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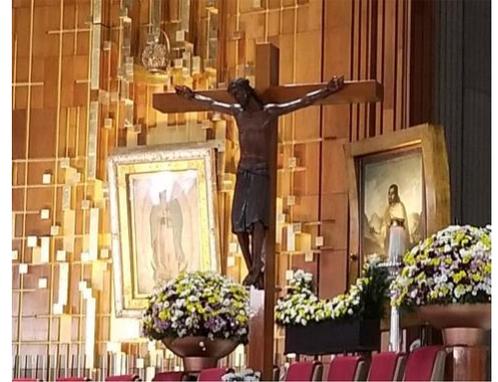


The Guadalupe Workers



Our last letter told you of our ambitions to return two young children, Ernesto and Stephie, to their mother, who had been detained back in May and deported to Mexico. Ernesto, when he was a uterine child more than 3 years ago, had been rescued from abortion at the Ann Arbor Planned Parenthood. After securing all necessary paperwork, and after lengthy discussions with those fostering the children here in Monroe and with their mother in Mexico, we departed with the children on August 13. By the grace of God, the trip went very smoothly: we flew into Mexico City, were picked up there and driven 3 hours north to Queretaro, where the children were at last united with their mother, 3 months after separation.

Meanwhile, with the help of connections in Queretaro, we had been helping the mother, Maria, get herself established in a small house on a rancho near Guanajuato. It was, I think, one of the most privileged moments I've ever experienced, seeing the reunion of Maria and the children. More than 3 years ago, initially she had accepted Ernesto's presence with very mixed emotions. Now she took him and his older sister into her arms with complete joy. Happily, upon returning to Mexico City, we were able to deliver a personal word of thanks to she who has done so much for us in the past 15 years-- Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe.



The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mexico City, Mexico



Edmund and Alicia with Mary and her recently reunited kids

Back in Detroit, we are still homeless. Ambitions of purchasing our own office in Detroit were very quickly stifled during the summer months, as donations barely allowed us to keep up with the most critical needs of our mothers and families. Nevertheless, while those ambitions were stifled, they were not extinguished; and we continue from time to time to look at properties, now particularly on the southwest side, hoping God will show a way.

This summer we were able to be at the abortion facilities on the weekdays, with several successes to add to our Guadalupe Family. Just two days ago, I was standing on the McNichols side of Summit, when a man who had been parked farther down the block left his parking space and drove up abreast of me, where he double-parked in the way of traffic, to thank me and shake my hand. Initially, I was a little confused, not knowing why he was thanking me or who he was. He told me, though, that we had saved a life that day, while he also repeated several times that God works in mysterious way. He then pulled away, turned the corner at Forrer, where he was lost to my view. I walked around to the front of the building, where I learned that he had just picked up his girlfriend, who had exited the building upset, but carrying an ultrasound image. Yes, God works in mysterious ways.

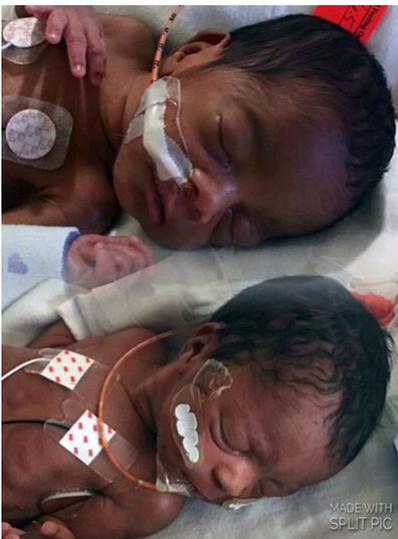
There are new stories to tell—and there are old stories which continue. Taneika and Jabbar and their family have been with us for many years. Nine children now. Taneika, though, went through a job transition and Jabbar, for some reason, was cut off from his SSI benefits. And just as Taneika had finished her training and was ready to begin a new job, the front axle of their truck broke. Extensive front end work was needed, utility bills were needed, food was needed.... We've been asked many times before why we don't connect our families with established help agencies, like the Knights of Columbus or Saint Vincent DePaul. Well, we do. We've established good working relationships with the mobile ultrasound unit and with the Luke Project, which has provided prenatal care for several of our mothers. And Saint Vincent DePaul on a couple of occasions has assisted with temporary housing. Often, though, the needs of our families require a quick, personal response—which we, by virtue of our small, on-the-road Board, are best able to give.



Reminder that the First Michigan Sidewalk Counseling Symposium is coming up on September 29, as I hope you know, we and several co-sponsors are hosting a Michigan Sidewalk Counseling Symposium. As I have striven to clarify on radio interviews, this gathering is not a training session, and is not strictly about sidewalk counseling. Our aim is to explore the simple question, Is there an obligation for the whole Christian community to be at the killing places? We won't get into discussions of this method or that method, of this strategy or that strategy. For many years we've talked about numbers, statistics, a class called the "unborn." But if our premise is the sanctity of each individual life, shouldn't we be there for each individual life?

Please go to our website to view a flyer for the event—and PLEASE use your own connections to spread word about the symposium. Several of the national greats of the prolife movement will be there.

The newest Guadalupe Workers family members!



Please pray for twins, Kalaya and Kaley! They were born on Saturday morning, September 1st at 3 lbs. each.



Adonys was born 4 months ago! We had the joy to babysit for her mother for a few days. Such a sweet baby!

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