

MERCY MINISTRY DAY

Hello Team Leaders,

My name is Cathy Brewer. I am the Director of Mercy Ministry. Our local volunteers and myself will be organizing your mercy ministry day. Please note this day in your handbook on page 12, (there will be a one hour orientation on this day).

PLEASE NOTE: THIS DAY IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR \$650.00 WEEKLY FEE

It is vitally important that you and your group understand how important this day is, not only for yourselves, but for the people who need you the most. We have been ministering on the border of Mexico for 20 years. We have distributed tens of thousands of Bibles, Food, School Packets, Medical supplies, and thousands of other items over the years. We work alongside the local Mexican Pastors and their congregations. We do not want to be a social program. We realize that the Word of God actively being spoken into the lives of these beautiful people will set them free from the burdens of life, and most importantly, that Jesus will be Lord of their lives and in their families.

The average Mexican worker makes \$50.00 for a 40 hour week. The average family has 3-10 children. We have literally thousands of people looking for work with no hope in sight. Many families have no running water, no electricity, no heat, and no indoor plumbing. They have to pay for drinking water that is stored in old waste barrels (some used for toxic waste). Life is hard but they are continuously striving for a better life for their families. Now this is where you come into their lives. You become His hands & feet!

Ultimately this day can ONLY happen if your group makes it happen. We like to provide for 250 families on this day. You need to first pray, believe, and have faith as you step out asking, seeking, and knocking that the windows of heaven will be poured out, so you can be a blessing on this day. Second, don't limit the Lord and His people. Third, realize you are not asking for yourself, but for the poor. The ideal situation is to do fund raisers for this day. We have been spending over \$3,000.00 on this day, (these funds are from the work group teams that come out). With these funds we purchase rice, beans, eggs, bread, tomatoes, onions, chilies, bananas, cheese, butter, and hopefully some meat and a snack for everyone. It comes out to about \$10.00 per bag of groceries for a family. Not only does this feed the family for days, it gives them the opportunity to go buy clothes, pay their children's school fees, or maybe buy block for their cardboard homes. So you see it is many-fold on our Mercy Ministry Day. Ultimately, you will need to bring \$2500.00 or more for this day. Don't limit yourselves to just funds, if you can collect umbrellas, clothes lines, clothes-pins, school supplies, blankets, new shoes, hats, mittens, socks, etc. Please pray...Have the courage to believe the Lord for this vital day.

Please note that if you do not bring funds for food, etc to participate on this day you will work instead. We do not have the adequate funds to provide for all these families. If we do have monies in the Mercy Ministry Fund we will add it to the funds you bring so we can do more. We want you to experience the joy of blessing people. This will change your life forever, but it is ALL up to you.

We appreciate the opportunities we will have together in building the Kingdom of God...Looking forward to your week with us! God Bless you, "We are blessed to be a blessing!"

In His Fields, *Cathy Brewer*