

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Rohi Foundation, it is our joy to share with you how God enabled Rohi to be a blessing in 2023. Whether via our Spring Break or Summer Mission trips, our school supply and coat/blanket collections, support of local schools/churches/orphanages, or maintenance of the water infrastructure in the canal communities, we were able to share God's love in a multitude of significant ways. Your generous support and prayers helped make it possible and we are truly grateful.

Partnering to Make a Difference

Probably the highlight of 2023 was our Spring Break Mission Trip in partnership with Austin Chinese American Network (ACAN). With a team of 15 teenagers and 5 adults, we did STEM activities with several of our partners, including all the students in grades 1-12 at Regents Christian School of Reynosa (Colegio Regents), which is associated with Big Heart Orphanage, the students at Colegio La Cruz, the students at the high school we support in the La Union colonia, and the children and families at Iglesia Nueva Esperanza (which David Garcia - Rohi missionary - pastors). A smaller contingent of the team worked on repair/maintenance projects at Big Heart Orphanage Reynosa. It culminated with a visit to several migrant camps, including Senda La Vida 2, to distribute toiletries, feminine products, sandwiches, and bananas. We encourage you to visit the [website](#) to get the full recap.

It was such a blessing to bring a team to serve, especially after several years of not being able to due to the pandemic and security concerns. We had plans to partner again with ACAN and the youth group at Hope Chapel on a Summer Mission Trip. However, in late April, the security situation, which had been stable for almost a year and a half, deteriorated. As such, though we proceeded with our Summer Mission Trip to do a Biblically focused Team Building Camp at Big Heart Reynosa, it was with a small contingent of volunteers. We still had a great week and encourage you to see the recap on the [website](#).

In 2024, we will continue these partnerships with ACAN and Hope Chapel. We have planned a Spring Break trip to Piedras Negras, another border city, but which has significantly fewer security concerns. We will be doing STEM activities again, as well as maintenance work on a ministry center. Please join us in prayer that the security situation in Reynosa improves so that we can resume bringing teams there to serve and for blessings for our ministry in Piedras Negras.

Supporting Education

In 2022, our seminal project was the rebuilding of the primary school in the Nopalera community. In 2023, the two classrooms we built housed both primary and kindergarten students. However, there were several finishes that needed to be completed. Delays related to workforce shortages and security challenges hampered the work's completion. Yet, we are grateful to report that we were able to complete the remaining projects in 2023. We do ask for your prayers as the tenuous security situation means classes aren't meeting every day.

Rohi also continued its support of Colegio La Cruz, a Christian private SEP school, which serves a neighboring community, the 23rd of March. Colegio La Cruz was started in 2022 and expanded in 2023 by Pastor Mauro Esquivel and his wife Rosy, in partnership with the church they pastor, Iglesia La Cruz. A church in the 23rd of March allows them to use their buildings to have classes for kindergarten and primary school students. Despite the security challenges, their teachers aim to hold classes every day, trusting God for protection. They've expanded in 2023 from a student population of 25 to over 50. They hope to add grades 7-9 in 2024. As such, adding classrooms and teachers is a priority. Rohi provides

financial and material support to this community school. We covet your prayers for protection for the teachers, students and families and provision for the school's ongoing needs.

As part of these school supports, we sponsor graduation celebrations each year. In early July, we held a graduation ceremony for the high school we support in the La Union community. Though we built them classrooms in previous years, they have been meeting online since Spring due to security concerns in the La Union area. Despite these challenges, they graduated 10 students. We provided each of the graduates with a brand-new laptop computer during the ceremony we hosted. Many of the graduates plan to continue their studies, the majority in nursing.

We also participated in the first graduation ceremony of Colegio La Cruz to honor their four primary school graduates and one kindergarten graduate. Each received a gift from Rohi and we were honored to help distribute diplomas.

Finally, we honored the students graduating that attend Iglesia Nueva Esperanza, the church Rohi missionary David Garcia pastors. Each of the 7 graduates from kindergarten, primary, and secondary were honored with a gift from Rohi during the celebration we sponsored.

Each year we also support students and teachers by collecting school supplies to distribute. This is a very tangible annual demonstration to the students and families of our support of education. In 2023, we delivered over 300 bags of school supplies to our partners. Special thanks to the many who partner with us annually to make this possible.

