

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Rohi Foundation, we are excited to communicate with you the ways in which Rohi was able to be a blessing in 2022. While the pinnacle of the year was the completion of two new classrooms for the primary school in the Nopalera community on the canal, we were also able to share God's love in a multitude of other significant ways. Your generous support and prayers helped make it possible and we are truly grateful.

Supporting Education

During the pandemic, our focus on supporting education led us to fund in-person tutoring classes, as schools in Reynosa were mainly virtual. Virtual education continued through the Omicron surge at the beginning of 2022. Thus, our in-person classes led by Andrea Garcia in the La Union 2 apartments (where many previous residents of the La Union colonia moved when the violence there escalated) and by Rosy and Mauro Esquivel in the 23rd of March colonia, also continued. However, when the surge subsided in late Spring, schools were allowed to begin meeting in-person again, and the fall semester saw a return to a roughly pre-pandemic model. Thus, our tutoring program concluded and we began focusing on helping schools return to the classrooms that had been mainly unoccupied since 2020.

In the La Union community, we helped the high school restart classes by making some needed repairs to the electrical and water systems. Because the violence had subsided greatly, they were able to recruit about 25 students to attend in-person. Some families are moving back to the La Union colonia (who had left due to the violence), and though there weren't enough students to restart classes for the primary school, towards the end of the 2022, they did restart the kindergarten classes. La Union parents are seeking government support to start primary school again, as more families move back. Repairs to the primary classrooms will be needed to make that possible and we anticipate being involved in those efforts.

In Nopalera, kindergarten and primary school began again in-person as well. However, the three old classrooms that housed the primary school were in utter disrepair. Termites had destroyed the wood. After discussions with the colonia and school leadership, we decided to build two new cinder-block classrooms. Like in the USA, securing a contractor, laborers and materials proved challenging. But by God's grace, in August, the work began. We dedicated the building in early December and are happy to report the classrooms are in use for the 2023 term and beyond. We are sincerely grateful to Pedro, our contractor, and his team of workers, David Garcia, our Rohi supported missionary, who helped with logistical support, and everyone who provided funding to make this community blessing possible.

In the 23rd of March community, Mauro and Rosy Esquivel transitioned their tutoring program to become a full-time private Christian kinder and primary school – Colegio La Cruz. Pastor Miguel, who has a small church in 23rd of March, is allowing them to use the church facility to serve their roughly 25 students. Rohi continues to provide the same financial support as when they were doing the tutoring classes, and their remaining need has come from other donors. This community had desired their own local school for many years and we are blessed to be part of that answered prayer.

Each year we collect school supplies to distribute as a very tangible annual demonstration to the students and families of our support of education. In 2022, 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 we focused on in 2022 was bringing water to the 23rd of March community. Currently, all their water needs are met by water truck deliveries. These deliveries are often very sporadic in summer months, when disruptions to water service citywide increases the demand for water truck services. In February, we went down to determine the logistics and create a plan. Over the following months, David coordinated repairs to our water lines and the well in La Union so that we could have enough water capacity to add this community. However, the community leadership deadlocked on an effective water management strategy and plans were suspended in May until such an agreement could be reached. We are hopeful that in 2023 we can see movement.

In 2023, as families continue to move back to the canal, we will continue to focus on the maintenance of our water infrastructure. In 2022, many in Reynosa and the surrounding areas lacked consistent access to water, as city services were often disrupted by both water scarcity from the drought and poor infrastructure. 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 Mauro and his church, La Cruz, to serve the migrants waiting in Mexico for their asylum hearing. Most lived in a plaza in downtown Reynosa. However, in early 2022, Senda La Vida 2 opened. With two Senda locations, the local government cleared the plaza. However, there still wasn't sufficient capacity for the ever-increasing number of migrants. Mauro helped establish a small service center for those living on the streets, providing access to water, cooking facilities, and portable bathrooms, and most importantly, a listening pastoral ear with hope from God's Word. 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 blankets, jackets, and other needed items. Our hope is to continue these efforts in 2023.

Mission Trips

While we made five trips to Reynosa over the course of 2022, we were only able to bring down a team on the June trip. We celebrated graduations at the high school, awarding each of the ten graduates a new laptop. We also celebrated the kindergarten and primary graduations of students associated with our tutoring ministry in the La Union 2 apartments. With a larger team on hand, we also were able to bring STEM lessons to our partners at Regents School of Reynosa, the tutoring programs in the apartments and 23rd of March, and our 3 supported orphanages (Big Heart, Melody, and Angels of God).

As we look to the year ahead, we are excited to see a renewal of interest in going on mission trips. Our current plan is for trips during Spring Break, early July, and Thanksgiving. With the lessening of the violence and pandemic, we hope you will consider coming to Reynosa to serve in 2023!

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), Melody and Angels of God. 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 are seeking ways to help our partners, especially the orphanages, lessen the burden of energy costs and availability by utilizing solar power. We know this is a big project with many challenging facets. But, to realize it would enable solar generated electricity for 20-25 years.

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 New Hope Church and Mauro La Cruz Church. God has put on David's heart to begin a men's discipleship effort in 2023 and we ask for your prayers of blessing. We know there is no way we can meet the vast physical and spiritual needs we see daily, but we serve a God who can.

Prayer Request for David's Health

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. We ask you to join us in prayer for complete healing.

Conclusion

It is a joy to share with you, our supporters, the good work God enabled Rohi to do in 2022. You can also stay informed via our monthly newsletter, Facebook page, and our website (www.therohifoundation.org).

The Board of Directors of Rohi ask for your prayers for wisdom, guidance, and provision. The years of violence and the pandemic caused strain and we are eager to rebuild our internal leadership and US partnerships that waned under those stresses.

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 2023 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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