



A SEASON OF BUILDING HOPE

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of everyone at the Tijuana Mission Outreach Foundation, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your continued generosity and commitment to our mission. Your support is the foundation upon which all of our work is built, and we are deeply thankful for the role you play in transforming lives.

As we move through this year, we find ourselves in the midst of our building season in Tijuana—a time that is both inspiring and critical. Currently, we are working to construct homes for three deserving families. These homes represent more than just shelter; they are a source of stability, dignity, and hope. However, we cannot complete this important work without your help. Your continued financial support is essential to ensuring these families receive the safe and secure housing they so greatly need.

We are especially proud to reflect on what we have already accomplished together this year. In January, during our Epiphany trip to Tijuana, your generosity made it possible for us to serve over 300 families. We distributed essential supplies including rice, beans, flour, sugar, toiletries, blankets, clothing, and toys. The impact of this outreach was immediate and profound, bringing relief, joy, and encouragement to so many. This is an event which our founder Father Patrick Travers was so proud of, as he would watch the faces of these people brighten as they received these items.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to expanding our efforts and deepening our impact. But we cannot do it alone. We invite you to continue walking alongside us—through your prayers, your advocacy, and your financial contributions—as we build not only homes, but stronger, more hopeful communities.

Thank you for believing in this mission and for standing with us every step of the way.

With prayerful gratitude,

Don Nolan
President
Tijuana Mission Outreach Foundation



Our Impact Since 1998

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of those churches
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- 1 community center





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Thank you and we hope that you are able to make a difference for someone's life today!

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A Remembrance of Time Spent with Father Patrick Travers

“During high school, I spent a week each summer serving with my late parish pastor, Father Patrick Travers, SS.CC, through his nonprofit, Tijuana Mission Outreach Foundation. We traveled to the outskirts of Tijuana to build homes for families in need.

Each year, we left Victorville, California, in his trusty green van packed with clothes, tools, supplies and other volunteers heading to a camp in Tijuana. Father Pat accompanied me and made sure that my voice was heard among those of the adults on the trip.

The drive to the border became one of my favorite parts of the trip. It gave me space to ask questions about life, faith, discernment and to hear stories from Father Pat’s ministry over the years. He always listened attentively and answered with wisdom. I could tell he valued those conversations as much as I did.

Each summer, he invited me to ride as his copilot. That simple invitation meant more than sharing a seat; it showed he genuinely wanted me there. He trusted me not just for company but as a partner in mission. His steady presence and trust gave me a deep sense of purpose and belonging that shaped how I understood service and faith. I knew my participation mattered and contributed to the larger mission.

Serving alongside him on the annual trip and the other service opportunities became a tradition I eagerly embraced, inspiring my journey into full-time service to the Church.”

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United in Christ as One Family

by Father Bill Gural



We gathered at Chula Vista, CA on Jan. 18th for our third Epiphany trip after the passing of the founder Fr. Pat Travers, ss.cc. Our group was smaller than the previous two trips, but still very enthusiastic. It felt like Fr. Pat was looking out for us this whole happy day. President of the Tijuana Mission Outreach Foundation Don Nolan said: "It was a great day and very productive." We arrived at the San Juan Diego chapel at about 10 am just as the parishioners were streaming out from the packed mass. They were happy to see us, and we were glad to see so many attending the mass. I hadn't seen any Catholic chapel until we got there so the wisdom of constructing the chapels is very apparent. Providential.

Our group of volunteers and the chapel volunteers quickly go to work setting up tables and putting out the items to be distributed: toys, food staples and other necessities like clothes and blankets. We also gave away some rosaries supplied by the Holy Name of Mary rosary making group.

Wilfredo one of the locals who leads the construction crews was out to help this day. One of our volunteers shared a memory from the last Tijuana Mission trip with Fr. Pat- of him sitting in a chair watching the flurry of activity, and not wanting to leave.

After the distribution ended about 1 pm we had our Sunday mass offered for Fr. Pat and for our friendship/brotherhood and sisterhood in Christ. The parishioners sang in Spanish such beautiful, heartfelt songs.

Celia Castro, commented United in Christ we are formed into a family and community for the Glory of God! She added: "we are the instruments of God, only God's kids". Martha, also from HNM, shared with me: "When people smile at us, we see the smile of God".

We are grateful for the safe travel and beautiful time with our Mexican friends at the Juan Diego chapel. We are hoping that God can breathe new life and send us new volunteers so we can continue this life-giving charity and friendship.