

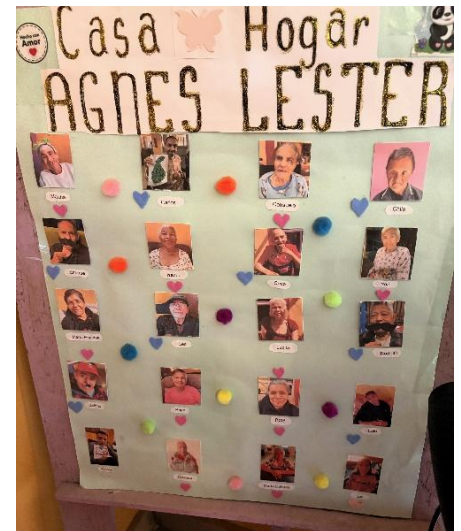
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"Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord."

Casa Hogar AGNES LESTER is currently home to 20 elderly residents. Each one precious in God's sight and each one with their own unique story. Although they're from different backgrounds and places throughout Mexico, almost all of them share the common bond of separation from their families, either through loss or abandonment.

Founded 25 years ago by a local nurse who started by rescuing an elderly lady off the streets, Casa Hogar AGNES LESTER has provided hundreds of neglected, elderly and disabled people with a safe, loving and permanent home to live out their last years, weeks or in some cases days, in dignity. In the 10 years V&O has been supporting the work at AGNES LESTER we've witnessed the love, care and attention the residents receive from their founding Director Isabel, her family, (several of whom also work in the medical field), and the staff they employ to help with the day to day duties and care of 20+ high needs residents. Although most of the residents are eligible for a small pension which goes towards their care, the amount falls significantly short of covering the costs each month, so Isabel and her family have always had to find other ways to raise funds to make up the difference. Relying on faith and the skills God has blessed them with, Isabel and her daughter in-law Judith, (administrator), often share with us when we visit, how God has come through for them once again in some unexpected way!



Now in her early 70s, Isabel has retired from nursing, however, she is still very involved and continues lecturing at universities in Tijuana, teaching and training nursing students in the care of the elderly and hosting sessions in the community to teach families. The income received from this continues to help fund the Casa Hogar along with donations of supplies from local businesses and charities. Although the budget remains tight, the care of the residents is always of highest priority, so consequently building maintenance and repairs are often put on the backburner. On one of our visits recently, Judith shared with us how they wouldn't be able to delay some long overdue repairs to their bathrooms for much longer. Out of the five small bathrooms in the building, only two were now functioning, and those

two only just! Help was needed and soon!

Fast forwarding to a month later and thanks to the generous help of many of you, the expertise of Pastor Bismark (from the rehab center we work with, who happens to also be a plumber), and his helpers from the rehab, most of the much needed repairs have now been completed. Once again prayers were answered for the folks at Casa Hogar AGNES LESTER. Their sincere thanks and gratitude go out to you who play an important role behind the scenes in supporting the work they do in honoring and caring for the elderly and disabled among the poor in Tijuana. Your gifts and prayers enable V&O to help support Casa Hogar AGNES LESTER financially each month as well as provide hygiene supplies, medical equipment, food, clothing and special events for the residents. **Thank you and God bless you** for your much appreciated part in this!



V&O delivering supplies.



Isabel

MUCHAS GRACIAS!

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

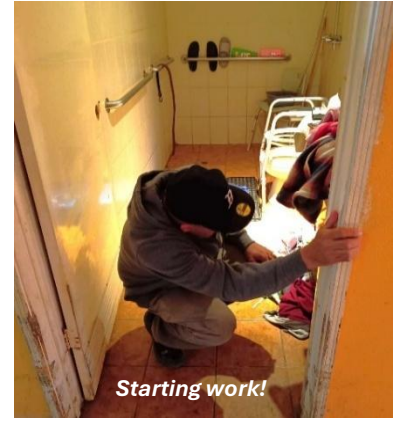
A few pics from the AGNES LESTER bathroom project...



Cesar, Judith and one of the caregivers make a list of items needed to repair each bathroom.

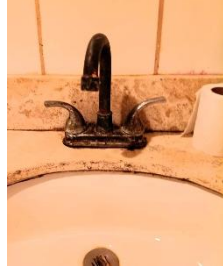


Pastor Bismark looks over supplies bought to make the repairs.



Starting work!

Right: Before, leaky, rusty, corroded, toilets, faucets, hoses and pipes.

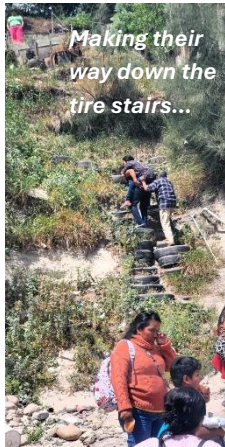


Right: First of five new faucets and toilets installed!



Honoring the elderly continued...

This week neighbors helped Cruz and Lilian (featured in last month's SS), down the steep canyon where they live, so that Hortencia



Making their way down the tire stairs...



Almost there!



Cruz rests on the way to the appointment.



Waiting their turn.

and the team could help them with transport and advocacy to obtain their official IDs. Both are disabled and eligible for government financial assistance but need official IDs and a little help to make their applications. Please keep them in your prayers.

EASTER IN EJIDO



Pastor Von's games live on.



Early in the month, Hortencia and the team enjoyed a fun day sharing the story of Easter with moms and kids in Ejido. Each of the kids received a crown to remind them that they are sons and daughters of the King of Kings, followed by activities, treats and games!

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN for your part in enabling another month of ministry in the barrios and ejidos of Tijuana. On behalf of us all, Joyce, Philip & the team!