upcoming events

For to us a child is born; to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 ESV

December 11, 2021: Othello Christmas Box Outreach Drive Through Event.

January 14-22, 2022: Mexico Health Fair. Volunteers can apply now.

June 2022 TBD: Baja México Leader's Retreat, Baja Península, México.

November 2023 TBD: Central México Health Fair, Atotonilco, México

For volunteer information or ways to support these events, contact CrossLink!



Josh and Sarah Ryan, Church Planters in Othello with Elias Garcia, CrossLink Board Member

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Members from "God is my Peace" church in Venezuela delivering food to hospital staff and patients.



Crossing Cultural Lines to Link People to the Cross

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Mexico Health Fair >>>

Good news! The Mexico Health Fair has been approved by Mexican authorities and is *planned* for January 13 - 23, 2021.

The Mexico Health Fair is a wonderful cross-cultural experience for churches from Mexico and the U.S. In January 2020, 40 volunteers from churches in Atotonilco, San Joaquin, and Tototlán and 9 volunteers from Yakima, WA worked together to organize, set up, and facilitate the physical and spiritual health care of over 800 people in 4 different locations.



CrossLink Board Update: In Memoriam

Over the course of this last year, we have lost two leaders who were pivotal in ground breaking crosscultural ministry here at *CrossLink.* The passing away of Don Macy and Gaylord Newby leaves a void that will be hard to

fill. Both were supportive and encouraging individuals who knew how to invite others to become involved in

ministry and then stay involved. Don and Gaylord each had significant personal influence on the lives of others and used their gifts of encouragement and

leadership effectively.

Long before CrossLink existed, Don Macy was an orchardist in the Yakima Valley who loved Jesus and who loved people. More than anything else, he desired for new believers to know and faithfully follow Jesus. Don was very actively involved in the Missions Committee at Ahtanum Pioneer Church and was one of the key proponents of sponsoring mission trips to Venezuela. Don was often accompanied by his wife Jean as they went on several mission trips to support pastors and churches in Venezuelan communities with

leadership training, evangelism, and planting churches.

Gaylord Newby was instrumental in providing leadership and administrative guidance early in CrossLink's ministry. Gaylord knew everything

First Chairman of the Board from dairy cows to real estate and provided the leadership and knowledge to establish the ministry as a nonprofit and manage it.

> Gaylord was the first Chairman of the Board and served in that capacity for many years.

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Gaylord Newby, CrossLink's



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Valera in Trujillo VVV



In October, Pastor David Vasquez and members from his church, "Iglesia Dios es mi Paz" delivered 100 potato and cheese pastries, guava juice, and soda cookies to children staying in the Social Security Hospital pediatric units. In September, the church delivered 90 pieces of bread mixed with relleno peppers to both staff and patients.

The word of God was shared and several people received Christ as their Savior.

Jsing CrossLink funds, Pastor David and members from Iglesia Dios es mi Paz consistently delivered packages of pasta, rice, and margarine to 60 families in their communities serving over 150 children, adults, and elderly each month.



Motatán in Trujillo ^^^

Last month, Pastor Gregorio Perez and members from Iglesia Bautista Cristo Viene Pronto delivered 120 portions of food and juice to families in their neighborhood.

fundraising >>>

Thank you for your generosity in 2021!

Despite the Fall Fundraiser cancellations, many of you still gave generously. Thank you!

CrossLink was able to increase our monthly designated giving to about \$30 for each of the 30 Venezuelan church partners. Yes, it's a drop in the bucket, but each drop feeds thousands.

At this time, 100% of donations to the Venezuela Ministries Assistance Fund are used to purchase food.

La Puerta in Trujillo >>>

The church located in La Puerta is aptly called, "Jesucristo es La Puerta" or Jesus is the Door. Church members shared with us that when the doors open on Sunday, children are invited to learn about the Bible and grow in their faith through spiritual lessons, meals, friendship, games, and fun activities designed for children.

Pray for these 30 children in La Puerta to have healthy physical, mental, and spiritual growth and development.

















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Don Macy at Iglesia Biblica Sinai in Tieton, WA

Everyone knew that if Gaylord was working on a project, not only was it a good project, but it was a project that you wanted to join. He knew how to get things done and do a job well.

Gaylord had many professions throughout his life, but in all of them, he felt called by Jesus to lead and teach others. He served CrossLink, and many other organizations and churches as a teacher and mentor over the years.

Both Don and Gaylord were key proponents of a "reverse" mission trip – where Venezuelan pastors and church leaders were invited to the Yakima Valley to partner with local churches in a cross cultural ministry to share the gospel message with our Hispanic communities. The results of the "reverse" mission effort was instrumental in helping local Yakima area churches bridge cultural and language boundaries in order to share the good news of Jesus.

As a result, many lives were changed and many believers began to grow in their new faith. These two men were fundamental in planting a new bilingual church. They were also key in bringing Elias Garcia to the Yakima area to work in this new ministry and to pastor the new church.

As Hispanic ministry grew, the need to have an independent nonprofit to manage cross-cultural ministry and church planting grew. Both Gaylord and Don were founding Board Members of CrossLink. Both men were encouragers. When Gaylord and Don were no longer able to physically participate in ministry events, they continued to support and actively pray and encourage the CrossLink community.

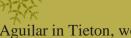
While we miss these two men, we know that the Lord will raise up more people to lead and share in this ministry. There will be more future board members coming behind these men to continue the work that God has started.





Don Macy with CrossLink missionary, Dina Aguilar and her son Henri.

Fellowship and Connection in 2022 >>>



Our CrossLink missionary pastors, Misael Hernandez in Yakima and Juan Aguilar in Tieton, would love an opportunity to fellowship and connect with you over a small dinner gathering.

We are adapting to a pandemic that changes our best laid plans. So instead of a large social fellowship with missionaries, we have several bilingual CrossLink board members who have opened their homes to anyone interested in having an interactive conversation about CrossLink, Hispanic ministry, church planting, and leadership development in Washington State and in Mexico and Venezuela.

For more information on attending a small dinner with CrossLink missionaries, please contact: Lucy.Rodriguez@CrossLink.info (509) 895-7710