



## 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 Hernandez Batista Family



## THEIR STORY

Porfirio was born in Veracruz. He has six siblings. He says that he had a difficult childhood and he practically grew up alone. When he was 7, he left his house and went to Monterrey to live with some friends. Things were good there; he even attended church. But at 13, he moved to Sinaloa to find work. He got mixed up with the wrong crowd and started using drugs. When he was 17, he moved to Ensenada. He still has contact with his mom, but he lost touch with his dad and siblings long ago. He had zero schooling.

Estela is from Chihuahua. She also has six siblings. She was raised by a single mom, she never met her dad. When she was 7, her family moved to Ensenada. She never went to school.

Porfirio and Estela met when she was 13 and he was 19. They have been together for fourteen years and have two sons, but they are not legally married. Their older son is in junior high. He is a good student and a very responsible young man. Their youngest son, Antonio, was born paralyzed from the waist down. He requires physical therapy, medicine, a special diet and he uses diapers. He does not go to school.

Two years ago, Estela was attacked. Porfirio's drug use continued from his teen years. He got in to debt with the wrong people and for that reason Estela was shot two times as a warning to Porfirio to pay up. She was critically injured and is still recovering from that assault. Porfirio has since been to rehab and has been sober for 2 years now.

Porfirio cannot work because he needs to take care of the boys since Estela is still not fully recovered. He also takes Antonio to therapy in Tijuana. He is currently selling crafts to be able to cover all the medical expenses and support the family. Each doctor visit for Antonio costs \$55 dollars in transportation alone. Plus, the facility charges a fee of \$8 dollars to be seen and each therapy session is \$1.50 dollars.

Pastor Juvenal met this family almost two years. Porfirio came to the church looking for help in November 2016. He told Pastor Juvenal about his family and his need for Antonio's medical expenses. They helped him with some money. Since then, the whole family has been attending. Porfirio also got baptized this June.

Pastor Juvenal was very moved by this family. He and his congregation pulled together to buy some property for them so that they could qualify for a house build through YUGO. He is confident that this house will be a blessing to them and help alleviate their financial burdens. He asks that you join him in prayer for the family to grow in faith, for Porfirio and Estela to get married, for Antonio's health, and for Porfirio Jr. to continue to succeed in school.



## Porfirio Hernandez

Father, 33 years old

Vendor



## Barbara Estela Batista

Mother, 27 years old

Disabled



Porfirio Jr.

Son, 13 years old

**\*Unavailable at time of interview**



Jose Antonio

Son, 11 years old

Disabled



## Their Community

The Hernandez Batista family is currently living in a small rural town called Maneadero P/A, 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.

### CURRENT LIVING CONDITIONS

Family is renting a single room built out of cement blocks for \$61/month. They have power and water; the bathroom is outside and is shared by all the tenants in the building. They only have a stove and a refrigerator. The beds they sleep in are the landlords.

Household income: \$83/week





## Meet their Pastor



### Juvenal Martinez

*Semilla Ensenada*

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 Juvenal Martinez.

## 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: 1 Double
- Bunkbeds: Twin/Twin
- Table
- Food Basket
- House Basket
- Curtain Rods