

## Palabras con la Cabra

Words with the GOAT...

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Everyone starts somewhere at Arbol de Vida, the tree of life learning center. And it seems they start by visiting the goats, so let's start there. In the United States, we use the expression Greatest Of All Time (GOAT), often in reference to boxing or sports, but in Mexico, *the G.O.A.T.* is God, Dios, PaPa, the One who created all. *And* that's where we are going to start. Sharing ideas, wisdom, laughter, thoughts and prayer with the **Greatest Of All Time, GOD.**



**Gracias DIOS...** Each prayer here begins with thanks to God, but in so many ways, God is woven into the fabric of who and what the people here are. Even the greetings have GOD woven into them. How many times have you heard someone say Adios? Yes, it is a simple goodbye, but within it literally contains a powerful message A-DIOS, one GOD or the GOD. A simple greeting that sends GOD with you as you leave. And isn't that where we are in the world? No matter where we are God is with us.

I think about Joseph in Genesis and the coat that Jacob gave him. The coat was intended to protect Joseph as he went into life, but even when the coat was gone, GOD was there guiding the adventures and protecting Joseph along the way. God is also with the brothers bringing them back to Joseph and guiding the story of reunion and forgiveness. God moves similarly with us in our times of trial and in times of grace and blessing. If we are reminded of GOD's presence always, we see GOD in all we do. Sincerely, the Greatest Of All Time, and of all space.

In the few months since we have arrived at Give Ye Them To Eat, we have witnessed GOD creating and blessing all we encounter. I can't help but wonder if part of our lives here is GOD reminding us that creation continues, and that we are invited to be part of that creation?

So, let's ask, how are you being invited to be part of creation in the world today? As you sit and read this, I am aware that you are part of the GYTTE family and have in some way been part of the story here and maybe with your church or with a service group that has been active with helping at some point in time. But what about today? I don't think it is accidental that you are reading this. I don't think it is happenstance you chose to read this message, and I do think GOD is inviting you to something. But what?

Could your life have an open place to participate in creation? Is GOD inviting us into a relationship that will somehow make an impact on the world today?

Consider the programs you may be familiar with Give Ye Them To Eat. Maybe you have helped build simple, affordable housing for a family, or you may have participated in a program that helps provide health workers to remote parts of Mexico. Maybe you have helped support the education of ministers, or maybe you have prayed for those who are working to make change in the world. In whatever way you have helped, it has changed lives... but there is more work to do and we are



being invited to be part of creation today. You are invited.

Today, we recognize GOD, working in the world and in our lives. We move with GOD and we are protected and guided as we move.

I wonder, as Joseph sat on the desert floor, under the stars, afraid and alone, did he pray to GOD a prayer of desperation for himself, or was it a prayer of thanksgiving for the wonders and grace GOD demonstrates in the world and along his journey. Do we pray out of desperation and self-need, or do we move in an attitude of grace and thanksgiving?

Take a moment.

Take a deep breath.

Take in all the sights and sounds...

Take in all you have been blessed with in this moment...

Take in GOD's presence in your life...

Take a moment to thank GOD for all you have, and all GOD is providing you now...

Now, take a moment and ask,  
GOD, to what are you inviting me?

Take a step, move, act, do...

And trust that God is with you as you give to GOD from what you have received.

### **Gracias DIOS...**

ADIOS... VE CON DIOS.

Go with GOD

(The Greatest Of All Time!)

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<https://gbhem-umc.my.site.com/hemgm/s/donate-to-campaign?id=a3fPo000000D46uIAC>

We invite you to visit Kim's blog that talks about the Community and Family Health Program at:

[https://frommoletoministry.blogspot.com/2025/08/hands-to-care-hearts-to-actthe-gift-of.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawMxUGlleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETE2V210cDJnRHM2REpXaGY4AR5hoxb8\\_1dFH1jl8ZSgbyaUHIPhCJY-XOCy-RnRd8sRG1g2TUEDQ3A9YEA6bw\\_aem\\_dPEG-Wi5UkFoYYJKoK1wRA](https://frommoletoministry.blogspot.com/2025/08/hands-to-care-hearts-to-actthe-gift-of.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawMxUGlleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETE2V210cDJnRHM2REpXaGY4AR5hoxb8_1dFH1jl8ZSgbyaUHIPhCJY-XOCy-RnRd8sRG1g2TUEDQ3A9YEA6bw_aem_dPEG-Wi5UkFoYYJKoK1wRA)