

Build a Miracle-Fundraiser for Ninth Home!

Tijuana, Mexico

2024



For the past 10 years, St. Martin of Tours, has significantly changed the lives of 8 Tijuana families by funding and helping them construct a new home. They are poor financially, but not poor in spirit, hope and determination to do better for their families. Generally, they earn between \$80 and \$150 a week and live in a shack that barely protects them from the weather and without any indoor plumbing. The home we build has running water, electricity, indoor plumbing, a solid roof and walls and provides life changing protection from the weather.

What we are able to provide is much more than a home. The future of their children includes the guarantee of education through college. The Build a Miracle Community helps 3,000 community members weekly and what we see is community of neighbors helping neighbors. There are currently 250 scholarship students and 72 college graduates in the community.

Over the years several hundred St. Martin's Parishioners have worked side by side with members of the BAM Tijuana Community helping build these homes. It is a wonderful experience for us, and we will have the opportunity in 2025 to experience being directly involved in helping those in need. Father Jim Poulsen was quoted in the Southern Cross regarding this experience. *"This is a great way to create community, people working together that hadn't known each other before."* We still need additional funds for the 9th home. We need to raise an additional \$9,000 and anything helps to achieve this goal. It currently takes \$45 to build one square foot of the home.

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved over the years. My greatest motivation is from the joy of experiencing working with fellow parishioners to help the Tijuana Build a Miracle Community. It is rewarding, but it is also fun and a way to make new friends in our church community.

Over the years tremendous gratitude has been expressed by those we have helped. We are blessed to be involved and have been blessed by those we have helped. Some of the letters are on our parish website.

Please join us this year in helping raise the additional funds needed. There is an envelope attached for your donation and please remember to write "Build a Miracle" in the memo portion of your check.

Thank you and God Bless you!
Jerry Crouch



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