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My name is Adriana, and I am thirty years old. Currently, I am tasked with providing support to different ministries with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

I want to share that, since I was fifteen years old, God has given me the opportunity to be at His service. My Christian formation, beginning at the age of eight, has been with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, at their first Mission in Tijuana, *La Morita*. I am so proud to mention it because, thanks to them, I have learned a lot in my life – spiritually, socially, and emotionally.

At this time, I provide direct support at the Oblate Center in our Parish, Mary Immaculate, where, in different ministries, there are people who, like me, aim to help our poorest and most abandoned brothers and sisters. By this, I mean that I am able to exercise my service to the Church through the Oblates in situations where I have found myself supporting our missionary work with our brothers and sisters materially, spiritually, emotionally, and more.

I know that perhaps you are already aware of this missionary work because you have probably read our stories – and I am keenly aware that we have not had an opportunity to write new ones and provide you with an update on how things are going here these past couple of months.



To share a bit of news and updates: we are undergoing various changes at this time – and thanks be to God that these changes are all good; I specifically mean that our team here continues to grow more and more.

For example, in our Psychology Program, there are professionals like Eduardo and Mildred, who, assisted by their committee, are initiating new projects: a Grief Workshop, an Addiction Workshop, and a specialization in Children's Psychology – all with the goal of meeting the needs of more people in our community at whichever stage of life they find themselves. Some of these members of our community are

students, most of whom have benefited from the Saint Eugene Scholarship Program.



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Speaking of the Saint Eugene Scholarship Program, I am proud to say that membership in the Scholarships Committee has also increased; and the beautiful thing about it is that many of these new members are young people who themselves have been beneficiaries of the Program and now want to give back a little after having received much. We have many young people in our community who have longed to have a profession, and, thanks to you, we continue to work towards fulfilling this noble goal.

GENERATION 2022 – SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YO4qF1cYBb8>



I am also happy to report that Magaly and Joseline, who are also beneficiaries of the Scholarship Program, are now, as medical professionals, in charge of the Health Program; in addition, with the assistance of other medical professionals and students, the Program has been expanded to include also work in the area of physical therapy to be able to provide greater medical attention to our community. The many different families and people served by this Program are who provide our Health Program staff with the motivation and drive to carry out their labor for the Mission. To mention the case of just one of many people individuals served by the Program, I will highlight the case of Mr. Gregorio, who is blind and had a foot amputated months ago. Mr. Gregorio is an admirable man, due to his dedication to his family, whom he provides for, despite having an amputated foot. Mr. Gregorio wishes to remove all obstacles in his humble effort to support his family and to continue standing firm in life; to this end, the staff of the Health Program will work to get Mr. Gregorio a prosthetic implant for his missing foot – and, as they have been helping Mr. Gregorio, the team will likewise continue to assist more families.





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Did you know that we have a food pantry and dining hall for the elderly? We have been working on this project for months, and we have received a great response from some people who are hungry to be heard and to socialize with others as one big family. A large team of servers make this possible; one of them is Leticia who has been serving in the community for fifteen years. Leticia began her service to our Parish community in the church choir; she subsequently worked arduously in our Social Ministry, accompanied by David Rizo; and she now cooks, serves, and socializes with our community's most needy *abuelitos* in the dining hall, with all of the love, dedication, dignity, and affection that our elderly are deserving of.



Since we are on the topic of love and dedication, I will also tell you about Alexis, who is initiating a new project providing free photography courses to the community, with the goal of expanding our communications team and continue sharing everything that happens in our mission. We have been able to publish great content in our social media networks thanks to his great vocation. We know that not all of you can be physically present, but with all the digital media content you receive from us, we will all find ourselves united in one purpose, one cause, and one Mission.

Below, you will find a YouTube link to view one of Alexis' videos and appreciate one of the more recent projects carried out by Alexis who, in the company of the Music Ministry, directed by Israel, managed to produce a great song composed by our Parish's Catholic music group *Luz Joven*; of course, we also thank a great friend of the Mission, Alejandro, who in less than a week helped with the audio engineering and production and managed to obtain for us this great final product – and all thanks to the love he has for our community.

LUZ JOVEN: CRISTO ME TRANSFORMÓ:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QZ7_P7bpKA



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*** The previous lines are a little bit of a lot that has been happening these past few months, about which you will soon be constantly receiving further information. We want you to be aware of everything that has been happening because, thanks to your generosity, we have been able to achieve many goals and initiate and/or complete many projects. Moreover, we are working on an official webpage where you will find more content about our programs and information on the volunteers and staff who carry out the work that we do through these programs; in this way, you will be better able to inform your family and friends about all of the missionary work we have been carrying out here in Tijuana.

I conclude this report by sharing that we want to hold a special event at the end of October 2022, in the United States, to express our profound gratitude for all of your help and contribution to the Tijuana Oblate Mission. We want to thank all our benefactors. We especially want to thank you personally for all of your support, which has enabled us to achieve great things in the Mission. We are mindful that for some it is difficult to leave the country; so, on this occasion, if God allows it, we will come to you. Soon, you will receive more information, as we must still confirm the venue to host a large number of people. One proposal is for the Covina, California, area, since it is one of the more central areas for all our guests to congregate.

We continue to ask for your prayers so that we can continue transmitting God's love through all of these programs that we are very blessed to have in place and, in this way, be able to practice one of the teachings that our Patron Saint, Eugene de Mazenod, left us:

"Practice among yourselves charity, charity, charity, and zeal for the salvations of souls."





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Mi nombre es Adriana, tengo 30 años de edad.

