

SNAP-SHOTS

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Another year almost over, where did it go! Christmas time preparations, celebrations, events and deliveries filled our days this month. A special project with the kids at SIMSA Children's Home ignited "the spirit of Christmas" as we helped the kids make cards for the residents at AGNES LESTER Rest Home. Each child was given the name of one of the residents and then designed and decorated a card for them, writing a note of encouragement inside. It was heartwarming to see the effort they put in!



AGNES LESTER is home to 22 residents, almost all who, for differing reasons have no connection with family; either alone, abandoned or rescued from the streets. It was clear there was a common connection between them and the kids, who also sent greetings via a short video. Along with another group of teens, we delivered the cards, hats, gloves, socks, blankets etc., played games and enjoyed celebrating Christmas. The directors of both homes and the elderly residents were most appreciative. It was a special day for them and they expressed their heartfelt thanks, especially to the kids!



"Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord." Lev. 19:32

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Adriana sharing a Christmas message on behalf of us all.

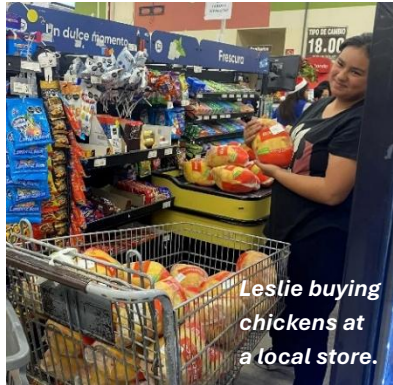
The teens did a great job serving food, facilitating games, interacting with the old folks, and helping them read their cards. Thank you for your part in funding and making these special opportunities and events possible!

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

Each year much preparation goes into finding affordable, quality items to include in our food hampers for 150–200 families. The team once again did a great job of finding bargains and discounts and also worked on making bags to contain the items. The end result was quite impressive, each hamper containing enough to provide a meal for an average size family for around \$25.



Each hamper contains a bag of rice, a jar of traditional Mexican molé sauce, a frozen chicken, a carton of milk, a box of cookies and a gallon of fruit juice.



Leslie buying chickens at a local store.



Some of the hampers ready for delivery.

HAPPY RECIPIENTS...



MUCHISIMAS GRACIAS!!



Hortencia and the team started delivering hampers house to house in early Dec.. The reactions of gratitude have been humbling and priceless. Each household also receives a greeting letter from V&O on behalf of our team and all of you, along with a message about the real reason for the Christmas season; the hope and salvation that Jesus brings!

TOY DELIVERIES

Along with the food hampers, toy deliveries have also been ongoing this month and will continue through until Jan 6th, Three Kings Day in Mexico. *(more pics to come).*



GRACIAS!!

A CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY WITH THE KIDS AT LAS MEMORIAS HOSPICE



The kids at Las Memorias Hospice, (where they live with terminally ill parents), enjoyed an afternoon with Paty working on Nativity story coloring books and Christmas cards. They also received gifts, hats, hoodies, cookies and chocolates.

SPECIAL VISITS...

Right & center: A special visit to check on Teresa who is elderly and sick, and to give her a new warm sweater. She was so happy!

Far right: A visit to Rafa who is blind, and also to his mom, (not pictured).



Left: Delivering "thank you" gifts to Dr Martinez and his team, who often go the extra mile to assist us with the cases we bring to their clinic. (Dr Santos, who has assisted us for the past 8 years retired earlier this year).



Left: Delivering gifts of thanks also to Paúl our pharmacist, and his assistants who continue to generously help us with prescriptions, advice and medical supplies.

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you." Col. 1:3

SPECIAL THANKS!

... to generous donors who facilitated making Christmas T shirts and came to the rescue for the staff and kids at SIMNSA providing a brand new washing machine when their old one recently broke down for good!



Brief update (from OCT story), on José Miguel & Maria's situation...

We are hoping to move José Miguel and Maria into a safer place to live in the next week or two. It's been a challenge to find somewhere affordable and suitable for them, but we are close, so please pray that it all goes ahead smoothly. Thank you!



From all of us here at V&O and on behalf of all those we serve, we hope you had a merry and meaningful Christmas and pray you'll be blessed with Gods' peace and provision throughout 2026. HAPPY NEW YEAR! Joyce, Philip & the Team!