore fruit as God called him and helped him repent of his sins. He is currently employed by Carnísimo Burgers and enjoys working in a Christian environment where he is able to grow in God's Word.



▲ Caring for animals and plants teaches responsibility and can instill a sense of pride ►



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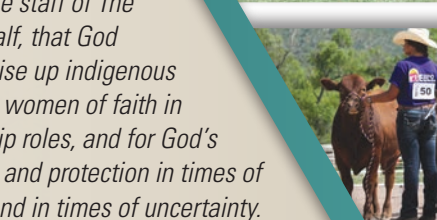
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◀ Participants showcase their animal projects at Expo Esperanza ▼

That is such a wonderful testimony! How can the brotherhood help with current needs?

Pray for healthy transitions of former and future staff of The Fatted Calf, that God would raise up indigenous men and women of faith in leadership roles, and for God's direction and protection in times of growth and in times of uncertainty.

Thank you, Ann, for taking the time to share with us! If you would like to know more, visit The Fatted Calf at <http://www.thefatcalf.com>



Fruit From a Tender Shoot

Five years ago, our HarvestCall Jamaica team began an adventure none of us could have foreseen. Only the Lord knew the seed he was planting when a LiFE Team from Gridley joined with 17 young men from CCCD Kingston and took a field trip together to the coffee farm of a deaf man, Everlin Clarke. That singular event took root and formed a small coffee business. Inside that coffee shop, a group of adults now gather each Sunday for a time of worship, instruction, fellowship and edification. Three years ago, another branch sprouted when we leased a couple acres of land from the CCCD Knockpatrick school and planted our own two-acre coffee farm.

For those of you who are farmers or gardeners, you understand the joys and sorrows of toiling in the sun and dirt, then waiting

for the Lord to add the increase. Each season there is a new challenge, a new pest, a new fungus.

In Isaiah 11, the prophet writes: And there shall

within our own capacity.

We forget that the fear and honor of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. The children of Israel forgot this too, and they did that which was right in their own eyes and forsook the ways of David, and instead went in all the ways of Jeroboam. The prophet Isaiah, though forecasting the utter destruction of the southern kingdom, saw bright hope for the future. The line of David, to whom God had promised an everlasting heir, would be cut down to just a stump, but out of that would come forth a tender shoot which would not be according to fleshly, biased faculties such as eyes and ears, but in righteousness and equity in the spirit of the Lord.

This is our desire with the coffee farm. That it would be a training ground to teach us about life, to give us understanding as to how God desires us, as his image bearers, to be fruitful and multiply, to subdue the earth. Just as he wanted Adam to tend to the garden, he wants us today to be in him, the true vine, so that we can be branches that bring forth fruit. We won't be effective if we go at it our own way, trying to define "what is good in our own eyes" but rather trust and obey the one who knows the number of hairs on our head. He alone is the source, the true vine, and apart from him, we have nothing. Pray with us, that this farm would be good soil on which the truths of God's word would take root in each of our hearts, bearing fruit for him, some 30, some 60 and some 100.

◀ Jamaica Operations Committee inspecting seedlings



Coffee plant seedlings ▲



▲ Plant blossoms

Harvested coffee beans, before roasting ▶



come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord...and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth.

How does this relate to our spiritual journey? The Lord knows our needs before we can even think to ask, and yet he tenderly calls us to come to him. He became God-Incarnate, Emmanuel, so that we would have an Intercessor who is familiar with our infirmities and our needs (Heb 4). Perhaps we are too often like a plant which cannot speak, nor see, nor think, yet try to do things



◀ Picking ripening coffee cherries

By Blake Widmer

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THIS MINISTRY, KAIROS SEEKS TO GLORIFY GOD BY HUMBLy SHARING HIS LOVE WITH MUSLIM PEOPLE AND PRAYING THAT THEY WILL BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AND BE TRANSFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Sharing Christ's Love with Muslims

KAIROS UPDATE

KAIROS currently operates simply as a prayer ministry and local outreach, mainly in Bloomington/Normal, IL. Two of our sisters-in-faith have left the states and are serving in Muslim communities in foreign countries and have therefore retired from the committee. Please keep these dear sisters in your prayers. Specifically praying for their physical, emotional, and spiritual safety, and for their ministry to be fruitful.

For the past five years, since the start of KAIROS, there has been a sign-up to receive an email twice a month. These are intended to educate brethren about Islam, the religion's beliefs, traditions, and practices; to equip brethren to reach out to Muslims; and includes specific prayer requests and past articles. If you would like to be added to the current list, there is a place to sign up at www.harvestcall.org/Kairos

In addition to emails, KAIROS can provide a live presentation to your congregation; however, due to Covid-19 restrictions, this is not currently possible.

HarvestCall is also looking at expanding KAIROS to include additional cross-cultural ministry. America is described as the "melting pot of the world" and we see a great diversity of people, even in our smaller communities. We are seeking committee members and someone who will oversee this ministry and move it forward with a broader focus in our multi-cultural society. For more information on becoming involved with the KAIROS committee contact Tim and Cathy Hohulin at kairos@harvestcall.org

2020 has been an interesting year for all ministries, including KAIROS.



With several months of lockdown and sheltering in homes, opportunities to interact face-to-face with our Muslim friends at school, work, or neighborhood were nearly nonexistent. The international students have been especially careful to prevent exposure to Covid-19 since most of them are so far from home and their loved ones. The area of ministry we are involved in specifically is through the local universities. Unfortunately, at this time we are unable to host monthly suppers, graduation celebrations, random activities as well as church service invitations. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we continue to seek to "glorify God by loving as Jesus loves."

By Tim & Cathy Hohulin

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.

E updates | Get occasional emails with news and info by going to the HarvestCall website (www.harvestcall.org) and selecting "Join our email list" on the home page.

Social Media | Engage with us on Facebook or Instagram for the most current information.

Facebook.com/harvestcall
Instagram at aharvestcall



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Choosing "Where Needed Most" allows us flexibility to direct resources to ministries most in want. However, if you feel moved to support a specific project, just indicate that on the remittance envelope. If specified donations are greater than the need for any designated project, they will be rolled over to the General Fund.

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PO Box 3797, West Lafayette, IN 47996

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