



VILLAGE OF HOPE INT'L

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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Come to the Fiesta Fundraiser Event!

This year's **FIESTA** is being held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 6 pm at Tulare Community Church. Join us for an evening of fellowship, great food and an encouraging update on all the Village of Hope is doing "For His Glory." There is no cost to attend and enjoy a great Mexican dinner.

We count on table sponsors to invite their friends to join us to learn more about the VOH and how they can join in supporting the ministry. If you feel called to be a table sponsor, please sign up through the QR code before August 31. You don't have to be invited by a table host, we would love to have you register as an individual through the QR code.

Please plan on attending and giving again this year. Help us to provide faith, education, healthcare, housing, daycare and church growth to the people of Ensenada.



Scan to sign up for the Fiesta

FOR HIS GLORY

BLESS A CHILD!

Bring a pair of kid's shoes to be entered into a drawing

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FIESTA

September 26, 6 pm
Tulare Community Church



Volunteer Highlight—Ron and Sheila Oaks

Ron is a plumbing contractor and Sheila works with severely handicapped students. They have 4 children (Cameron (33), Kayla (32), Levi (14), Wendi (12) and 5 grandchildren. Ron felt called to do missions for quite some time, but the doors kept closing until a contractor friend, Chad Howell, told him about VOH. When they found out their whole family could go, he knew this was the plan God had for him. Ron's step father is from Mexico and having been taught Spanish at a young age, he knew God had been preparing him for this most of his life.

Their first trip to VOH was in the spring of 2019. Ron and Levi worked on building Casa de Gracia,

Sheila was in Women's Ministry and Wendi in VBS. Ron and Levi have always been a part of construction, including several house builds and Salon de Wendy (sewing building). The weekend before Covid shut down the border, Ron went without the family to help lay the foundation for the community center bathrooms. On their first trip back in December 2021, Sheila decided to be a part of construction. She has since led the painting crew, mudding, insulation and other various construction related jobs. Wendi was involved with VBS until recently when she decided to help out with the babies so their moms could attend the Women's Ministry group. The family has also helped with outreach and gone to local orphanages a few times.

In total, their family has gone to VOH eight times, with Ron and Sheila going alone one time each. They have also taken several of their church members on different occasions.

When asked what they have learned from the people of VOH, they said, "To remain joyful and serve the Lord no matter where you are in life." Some of their highlights from past trips—Ron stated that the baptisms give him a chance to see what we are all striving for. Taking the time to build a doll house for a girl that looked like the house they had just built for her family. He is also pleased to see his children grow in service to the Lord. Sheila says that every time they go, she hates to leave. There is so much love from the people. Her highlight is the **people** and seeing her kids make connections with them. Their kids love going just as much as Ron and Sheila do!

What do Ron and Sheila dream of for the VOH? They want to see more souls added to the book of life and for more opportunities to help the community through new church sites.

Sheila and Ron's words of encouragement, "If you have ever felt like doing more for God's kingdom, our family encourages you to stretch yourself. There will always be reasons not to go— fear, anxiety, work, and life in general. These are all normal when you chose to serve the Lord in a more meaningful way. Listening to the command to be the hands and feet of Jesus is not common. *Be uncommon in service to the Lord.*"

God bless you, Ron and Sheila (and family) for all that you do for Village of Hope!!





Spring Fundraiser

On a beautiful evening this past spring, Nate and Yadi Witschi hosted a get together in their backyard with 45 friends and family. Those who attended enjoyed a time of fellowshiping with old friends, meeting new people, learning about Village of Hope and enjoying a delicious catered meal. David Escobar shared the story of VOH and the vision for the Daycare program. He invited this group to help with funding some of the Daycare projects. Through the



silent auction and a couple of impromptu live auction items, funds were raised for two computers and a play structure for the Daycare.

Thank you Nate and Yadi for opening up your home and continuing to support VOHI!

If you would like to host a fundraising event for VOHI, please contact us for more information. If you have a new fundraising idea, we would love to hear about it.



Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for someone who would like to donate their time to make a meaningful contribution to the mission of Village of Hope. The **Volunteer Database Administrative Assistant** is needed to help run thank you letters, donor lists for newsletters and generate year-end donor receipts through ELEO



(Online Donor Management Software). You can work from any device, at any location, including your home. ELEO is a very easy system to use. Training will be provided and confidentiality will be stressed. Easy to follow printed instructions for all tasks, training videos and email support will also be available.

Time needed:

- About four hours a month to run a report of recent donations, prepare, print and mail thank you letters.
- One hour every two months to pull a mailing list of donors for VOHI newsletter.
- In January, about eight hours to print and mail out about 200 donor tax letters (volunteers available to stuff envelopes).

The ELEO Database Administrative Assistant will work with VOHI president to ensure accuracy of letters and tax documents, Communication with VOHI financial secretary about recent deposits needing acknowledgment. Postage, printing and stationary expenses provided by VOHI.

For more information, contact the current ELEO administrator, Libby Hawkes at libbyhawkes@gmail.com.

Mission Trip Opportunities

There's nothing like actually going to Village of Hope to see what God is doing in the lives of the people in Baja. Here are some opportunities to serve:



Mid November (November 16-18) — Leader: Chris Jolly 559-679-2425

Thanksgiving (November 22-27)— Tulare First Baptist. Leader: Dave Schlick 559-679-5733

Christmas (December 26-30) — Leader: Dave Schlick 559-679-5733

New Year's (December 31—January 4) — Leader: Mike Schuil 559-859-0034

Ask to see if you could join an existing trip, or...build a team of your own. We would be happy to help you plan it!