



HOLA! Greetings from Con Mis Manos. We are pleased to share with you some highlights of recent activities here at the ministry during the first half of 2025. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and financial partnership as we continue to seek God's direction at CMM.

GENERAL MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

- ◇ February 2025 marked the 22nd year since the start of the work of Con Mis Manos ministry serving the Deaf community in northeastern Mexico. Amazing as a testament to God's handiwork and plans beyond anything we could imagine.
- ◇ Former CMM students/now both full-time teachers at CMM, Ivan and Cinthia were engaged in February and are currently planning their October 2025 wedding.
- ◇ It was a great blessing to have Francis and Pam Nash, Directors of Workers for Mexico Mission visit in April.
We are blessed to serve with them in ministry. They have believed in the mission of Con Mis Manos from the very beginning and continue to dedicate their time and energy to partner with CMM by providing spiritual and financial accountability as Mission leaders.



Educational Programs:

General school classes resumed after Christmas break with students at CMM continuing to improve their communication skills, math, reading, writing and science knowledge. Different class groups have created projects like showing the importance of the water cycle, how to correctly write a grocery list, how to use GPS, how to follow a recipe, how to budget weekly expenses and more.



In April and May of 2025, we have welcomed two new young men and their families into CMM. Kristian is 13 yrs old. He loves to draw and loves animals. This is his first experience learning sign language. His mom and grandma have become very active in CMM since bringing Kristian his first day. His mom is excited to see there is a way to communicate with her son. She had been counseled by medical staff against allowing her son to learn sign language as a child. Please pray for her heart as she processes a lot of emotions and regret.

Elias age 11 has also come to CMM with a similar background. This is his first experience learning sign language. He received a cochlear implant at age 7 but without proper protocols in place after surgery, his family did not know what else to do. After years of being told she would ruin her son's life if she allowed him to learn sign language, she finally decided she needed more help. A local teacher who has participated in CMM free community education activities connected Elias and his family to CMM. Elias is shy but happily accepted an invite by other CMM boys to come join them in a board game. We pray for Elias and his family as well as so many others isolated by lack of communication and community.

CMM continues to teach free Mexican Sign Language classes through weekly in-person classes at CMM as well as 3 options each week online for both basic and intermediate levels. These classes are open to the public.

Advanced students at CMM also continue to make and edit short videos to share on social media to encourage the public to learn basic sign language.



CHURCH UPDATE- Centro Cristiano para Sordos-Matamoros

Ivan and Cinthia continue to lead the Sunday church services at CMM on Sunday afternoons 2:00-4:00pm. After a time of Biblical teaching and group Bible verse memorization, family members participate in a variety of interactive activities to review signs for Biblical concepts.



The goal for these activities is to help each family deepen their bonds as they improve communication with each other all while reviewing important Biblical truths. The service also includes a special prayer time for families, a snack, and fellowship time afterwards. It is exciting to see the seeds of this Deaf-led church begin to bloom and become a positive evangelistic outreach in the community.

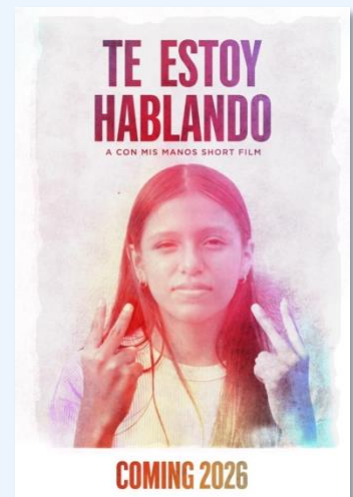
PRAISE REPORT



We are excited to report on the purchase of an additional van for CMM to transport students as the result of generous donations provided in February and March of this year. This van allows CMM to provide safe transportation for church services, school days, and special events. We were able to purchase a 2022 Chevy Express with 29,000 miles with the designated donations.

