



# Tijuana Christian Mission City of Refuge



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## Celebrating Our Graduates!

In a country where only a small percentage of the people are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend high school or college (or even junior high in many cases), graduation is a major accomplishment... at any grade level! We realize that every one of our nineteen graduates deserves special recognition, and we invite you to join us in celebrating all of our 2010 graduates.

### University –

**Ubalдина Zapata** graduated from the university with a degree in business administration and already has a job helping to manage her parents' business.

**Samuel Barron** graduated from the university with a degree in business administration. He plans to spend some time seeking God's will for His life while he begins his job search. In the mean time, he continues fulfilling God's plan "for now" and working in the ministry.

### High School –

**Daisy Villalobos**, "Didi," graduated from high school with a 9.0 (on a 10 point scale) and plans to enter the Autonomous University of Baja California (UABC) and study to be a lawyer. She says, "I give thanks to God for the opportunities He has given me, for helping me to graduate, and thanks to all of the people who have helped our home and made this opportunity available to me."



**Karla Martinez** graduated from high school with an 8.0 and plans to enter the university and continue studying. She hopes to one day become a teacher. "I am very happy to have graduated, and I feel very proud of myself... I feel all grown up. Pray for me, that I will have the strength and courage to continue studying, and not give up on my dreams."



**Abimael Martell** graduated from high school with a 7.6 and has not yet decided what his plans are for this fall.

### Junior High School –

**Victoria Klamm** graduated from junior high with a nearly perfect average of 9.9! She will be entering one of the most advanced/prestigious high school programs offered here.



**Edgar Sotelo** graduated from junior high with an 8.5 and will be entering high school this fall.

**Noemi Ontiveros** graduated from junior high with an 8.9 and hopes to enter high school this fall. Currently, she is studying to take her entrance exams.

**Maria Garcia** graduated from junior high with a 7.6. She plans to live with her family for a year, working and saving up money to enter high school on her own the following year.

**Erika Reyes** graduated from junior high with an 8.0 and hopes to enter high school in the fall.

### Elementary School –

**Charlye Tavira** graduated from elementary school with a 9.2 and will be entering junior high next month. He says, "Thanks for always supporting the orphanage, and we send many blessings to you."



**Amayrani Tavira** graduated from elementary school with a 9.8 and will be entering junior high next fall. She would like to thank everyone for supporting us.

Other Elementary Graduates:

**Adrian Gomez** 9.0, **Joel Santana** 8.7, **David Campos** 7.2

### Kindergarten –

**Angela Ramos, Andrés Martinez, Irvin Mireles, and Fernando Martinez**  
(Kindergarten Graduates pictured at right)

## August 2010

### WANTED : School Supplies

- Spiral notebooks (red, blue, or green only)
- Small notebook for homework assignments
- Composition notebooks (lined and quad-ruled)
- Construction paper
- Notebook paper
- Letter-size folders
- Pencils
- Pens (blue, black, and red)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Erasers
- Calculators (basic and scientific)
- Geometry ruler sets
- Colored pencils
- Watercolor markers
- Spanish dictionaries
- Spanish-English dictionaries
- Scissors, tape, glue

If you can provide any of these supplies for us, please send them to:

Tijuana Christian Mission  
ATTN: School Supplies  
P.O. Box 437930  
San Ysidro, CA 92143



## Groups Return to TCM

In 2009, TCM experienced a drastic drop in the number of groups who came to work in our home. From the panic associated with the Tijuana "drug wars" in March of that year to the Swine Flu scare in May, nearly all of our groups cancelled their trips that year. On the heels of that setback came the financial crisis in America, and while the media continued to spread stories of the dangers in Tijuana, even more groups decided not to come.

In sharp contrast, 2010 started off strong with 4 groups in January, 4 more in February, and 12 Spring Break trips! Through the summer, we have had many more groups, and we are still looking forward to even more in the fall and winter.

These groups have helped us in many ways. They continued the building of our security wall in Rosarito, repainted nearly all of our dorms inside and out, repaired many of our buildings and roofs, assisted with landscaping and erosion control, remodeled the women's



shelter after a flood destroyed much of the home, built many homes for the poor in our community, and provided endless ministry and entertainment for our kids. And even though we are still playing financial catch-up, having so many visitors staying in our home has greatly improved our situation. Most importantly, however, is that each group that comes leaves a piece of their heart with us and a feeling of family. Even though we come from different colors and different cultures, we are all God's children—a great big God family.

We are thankful to God for each and every group that He has sent our way this year, and we look forward to those who are still to come.

## It's a Financial Affair

As with all orphanages in our city, City of Refuge has come upon hard times financially in the past two years. In November, we held our usual fund-raising banquet in Ohio, raising a large amount of money, but in spite of this blessing, by the end of 2009, we had reached a debt of over \$40,000.00. Thanks to the faithfulness of many of our supporters, people like you, we received a very generous special donation just before Christmas time which nearly allowed us to retire our debts. However, with unemployment rising and the financial crisis still facing many Americans, we have continued to see a decrease in our monthly donations.

So what can you do to help? There are many ways you can be a blessing to our home, our ministry, and our children. Here are a few ideas:

1. You can send us a one-time gift in the enclosed envelope. Whether you are able to send just \$5 or more than \$1,000, your gift will make a difference in our home.
2. You can agree to become a monthly partner. The large offerings we often receive in response to a newsletter are extremely helpful, but it is those who commit to giving to our home on a regular basis who truly keep our home running. If you are interested, we even have automatic billing available through PayPal. For more information visit [www.tijuanachristianmission.org/paypal.html](http://www.tijuanachristianmission.org/paypal.html).

3. You can become a child sponsor. For a financial commitment of just \$50 per month, you can provide food, water, clothing, medical care, and schooling for one of our children. For more details, you can check out the Child Sponsorship section of our website online at [www.tijuanachristianmission.org/child.html](http://www.tijuanachristianmission.org/child.html).

Above all, we know that we can take God at His word, and His word says, "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) We thank you for your faithfulness to this ministry, and we pray that you will continue to partner with us in this great mission that the Lord has entrusted to us.

