RCA Global Mission

Update from

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Frontera de Gracia Renovation Begins

Ciudad Juárez, Mexico

On **July 1**, we celebrated a milestone we have prayed and planned for over many years: the groundbreaking for the renovation of Frontera de Gracia.

Despite the intense summer heat and no air conditioning, our sanctuary was filled with members, friends, family, ministry partners, and faithful supporters who have walked alongside us throughout the years. Together, we gathered to thank God and dedicate this new chapter to Jesus Christ.

"Remember Your Call"

Pastor Samuel opened the ceremony by reflecting on the history of our church—the stories, the challenges, and God's faithfulness. As leaders prayed over the renovation, the workers, and the financial needs ahead, one message stood above all the rest: ***Remember your call.***

Our building is changing, but our mission remains the same: to welcome Christ by serving the orphan, the widow, and the migrant. Here at the border, we believe that every person who comes through our doors is someone Jesus loves.

That reminder moved me deeply. This renovation is not simply about constructing a better space; it is about creating a place where God's love and hospitality continue to transform lives.

Breaking Down the Wall

When the time came for the groundbreaking, Pastor Samuel asked which wall should come down first. Without hesitation, everyone chose the wall separating the sanctuary from the kitchen.

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One by one, people picked up a hammer. Young and old, some praying, some with tears in their eyes, each took a turn striking the wall. Even Rev. Luis Ruiz, representing the Reformed Church in America, joined in the celebration.

When my turn came, I quietly prayed:

"Lord, have mercy on us and help us complete this space for Your glory."

It was a moment none of us will forget.

God Is Already Providing

The renovation is well underway because of the incredible dedication of our church family. For weeks, volunteers faithfully removed furniture, appliances, and everything that could be salvaged. Today, the inside of the building is almost unrecognizable—a visible reminder that new life is beginning.

God has also provided in another remarkable way. After much prayer and careful planning, our leadership secured a new contractor who shares our vision for serving the vulnerable. By making this change, has allowed us to start the project now instead of waiting. We expect to save right away **more than $100,000** on the renovation. As we seek ways to be good stewards of your contributions, we will continue to look for savings throughout the project.

Combined with the countless volunteer hours donated by our congregation, these savings are a tremendous blessing and an encouraging start to this project.

Thank You

Your prayers and financial support make this ministry possible. Every gift helps create a place where migrants, families, widows, and children will continue to experience the love of Christ for years to come.

Please continue praying:

- For the safety of everyone working on the renovation.
- For God's continued provision as construction moves forward.
- For the people at the U.S.–Mexico border and for wisdom for leaders in both nations as immigration policies continue to change.

Thank you for standing with us. We praise God for this exciting beginning and look forward to sharing the next chapter of Frontera de Gracia's story with you.

In Christ,

RCA Missionary Angel Lopez

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