

SNAP-SHOTS

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A fun event with a team of deserving kids was a great way to start 2026 for us here at Von & On this new year. A long promised paseo (fun outing), for the soccer team kids at Terrazas del Valle finally came to fruition this month. The kids, most from challenging home situations, continue to work hard with coach and Youth Pastor Daniel Ratz (and helpers), to improve their discipline and skills. Highs and lows were constant during the two seasons they played in 2025 and although they didn't make it to the finals last season, it's apparent that the lessons they're learning as they work together as a team are not only helping to build confidence and self-esteem but also producing some of the fruits of patience, perseverance and resilience, which are beneficial to all, both on and off the field! As well as being part of the soccer team, most of the kids also attend a weekly Bible Club and other activities that Daniel and his wife Abigail facilitate through their ministry, "Operation Worth" where the kids get to hear and learn about how loved, valuable and precious they are in God's sight. Growing up poor in tough neighborhoods these kids are at higher risk of being pulled into some of the negative influences, drugs etc. that are prevalent in their neighborhoods. Having a safe, fun place to go, like Operation Worth can be a life changer for them. V&O has been supporting Daniel and Abigail in these efforts for the past two years. Please keep them in your prayers, it's a challenging ministry requiring wisdom, patience, and a lot of energy, funds and time! **Thanks so much** for your part in helping to make a difference that can reap eternal rewards for many of these young, vulnerable and precious kids!



Strategizing moves over the foosball table.



Daniel passing out popcorn and soda...

while waiting for the movie, Zootopia!



GRACIAS!



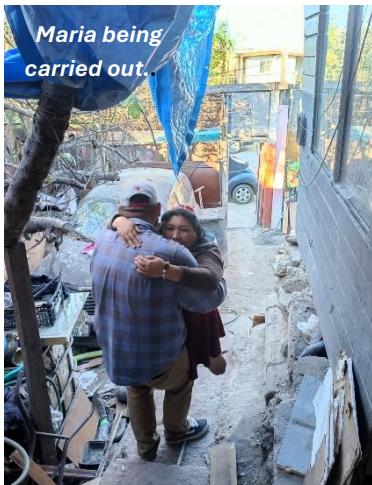
Daniel coaching the kids.



Some of the younger team; so proud to be celebrating their first win after a series of losses!

JOSE MIGUEL & MARIA'S MOVE (an update from Oct).

With a little research and help from locals this month, Cesar was able to secure a clean and affordable small apartment for Maria (who is a double leg amputee), and her brother/caregiver José Miguel to move into. Although the space is small, they now have a roof that doesn't leak, solid walls and their own bathroom! A real luxury for them! The difference this new place makes for them is like night and day. Previously they navigated three long steep hills to access shops and services,



as well as stairs and a narrow alleyway to their ramshackle room at the back of a property shared with several others. The area they are now in is flat with shops, services and transportation a five minute walk away. José Miguel is excited to begin looking for a new job. The rent is a little more than before, but thanks to a couple of generous donors, it's subsidized for the next 12 months until Maria and José Miguel can get better settled financially. José Miguel now receives a small amount of government help (and they are possibly eligible for a little more). With some muscle power from volunteers at the local rehab and their Pastor's van, José Miguel and Maria were all moved in at the end of their long awaited day!



"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:17-18

LAST CHRISTMAS DELIVERIES & 3 KINGS DAY

As is tradition for us, our Christmas deliveries to kids and families extends into January every year. Weather permitting, (which it did this year), we conclude on Three Kings Day, (Jan 6th).

Hortencia, Paty, Driver Jovany and a few helpers continued to traverse the hills and canyons with deliveries of toys, food hampers, hats, hoodies, blankets, nativity coloring books and a personal Christmas letter to each family, for a couple more weeks after Christmas to complete the last of the rounds and celebrate Three Kings Day with the kids at Ejido Lazaro Cardenas on the outskirts of Tijuana. We've put together an extra page of pictures to share with you this month of some of the precious smiles you helped create through your generosity, prayers and faithful support of this ministry!

Thanks so much for your partnership in this work.

God's abundant blessings to you and your families on behalf of the families we serve together, and from all of us in the V&O team across the border! Joyce & Philip



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YOU!