

Dear Partner,

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas season get closer, it's a time when we stand in awe that God came to Earth. Jesus came that we may receive everlasting life! The late fall is a time when we share the gift of His love with others so that they too may receive eternal life through faith in Christ Jesus. It's a special time when we reflect on God's love and call to reach the different people groups of the world.

Just think about it, Jesus Himself has been there.

- (a) He was a refugee and his family had to journey to another country.
- (b) He was not accepted by world powers and even the religious leaders disliked him.
- (c) The way his mother became pregnant caused people to be skeptical.
- (d) There was no room for him even while his mother was giving birth.
- (e) Jesus, as a toddler, was taken across an international boundary because of a threat of death. He became a refugee traveling to a nation that did not want him.
- (f) Jesus's family faced the common question of why me? When they returned, there were hundreds of parents whose babies had been slaughtered in a genocide by King Herod.



**Something so small can mean everything to a suffering child.**

Here, in the land of the Mayan's, we are surrounded by people who suffer. Jesus can identify with their suffering because He faced it himself. Our Mayan families have suffered greatly through the Covid-19 pandemic. The Mayan churches have faced persecution from the government to stay closed. The Mayan children have been trapped within their hot tiny houses during the hottest part of the year. Schools are closed and there is virtually no medical help.

God has given us a strategy. Starting in just a few days, we want to bring Christ's hope back to the suffering people here in the land of the Mayans. We are gathering Christmas toys for the 450 children that attend VBS each year. We will use Christmas gifts as a tool; lets say a fishing hook, to draw them to a Mayan church in a village, giving each family a designated time so that we keep the groups under 10 people. This will avoid spreading any virus. To each group we will have a time where we will share the message of salvation and the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Using this strategy as a method will allow us to be able to bring faith and hope back to the Christian community.

**The goal is to reach 450 Mayan children.**

Each Mayan Child Will Receive:

- 1] Each child will get a T-shirt much like we give at VBS. They will take that back to their village and be human billboards, walking around the village with the message of Christ on their back.
- 2] Each Mayan child will also get a pair of sandals. Being barefoot allows bacteria on children's feet and wounds. Also, when schools reopen they are required to wear footwear.
- 3] The child will also get a wrapped Christmas toy and the parent instructed to have the child open it either on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning.
- 4] Within the package, the children and family will receive scriptures, Bible verses relating to salvation by faith and verses that will help them find happiness.

The Cost Per Child Packet is \$12 US

- A Gift of \$60 will provide 5 Mayan Children with Gift Bags.
- A Gift of \$120 will provide 10 Mayan Children with Gifts Bags.
- A Gift of \$180 will provide 15 Mayan Children with Gift Bags.
- A Gift of \$240 will provide 20 Mayan Children with Gift Bags.
- A Gift of \$480 will provide 40 Mayan Children with Gift Bags.
- A Gift of \$960 will provide 80 Mayan Children with Gift Bags.
- A Gift of \$1200 will provide 100 Mayan Children with Gift Bags.



**You will be a part of blessing many children with the love of Jesus!**

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