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**Joy is the serious business of heaven.**

- CS Lewis

The jasmine vines are in bloom at the Isaiah 55 offices and they smell so sweet. We look at the calendar and hardly believe we have arrived at the beginning of April. The seasons of fall, winter, and spring come and go quickly at the US/MX border. Right now we are in that sweet in-between time with cool mornings and warm days, that time before the heat descends for the long summer.

Our days are full, but so are our hearts. Thank you for your support as we serve at Isaiah 55 Ministries in Reynosa.

### Prayer requests:

Continued growth and discipleship opportunities for all those who participate in the Isaiah 55 Vocational and Outreach Ministries;  
Deepening relationships with our Aquiles neighbors;  
Teachers for Instituto Isafas 55 School for the Deaf;  
Wisdom as we prepare for summer work teams.





## Vocational Ministry

In the Isaiah 55 Vocational Production area, Tim has recently spent more time mentoring production workers in business as missions, including better defining the organizational structure, directing practical vocational training, and providing spiritual direction. The Production team has been in a season of training, creating custom products to learn new skills, before the next order of furnishings for health care clinics on the Texas side is expected to arrive in April. This summer, volunteers at Isaiah 55 will enjoy the new Adirondack chairs constructed by our Vocational workers.



## Aquiles Outreach Ministry

Our Outreach team continues to meet with neighborhood kids weekly on Tuesdays, offering a Bible lesson, an art project, and another activity, either a science experiment, a kitchen project, a turn at computer games, music, or sports. How can I tell you how precious and cute and precocious and lovable and naughty these mini image bearers are? We know that nearly all of them have some hard stories to tell, and yet, with us, they are simply kids coming to enjoy and learn in a safe place. Neighborhood teens celebrated Dia de Amor y Amistad with a party and a collaborative art project. Some of the teens also helped alongside US volunteers to paint a new mural in Aquiles. The weekly neighborhood Bible study continues, and several of our members have recently attended church services. With all of these people, please pray that we are faithful to share where our hope lies, to tell them about King Jesus who gave his life for his people, and to communicate God's promises that will be true for eternity.



## Volunteer Work Teams

We've received three teams in 2024 and look forward to five more groups in June and July. Besides the work that a group can accomplish, an important benefit of hosting volunteers is how they allow us to meet and grow relationships with our neighbors. Alongside providers from the February medical team, we visited a neighbor working at a store down the street when she couldn't get time off. We renewed relationships with families who live around the nearby garbage dump.

When volunteers worked alongside our neighborhood teens to paint a mural, Kristy stood in the street, a sort of human traffic cone that also greets everyone passing by. Multiple neighbors have asked us about the mural, and if we might paint one on their walls. The mural quotes Psalm 66,

*Come and hear, all you who fear God;  
let me tell you what he has done for me.*

Words from the kids, youth, and adults in our outreach ministries testify to how they see the Lord at work in their lives. It is a privilege to serve in this place.





## Personal Updates

Our family gathered to celebrate with James and Kaelyn as they married in Austin in January. (Then a few weeks later, many of us gathered again to celebrate Kristy's stepdad's 85th birthday). We had the privilege of hosting a Haitian family seeking asylum in the States on their first day in the United States and then sent them north to family in New Jersey. We took a road trip to a supporting church in Alabama (HELLO TRINITY!) and were reunited with former I55 intern Hugo who is now working in Montgomery. Tim gave blood to a neighbor in need following surgery. We attended a wedding in the neighborhood. And we spent a day at the Rio Grande Valley Stockshow with the grands, complete with animals, midway rides, and ice cream cones!

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We love to hear from you! Please let us know how we might also pray for you and yours.

Blessings, Tim and Kristy Holliday

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