Access to Clean Water

The other large project of 2023 was replacing the well pump in Nopalera. Well pumps typically last about 20,000 hours and the one there was well over this threshold. Our Rohi missionary, David Garcia, coordinated a community information campaign about the situation and asked for support. We asked each family to contribute 500 pesos (roughly \$30) and 114 families contributed! We were so pleased with the community's willingness to partner with us to maintain this resource. The pump was replaced at the end of September. We also replaced the pump control panel in December. Beyond these major projects, we regularly fix leaks in the water line and do other needed maintenance.

We are blessed to be able to provide the canal communities with water and value your partnership in making this possible for another year. David plays an essential role in sustaining our water ministry. We are sincerely grateful to him for his tireless work.

Outreach to Migrants

In 2021, we began working with Pastor Mauro Esquivel and his church, La Cruz, to serve the migrants waiting in Mexico for their asylum hearings. Last year, we continued our support of the migrant facility, Senda La Vida 2. During our Spring Break trip, our group made over 1000 sandwiches and purchased many kilos of bananas to distribute. Additionally, we collected toiletries and feminine products which we distributed. Rohi provides some monthly support to Mauro personally, and he fundraises and partners with other non-profits to finance ministry efforts to the asylum seekers. Throughout the year, Rohi has also brought down jackets, blankets, and other needed items. Our hope is to continue these efforts in 2024.

Orphanage Support

Another large part of our ministry's efforts these past years has been support of the orphanages that serve as the foster care system in Reynosa. We partner with Big Heart (where we stay on trips) and Melody. Angels of God, another orphanage we supported in the past, is now a part of Big Heart. Each trip, our goal is to visit with the leadership, ascertain their needs, and bless them, with in-kind and/or financial donations. We also try to interact with the children (eating together, playing games, reading books, and just having fun). Most trips, our vehicles, and sometimes a box trailer, are packed full of donations. Donations include furniture, bikes, toys, select requested clothing and shoes, household items, and various other requests. Thank you for your support and partnership in these efforts.

In 2023, we helped Big Heart replace a hot water heater and assisted in the maintenance of their solar system at the Reynosa campus. As much as we seek to help them, often they are so helpful to us. We are very grateful to Big Heart for their assistance with the Nopalera new classroom project.

Discipleship and Pastoral Ministry

Sharing the hope of Jesus by supporting the pastoral efforts of David and Luzma Garcia and Mauro and Rosy Esquivel is an integral part of Rohi's mission. David pastors Iglesia Nueva Esperanza and Mauro Iglesia La Cruz.

We are especially connected to the congregants of David's church, as most are former residents of the La Union canal community that now reside in an apartment complex on the outskirts of Reynosa. We try to visit and encourage them each time we are in Reynosa. Beyond our support of David, we also sponsor the church's gatherings and celebrations (examples include graduation, Mother's Day, Day of the Child, Christmas, etc.). We often do our STEM and other fun activities with the kids of the church during our visits. We also sponsored the church's VBS this summer, which reached over 50 children. It is a joy to see how God is using David and his family to evangelize and disciple.

Lastly, we so appreciate the support in helping us bring David and his family a new vehicle, as their old one was increasingly unreliable.

Prayer Request for David's Health & Future Planning

For the past few years, David has faced several health conditions, especially related to his heart, that have required ongoing medical treatment and an increased focus on guarding his health. David and Luzma are essential partners in Rohi's work. Their dedication over these many years has made so much of what Rohi does possible. As they get older and face ongoing medical challenges, we ask you to join us in prayer for God's provision for their health and God's direction as we seek to make a long-term plan for their future.

Prayer Request for New Board Members

We are prayerfully asking The Lord to provide new Rohi Board members. Scott McDonald and Cory Vessa continue to serve, but others on the board have either had to step down or are not able to serve in the capacity of previous years. As the Lord provides new board members, our hope is that He expands our capacity and vision as an organization. We continue to serve faithfully in the ministries He has already established but are eager to follow Him as He reveals His will for 2024 and beyond.

Conclusion

It is a joy to share with you, our supporters, the good work God enabled Rohi to do in 2023. You can also stay informed via our monthly newsletter, Facebook page, and our website (www.therohifoundation.org).

Our prayer for you, our partners in this work, is that the Lord Jesus Christ will strengthen you and bless you and your family for the investment you are making in His Church. May He grant you a 2024 that is full of purpose and life as we serve and worship the God we love.

God Bless,

Rohi Board of Directors

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