Actualmente estoy apoyando en diferentes ministerios con los Oblatos de María Inmaculada.

Quiero compartir que desde mis 15 años de edad Dios me ha dado la oportunidad de estar a su servicio, mi formación cristiana desde mis 8 años ha sido con los Oblato de María Inmaculada en su primera Misión en Tijuana, La Morita. Me enorgullece tanto mencionarlo ya que gracias a ellos he aprendido mucho en mi vida tanto espiritual, social y emocional.



En estos momentos apoyo en el Centro Oblato en nuestra Parroquia María Inmaculada donde en distintos ministerios existen personas que al igual que yo tenemos como fin ayudar a nuestros hermanos más pobres y abandonados; con esto me refiero en diferentes situaciones tanto en lo material, espiritual, emocional y más.



Se que tal vez ya sabes sobre esto pues probablemente has leído nuestras historias que por cierto hace meses no se han escrito nuevas. Compartiendo un poco de ello, nos encontramos en un momento de cambios y gracias a Dios cambios buenos, me refiero a que el equipo sigue creciendo cada vez más.



Por ejemplo, en Psicología hay profesionistas como Eduardo y Mildred que en compañía de su comité inician nuevos proyectos: Taller de Duelo, Taller de Adicciones, Área de Psicología Infantil; con el fin de cubrir las necesidades de más personas en sus diferentes etapas de nuestra comunidad. Siendo algunos estudiantes y la mayoría beneficiados por el programa de Becas San Eugenio.



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Hablando de Becas San Eugenio me enorgullece decir que los integrantes en el comité también son más y lo bonito de ello es que son jóvenes beneficiados por el programa los cuales quieren dar un poco de lo mucho que reciben. Tenemos muchos jóvenes en nuestra comunidad que tienen anhelos de tener una profesión y gracias a ustedes seguimos con este gran proyecto.

GENERACION 2022 – BECAS SAN EUGENIO:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YO4qF1cYBb8>



Te cuento que Magaly y Joseline quienes después de ser beneficiadas por el programa de Becas ahora como profesionistas son encargadas del programa de Salud y que, en compañía de otros profesionistas o estudiantes en el área de Salud, se extiende el programa trabajando también con el área de fisioterapia para poder brindar mayor atención a nuestra comunidad. Teniendo como motivación a diferentes familias y personas y solo por mencionar uno de tantos;

es el caso del Señor Gregorio, quien es ciego y hace meses le amputaron el pie. Gregorio es un ser admirable por su entrega a su familia y que, a pesar de no tener un pie, para él no es impedimento ayudar a su familia. Gregorio no quiere tener obstáculo alguno para continuar de pie en esta vida y los integrantes del programa de Salud trabajarán para poder conseguir una prótesis y así como ayudarán a Gregorio seguirán asistiendo a más familias.





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¿Sabías que tenemos comedor para personas de la tercera edad? Tenemos meses trabajando en este proyecto y hemos tenido una gran respuesta de algunas personas con hambre de ser escuchados y convivir en familia. Un gran equipo de servidoras lo hacen posible; una de ellas es Leticia que desde hace 15 años sirve en la comunidad. Leticia inició su servicio



en el coro, después trabajó arduamente en Pastoral social en compañía de David Rizo y ahora cocina y convive con nuestros abuelitos en el comedor, con mucho amor y entrega se encuentra con la mejor disposición de ayudar siempre al más necesitado.



Pero si hablamos de amor y entrega también te cuento de Alexis quien comienza el proyecto de: CURSO DE FOTOGRAFIA, con el fin de poder extender el equipo de comunicaciones y seguir compartiendo todo lo que sucede en nuestra misión. Hemos tenido gran material en redes gracias a su gran vocación. Sabemos que no todos ustedes pueden estar presentes físicamente, pero con todo el material digital que reciben nos encontramos

unidos. En seguida podrás apreciar uno de los proyectos más recientes realizado por Alexis que, en compañía del ministerio de Música, dirigido por Israel lograron obtener un gran tema compuesto por el grupo LUZ JOVEN, claro agradeciendo también el apoyo de un gran amigo Alejandro, quienes en menos de una semana lograron tener este gran resultado y todo gracias al amor que tiene a nuestra comunidad.

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Las líneas anteriores son un poco de mucho que ha sucedido en meses y que próximamente estarás recibiendo constantemente información. Queremos que estes enterado de todo lo que sucede ya que gracias a tu generosidad podemos lograr muchas cosas. Nos encontramos trabajando en una página Oficial donde podrás tener más contenido sobre nuestros programas y servidores que lo llevan a cabo. De esa manera también lo podrás dar a conocer a tus familiares y amigos.

Finalizo compartiendo que queremos realizar un evento de agradecimiento a finales de octubre 2022, en Estados Unidos. Queremos dar gracias a todos nuestros bienhechores. Queremos agradecer por todo lo que se ha logrado en la Misión, sabemos que para algunos es complicado salir del país así que en esta ocasión si Dios lo permite nosotros vamos a ustedes. Próximamente recibirán más información ya que tenemos que confirmar el lugar para un gran número de personas. Una propuesta es por la zona de Covina ya que es una de las zonas más céntricas para todos nuestros invitados.

Seguimos pidiendo de sus oraciones para que podamos seguir transmitiendo el amor de Dios mediante todos estos programas de los cuales somos muy bendecidos y de esta manera poder transmitir una de las enseñanzas que nos dejó nuestro Santo Patrón San Eugenio...

"Practiquen entre ustedes la caridad...la caridad... caridad... y fuera por el celo por la salvación de las almas".