FILM PROJECT PROGRESS

TE ESTOY HABLANDO- a short film drama based on real life experiences of Deaf individuals in Northeast Mexico is currently in active pre-production. An idea that grew from conversations in 2023 has developed into an exciting short. film resource to shine a spotlight on the continued discrimination of Deaf kids, teens and adults in Matamoros and throughout many areas of the country. Production is tentatively scheduled for November 2025 in Matamoros with CMM as the home base for production.



MD Neely, an award-winning Christian filmmaker. is leading this project.

A Mexico City/Guadalajara based production team has also officially begun work on pre-production details. We are excited to see how God will use this visual resource to address legal changes overdue with local and state government officials as well as serve as a needed call for acceptance of Deaf individuals within the faith community. Changes are urgently needed in the community, but we also pray TE ESTOY HABLANDO serves to touch hearts of family members with Deaf relatives desperate to share meaningful communication in the home.

You can find out more about TE ESTOY HABLANDO on the Con Mis Manos Ministry website at <https://conmismanosdeafministry.org/film-project>

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE- The Blythe Family

Preparations have begun to welcome the Blythe family as future missionaries at Con Mis Manos.

Ed and Tammie Blythe live in the Kansas City area. They have four children: Estella, Anastasia, Abigail, and Elijah.

Ed currently works for the Missouri Army National Guard and supports their local church as a preaching elder.

Tammie currently homeschools their children and volunteers at their local church in the worship and children's ministries.

Ed and Tammie connected to CMM in 2012 through Westridge Christian Church

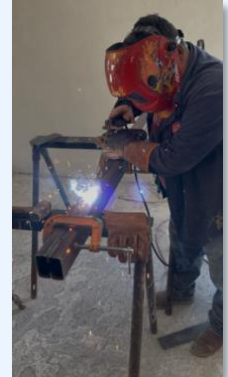
Since 2012, they have made multiple group and personal trips to CMM. Ed plans to serve CMM in a variety of areas including with U.S. churches correspondence, coordinating short-term mission groups, as well as helping with physical projects at CMM. Tammie plans to help with administrative projects and plans to teach art classes.

The Blythe family is working on tentative plans to relocate to the Brownsville, TX area in 2027 and begin serving with Con Mis Manos during the Summer of 2027. Please pray for them during this upcoming transition.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work continues on the new building at CMM. This winter and spring have been dedicated to completing the waterproofing stucco of the first floor, installing



electrical fixtures and other first floor finishings. Window and doors have been made and installed by the welder onsite. Our CMM young adult males have learned so much in their welding workshop classes and are excited to be a part of the construction process assisting the main workers. The first-floor workshop spaces for welding and car mechanics are fully functioning now. Work will be completed in the coming weeks on the remainder of the workshop spaces including the bakery area, barbershop space and other workshops.

After long delays in getting metal roofing supplies delivered from the out of state distributor, welders began installing second-floor metal framing beams and roof sheets in the space dedicated to the Deaf church. Current work timeframe is by the end of June to complete the 2nd floor metal roof. This includes the boy's dorm bedroom spaces. Our goal is to be fully functioning on both levels of the new building by the beginning of our fall semester.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes for the 2024-2025 school year at Con Mis Manos continue through the first week of July.

While Chuy and the rest of the CMM staff continue with ministry, educational activities and the construction work at CMM, Michelle and Lizbeth will be at Maranatha Bible Camp in Everton, MO for several weeks in June.

The camp and local churches have invited Michelle to share about the work of Con Mis Manos and specifically about the financial needs for the upcoming short-film TE ESTOY HABLANDO during several camp sessions.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◇ Spiritual growth and understanding of God's love and salvation for Deaf individuals and for their family members.
- ◇ Physical and Spiritual protection for CMM and all the families represented with the ministry.
- ◇ Strength and endurance for CMM staff as the school year continues
- ◇ Wisdom and safety for the construction workers as the 2nd floor metal roof is installed and all the trades come together to complete the interior finishings for the whole project.

If you are interested in joining the team as a monthly or one-time financial partner or you are interested in making a designated donation to a specific activity at CMM please consider the following donation options:

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