

# ONE27 Foundation

We are blessed to have another year loving on the kids at La Misión para Niños. They are the reason for everything we do both at The Mission and the One27 Foundation. Our purpose here is to make the lives of the orphans better than they would be anywhere else. Wheeling them to the cocina (kitchen/dining hall) every meal, taking them on walks, dance parties, and constantly praying for them are some of the ways the staff are able to do that. Our hope is that we can continually improve their quality of life everyday giving them the love and care they truly deserve.

This year has had its ups and downs. We are so grateful for the seasons of plenty and we know that when we are in a dry season the Lord is still with us. We will forever be grateful we have His promises to cling to during the hard times.

We have been so amazed with our staff in 2018, where most of the year there were few doing the work of many. We've been blessed time and time again with groups visiting, providing much needed relief and encouragement. Every single person giving their time, whether long term or short, is invaluable to us and the kids. We cannot even begin to show our true gratitude. In 2018 we have experienced the longest period of low staff numbers in recent history. Though it's been very tight at times the staff has been amazingly able to keep strong and faithfully serve the kids' needs through it all. Our largest struggle has been staffing families. We have the ability to house six families but we have been running with only two. There are many responsibilities split between our family staff, so you can imagine it has been a trying year for them both. We are so very grateful they have served faithfully for so long. The Riveras are the directors and legal guardians of the kids and the Moodys have been Mission veterans for 20+ years!! This stay they have both been serving for about 7 years!!

The Mission is always changing and this year was no exception. All of the "kids" living at La Misión though haven't changed much more than their age over the years. They all have such beautiful personalities and are all so special in their own ways. Our lives simply cannot be the same after getting a chance to get to know them.



# OUR KIDS



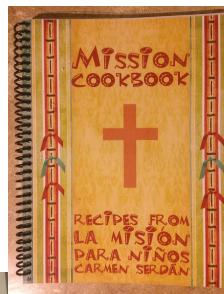
You can see God's hand on this place every day you spend with them. They are such an extremely special group of kids that have a place in hearts all over the world. Over the years there have been so many changes with staff and administration but there is still a lot that is the same. Being able to find joy in the little things, they have taught us so much about being content and putting perspective to our lives we never knew we needed. Some of the things they have enjoyed doing this year are walks to visit Navidad the pig (who belongs to one of the staffers Belo), morning worship with Noemi Moody and counting down the days till Christmas with Ana Bucher.



Our sweet Sela had surgery in October for kidney stones. She hadn't been eating or drinking very well and was being a more fussy than usual. One night her stomach was very bloated and hard and was slightly red, all of that lead everyone to decided we needed to get her checked out. Her body was producing so many stones that the doctor feared she'd have to lose her kidney if her diet did not change drastically. He was also very concerned about her weight. Sela is now on a special diet to help prevent more kidney stones and to get her weight up. She is still prone to infections and we are keeping a very close eye on her. She is recovering well and has honestly been pretty happy despite everything that's been tossed at her! Her joy is sweet and both inspiring and encouraging.



(Update sent from our longtime staff member Gabby Romero)



An inspired group of believers from Heritage Christian Fellowship in Medford, OR put together a fundraiser for us! The Mission cookbook is full of so many delicious recipes the Orphanage has accumulated over the years. Zury Riveras flour tortillas, empanadas and birria de res just to name a few.



It has been quite the project to build a chapel for the grounds. We have really seen so much progress this year! Since currently the Mission holds all church services and bible studies in the cocina (dining hall), they have to set up every time and then rearrange after to be ready for meal times. This will be such a blessing when finished, to have a set location for church to take place. It will also have much more space for when folks from the ejido (little town) come for services.



This year we have had more groups and churches partnering with the Mission than ever before! Groups are such a blessing to the kids and staff.

Every single team brings helping hands and open hearts to serve in any way help is needed. It's always hard to say goodbye when their time comes to an end.