

Secular Franciscans Changing Lives



Miguel Pro Mission
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The work of Miguel Pro Mission was started by Fr. Peter Urban, a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Denver. Miguel Pro Mission was incorporated and given non-profit status in January 2010. Our mission is to bring hope to the poor in the city of Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Juarez is a border city under siege by drug lords fighting for control of the drug trade north into the United States. It is considered one of the most dangerous cities in the world. Living in this environment the people of the poorest barrios can lose hope in the future and the future for their children.

Miguel Pro Mission is a small Mission with a big job.



We work with and provide support to three projects in Juarez to help bring about social justice and peace for the people of Juarez. In order to do that, Miguel Pro Mission begins with education.

To help achieve social justice, the children of Juarez must be educated to raise themselves out of the poverty and dire conditions that exist. Through Miguel Pro Mission donations and volunteers, support is provided to these projects:

- ❖ Working with Madre Petra and Hermana Maria de las Angeles (Angie) at the four centers in Juarez named the “Centro Mujeres Tonantzín.” A monthly

stipend is provided to more than 80 students to help pay for tuition, paper, pens and uniforms needed in the public schools. There are students from kindergarten through the university. The centers provide classes for the mothers, a safe and secure study area for students and a preschool room. A program is also overseen where families are provided money to purchase small farm animals, chickens and goats, for eggs and milk for themselves and to sell.

- ❖ Las Hormigas Comunidad en Desarrollo, providing counseling and educational services for children and adults traumatized by living in a city of immense poverty and violence, where thousands have been murdered.
- ❖ Support is provided to Madre Mariana and the Mision de Nuestra Señora de las Esperanza. Madre oversees the operation of a clinic providing medical services at \$8 a visit and free pharmaceuticals, with a daycare center across the street from the clinic for preschoolers. She is also responsible for a Montessori school with 120 students 6 to 14 years old and eight teachers.

October 2012 was a milestone for Miguel Pro Mission. A one-week mission trip was organized with Fr. Christopher Popravak, OFM Cap, of the Capuchin-Franciscans Mid-America Province. Daniel Schell, OFS, Fr. Christopher and three postulants spent a week in Juarez. They worked to complete an indoor ecologically friendly bathroom for a family of five. They no longer need to use an unsanitary outhouse. The friars also spent time with the families and children at the centers learning how support and encouragement can change lives and give hope.

Miguel Pro Mission believes social justice can be achieved; there can be peace. Hope is not lost. We can make a difference in the lives of each child, student, parent and family we touch. We will not change the whole world, but we will change the world of those we touch.

Miguel Pro Mission joins the proclamation for religious freedom and human rights of the Cristeros by repeating the last words uttered by Blessed Miguel Pro seconds before he was executed by firing squad, **“VIVA CRISTO REY.”**

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