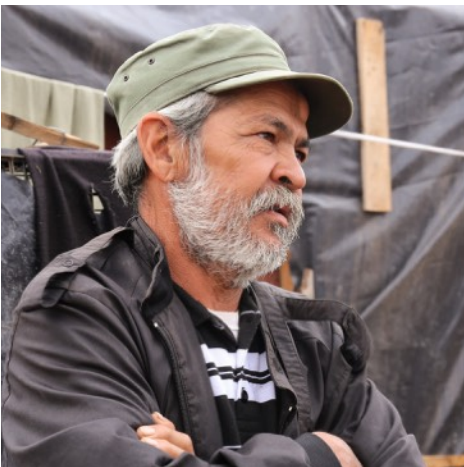




YUGO's House Building Ministry Ensenada, Mexico

Greetings from Mexico! We are so excited to share with you the story of a family with whom you and your team will be sharing the love and hope of Jesus. Take the time to get to know them and begin to pray about how God could use you.

Meet your Family: The Romero Bajo Family



THEIR STORY

Ramon and Maria are both from Sinaloa. They started dating when they were 14 and got married at 18. They have four children that are 36, 34, 30 and 28. They moved from Sinaloa to the Baja area twenty six years ago in search of better jobs. At the time, they thought it best if only the two of them came, to scout the area. They left all four kids with Maria's mom. Their scouting mission ended up being three years long as they looked for work and places to raise their family. They finally returned to Sinaloa, picked up the kids and moved the whole family to Ensenada.

While Ramon and Maria still don't see anything wrong with the choices they made regarding their move to Ensenada, the kids had a huge problem with it. All of them grew up, moved out, and stopped talking to them. According to Ramon and Maria, they all say that it's because the abandoned them for three years and then moved them away from all their friends and family. Pastor Abundis has never met their children so he can't say if there is more to this story or not. He only knows that both Ramon and Maria are heartbroken that none of their kids talk to them.

Ramon and Maria have been empty nesters for ten years. They continue to work full time. Ramon works in the fields and Maria works in factory. Their combined income is \$111 per week. They saved their money and were able to make a down payment on some property in February 2019. They are paying \$83 per month on the mortgage of the land. Their hope is to pay off the property and then save up again to build a house on it.

For now, Ramon and Maria are living on their property in a small shelter they built themselves. The structure is poorly built out of scrap pieces of plywood and pallets wrapped in plastic tarp. The foundation is dirt. They have no bathroom or electricity. They buy water in large barrels for bathing and cooking. They own a full size, 4-burner stove and two full size mattresses that are sagging. Maria's younger brother, Librado is also living with them. He is disabled and can't support himself or live on his own. He works as a street vendor to help out with the finances.

Pastor Abundis met Maria a year and a half ago when she started coming to a women's bible study at his church. Since then, Ramon and Maria have been attending his Sunday services. As he has gotten to know them, he tells us that their physical need for a house is just one of their struggles. He says that the strained relationships with their children is something that affects them greatly. He believes that Ramon has drinking because of it but is not positive.

Pastor Abundis recommended this family for a home not only because they need one but mostly because he wants to reach them for Jesus. He sees them emotionally drained but not bringing this pain to the cross. He is hopeful that a ministry home will do two things for them. One, give them a proper place of their own to live in. And two, demonstrate God's provision for his children. He asks that you join him in prayer for them to take in this experience and for it to become the reason they finally surrender their lives to Jesus. He thanks you for supporting this ministry and looks forward to meeting you soon.



Ramon Emigdio Romero

Husband, 55 years old
Field Worker



Maria Elva Bajo

Wife, 55 years old
Factory



Librado Alvarez

Brother, 54 years old
Street Vendor

*** Was unavailable during interview**





Their Community

The family is currently living in a small rural town called El Paraiso, south of Ensenada. This area of the city is home to thousands of migrant families, who came from southern states of Mexico, looking for better opportunities. Many 'colonias' don't have the most basic services, such as running water, electricity, and sewage systems. However, these areas are often the ones that offer the lowest prices to acquire a piece of land, and for that reason many families will buy in those areas despite the lack of services. For these families, the most common job opportunity is as a field laborer, providing workers the equivalent of about 65 dollars per week. These factors combined create a challenging environment for families to grow and create a safe space to call home.





Meet their Pastor



Carlos Abundis

Capilla Calvario

We have an incredible team of local pastors that YUGO Ministries partners with and they really are the front line of our ministry. Many of the local pastors do not receive any kind of salary for their ministry - they live by faith that God will provide. Some pastors need to find part time work in order to provide for their families. The pastors who work with us to prepare for your team have put a lot of work and resources into the preparations as well.

The local pastor you are partnering with is Pastor Carlos Abundis.

Above and Beyond

Your missions team is already doing so much, but if you choose to go above and beyond to love this family, please consider these ways we've found to meet their specific needs .

- Platforms: 2 Double
- Table
- Baño
- House Basket
- Food Basket
- Curtain Rods