

## **Blessings Ministries**

### **Casa Palo Chino, Juarez, Mexico**

Greenwood Community Church (GCC), through the Men's Under Construction Ministry, has partnered with Mexican missionaries Juan and Carmen Ambriz for 20 years as they reach out to their community of Palo Chino in Juarez, Mexico, as well as the Tarahumaran Indians in the Tarahumaran Mountains of northwest Mexico. The ministry, known as "Bendiciendo Te Bendecire" or "Blessings Ministries" (BM), began as God put it on the hearts of Juan and Carmen to feed the children at their daughter's elementary school. They started with the word that God had given them – "No one is too poor that they cannot give". Juan and Carmen didn't have the financial means to feed the children but started off feeding 40 children and with God's help and the support of others, their efforts eventually grew to where they were feeding 400 children. GCC has partnered with BM over the past 20 years to help feed children and build a community center to serve the community and house visiting mission teams.

BM continues to serve the community today but unfortunately, the sole source of support suddenly dropped in 2015. To help fill the BM financial gap, support has been generated from GCC individuals, but Juan has had to take some time off from the ministry to work to support his family. Unfortunately, the community center's kitchen is currently closed due to a lack of funds. However, BM continues to host a sewing workshop to teach women sewing skills, a weekly women's Bible study, and occasional mission trips to evangelize and minister to the Tarahumaran Indians.