

WILDFIRES IN THE ANTONIO MELENDEZ COLONIA IN ENSENADA MEXICO



This is the sight that we see as we stand in the shadow of the smoke billowing from the fires burning several miles away.

We're standing in the community of Antonio Melendez, located in the southern hills above Ensenada. On Monday, October 22nd, the wild fires that devastated Southern California, and Northern Baja, ravaged this community of 80 families. In the aftermath, there is only one building still standing; a community center, partially burned, where the residents gather to get supplies, brought from a local government relief agency. Everyone shares the feeling that we can make a difference in this community.

We have started the necessary repairs to the community center roof and are gearing up for a major clean-up effort in the days to come.

The mayor of Ensenada, along with local businesses and friends in Mexico, has pledged a rebuilding effort that is currently being assessed. He has asked YWAM Ensenada to partner with the city to aid in this construction task. We are planing to build 30 houses from now until December so that families will have a home again before Christmas. This is a HUGE undertaking for the base in Ensenada but we know that God will provide all that we need as He has placed this on our hearts.

We've received many calls from supporters around the country who want to come and assist in some way or donate to the relief efforts. For additional information on ways that you can help, contact us directly at (619) 420-1900, or please standby for future announcements as to what needs remain.

To donate directly to the cause, please visit us on the web at: www.ywamsandiegobaja.org and click Donate to Wildfire relief.

The funds raised will be used to provide assistance to those affected on both sides of border.

Please continue to pray for those who have lost so much.