



December 31, 2009

Dear Friends of Armonía,

As we near the end of 2009, we thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for our many blessings and for his constant protection and guidance. As Saul and Pilar mention at the introduction of the new [Armonia web -page](#), *"we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose"* (Romans 8:28). Among these things, we are especially thankful to our dear Lord Jesus for all the volunteers and those who have provided gifts which helped Armonía this year meet the needs of so many of Mexico's poor.

At the same time, we would be remiss if we did not inform you, that in some ways this has been Armonía's most challenging year in a long time. Many trips to our centers in Mexico City and Oaxaca by people who wanted to learn more about Armonía and also volunteer to help the poor were cancelled this year. It really was a perfect storm in every negative sense. First, the US news media broadcast nearly continuously about the drug violence in Mexico, though this was really happening near the US/Mexico border and not Mexico City or Oaxaca. Many visitors to Armonía were frightened away by this news. Secondly, the fear of H1N1 (swine flu) scared many about coming to Mexico. Finally, the world-wide recession stopped many from coming or giving to help the poor in Mexico.

That said, we know you will want to know of and help to meet Armonía's critical needs for 2010. Please, prayerfully consider helping Armonía with whatever amount you can. your resources will help the poor and many of the unjustly treated. **Armonía needs regular monthly support**, so please commit a regular amount and consider helping it with the top 5 priorities for this year;

1) [AIMS Scholarships](#)- Armonía Indigenous Mexican Scholars currently has forty-one students (31 in high school and 10 in University). These young adults will have opportunity to have a first tier education with Armonía's support. We also help 8 children in Mexico City, including the children of Armonía staff, with education support and funds.

Cost- \$100,000 (\$3,600 per student for 3 years) We still have 20 students this year without scholarships. We would like to welcome 25 new students in the fall.

2) Armonía Staff- We would like to begin to raise up well-trained and competent middle management for Armonía. [SAUL AND PILAR NEED HELP.](#)

Cost- \$50,000 per year

3) [Second Student Residence in Oaxaca](#) - We are looking toward the future and are beginning construction plans for a second student residence to accommodate more students.

Cost- \$100,000

4) [Santa Cruz and Presidentes Community Centers Building Upgrade](#)- Armonía's Community Center serves countless families in the community through, education support, nutrition club, scholarships, adult education, Christian gatherings, Bible studies and much more. Santa Cruz has not yet been completed and we have maintenance that desperately needs to be finished. Presidentes desperately needs roofing repairs.

Cost- \$25,000 for each

5) Mini-Bus Transportation- The students in Oaxaca need transportation to and from school. All of our students do not fit in our current vehicle.

Cost- New \$40,000 Used- \$20,000

The board of Armonía US does ask for your help in the name of Jesus. Please make your tax deductible contribution to:

Armonia U.S., Inc.

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In Christ's Name we thank you,

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