

September 2024



# Refuge - Old Folks Home

**Smiling Place** 

**Mercy House** 

### A Note from Nelson

The important date concerning OFJ is just around the corner, September 1. To us it is also interesting, we get to see who has interest in attending in 2025!

So a few quick items, Curtis Stauffer, my onsite helper and assistant chairman of the board for many years has decided to terminate his time as a member of the board, he might attend occasionally but not regularly as in the past. We publicly thank him for "being there" through lots of OFJ responsibilities.

Another item that causes mixed emotions is the OFJ proposed compound in Mexico. After purchasing property

and getting it excavated for buildings we began a long, long discussion on what we felt would be needed as a main building. Many discussions, lots of ideas but never quite settled on what we felt was "the plan". But along the way we did find out something that we didn't like and it was what a building we felt we needed would cost. Inflation and a 19% tax on any building supplies brought into Mexico are some



problems and just the basic cost of such a project was not anticipated at the outset. So we are agreed as a board that we should hit pause right now and wait on God for further direction. We believed God was leading to buy the property so we must trust Him for further direction. One thought we agreed on is that if additional use could be found for the compound including having additional OFJ sessions throughout the year, we could justify the expenditure. Only God knows at this point what lies ahead.

Thank you to each of you for contributing to OFJ in whatever way and God Bless You for your efforts.

- Nelson Burkholder | Director







### **OFJ Financial Report**

Fiscal Year July 2023 - June 2024

Expenses	
OFJ Facility - Cabins	\$66,688
Project Costs & Supplies	\$28,096
Lodging	\$15,464
Food & Groceries	\$ 8,937
Gas & Toll	\$ 8,889
Vehicle Insurance & Reg.	\$ 7,099
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 4,608
Other Expenses	\$ 898
Accounting & Legal Fees	\$ 747
Printing & Postage	\$ 385
Total Expenses	\$141,811

Income	
General Donations	\$ 96,559
Tuition	\$ 33,490
Total Income	\$130,049

### Balances on 06-30-24

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Bank Account	\$ 27,347
Loan	\$ (24,152)
Net Cash on Hand	\$ 3,195
Fixed Assets - Land & Cabins	\$140,000

### **Donations**

Mail checks to:

Outreach for Jesus 560 Rix Mills Road New Concord, OH 43762

or

Donate via PayPal



Donations are tax deductible.

God bless you for your generosity!!

## Thank You for your support!

We are grateful for the outpouring of support we received in 2024! Over 100 volunteers from 26 states and provinces joined us in Mexico to help those in need. We are also humbled by the generosity of our donors. In the last fiscal year, we received over \$95,000 in contributions, for which we are deeply thankful to God and to you. Your support, whether through volunteering or financial contributions, is what makes our work possible.

New for this year! You can now donate online using a credit card through PayPal. You can support OFJ with a one-time donation or by setting up an automatic monthly contribution.

### **OFJ 2025 Applications**

The application process for our 2025 terms will be similar to previous years. You can print an application from our website, **www.outreach4jesus.org** under the *Application* tab. Beginning on Sept 1, completed applications can me emailed to **ofjoffice@gmail.com** Applications received between Sept 1-8 will have priority for acceptance.



# A Farewell Message from Curt Stauffer

Having been part of OFJ almost from the beginning, I have had the privilege of seeing the project grow and find its way as a mission as well as a place for young people to bring their energies together for the good of others. From my first days in 2005, gathering for meals and group activities in the parking lot of the motel in Tijuana and working with a basic collection of tools, the project grew from year to year as bigger projects were tackled. The move to the campground in 2009 was a big milestone in becoming what OFJ is now and gave us a way to accumulate OFJ tools and supplies and better accommodations for cooking. Throughout the years, I recall hearing many stories of near accidents on the road and on the job that could have had disastrous endings, but I felt God's protection over us through the years. My wife and I have enjoyed being part of the projects with quite a few different groups of people. We want to see God continue to bless the leadership, attendees, and the recipients of the work. May the "Hands and Feet of Jesus" continue to be a contribution to the Kingdom of God.

- Curt Stauffer | retiring from the board

Join us for OFJ 2025!

You may submit an application beginning Sept. 1, 2024

2025 Term Dates

Term 1: Feb 3 - 13 Term 2: Feb 17 - 27

For applications visit www.outreach4jesus.org



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