



Dec 3, 2019 Weekly Report from Oblate Youth Ministry in Tijuana.

The youth group here at the Oblate Mission in Tijuana watched the movie Unplanned. We had 230



seats available, and all were spoken for. We had several parents and other adults also attend. For those who have not seen the movie, you squirm. Perhaps one of the most telling questions that came up afterwards was "Do they really have places that do that in the US?" Abortion is a current controversy in Mexico also. It is legal in a few places, including

Mexico City, but generally it is not legal in Mexico. We plan to make this a topic of discussion at the youth center.

By the way, you may recall the story from last week about the young man (right) who attended a SEARCH retreat and had an "out there" look, but came to feel welcome and was genuinely moved. Well, he joined a group that went and helped clean and construct a new place where people moving into Tijuana can land or those who have gotten deported from the US can get their feet back on the ground. And he came to the movie. The other youth have really reached out to make him feel part of something; something good.



The young man on the far left is an immigrant from Central America and has taken up the cause by opening this new house for immigrants. The group picture is of those youth traveling to help with the construction.

We had another visit from God's Children, a volunteer organization that



loves to focus on orphanages. We visited one of the orphanages that we help out that has 30 children. The orphanage was founded many years ago and is operated by la madrina (the godmother), the shorter lady shown on the left. She has been a cancer



survivor, but we were sadly told she has to start the fight anew. Three of our youth (right) joined in the effort to not only provide some supplies, but to play and interact with the children. Many of these children are not actually orphans, but their parents will bring them here when they are having difficulties providing. The big treat for the kids was that one of the new volunteers (left) with God's Children operates a bakery. Some days it feels pretty good being at the orphanage. Score!



This is Guillermo López Zepeda, who is studying Industrial Engineering, thanks to his donors Steve & Pat Ettinger. Memo, as we like to call him, runs our roof-building crew. We receive a grant from time to time for roofs from Serving Hands International. Some of our youth get a temporary job and some of the people we visit get a new roof.