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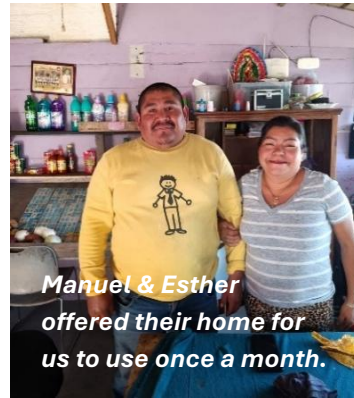
WORKING IN LA INVACION... Valentine's Day activities last month opened up more opportunities to work with some of the families living on the canyon slopes of Leandro del Valle, home to many who end up there when they have nowhere else to go. Referred to as "Invasions" in Tijuana, shanty homes dot slopes on vacant, unusable land. For some the homes are temporary, for others permanent, unless/until they're moved on by authorities, or in some cases landslides. La Invacion in Leandro del Valle is one of many "invasions" in the city. This month we were able to present skits and activities for the kids in Leandro del Valle, thanks to a kind couple who opened their home to allow us the space to do so.



Cesar & team trekking up the steep canyon with equipment & supplies for the activities...



... then down again later.



Manuel & Esther offered their home for us to use once a month.



About 25 kids and some of their parents enjoyed hearing a message about trusting in God's unconditional love.



Watching the skit.



Cristian & Maytek performing



Kids participating.



Francisco & his mom.



At the neurologist's office.

Later in the month, Hortencia was alerted to a medical need in La Invacion. Young Francisco 11 was not feeling well and his face was numb on one side. We were able to help his mom with a prompt appointment at General Hospital with a neurologist. It appears Francisco had had a mild pediatric stroke. He's been receiving treatment since and thankfully has improved enough now to be back at school. The swift action taken made a difference! **Thank you** for your part in enabling it! Continued...

I will give thanks to you Lord...I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Ps.9:1

Upon making a home visit, Hortencia discovered that Francisco's parents, Francisco Snr. and Jaquelin, (also Christ followers), are involved in some significant ministry work of their own. Recently an older disabled couple came to La Invacion with nowhere to live. Cruz and Lilian (in their 60s) were forced out of their rental home after Cruz developed Parkinsons and lost his job. Francisco Snr. and Jacquelin offered Cruz and Lilian a tiny room at the back of their own humble home, until Cruz and Lilian can afford to build something bigger. The room is large enough for a bed and not much else, but they're extremely grateful for it. Cruz, (not shown in the photos), now works odd jobs whenever he can, washing cars, cleaning patios, sweeping etc. Hortencia was able to deliver a tarp for their roof, food and a walker for Lilian who has osteoporosis. She will continue to check in on them.



Hortencia, (center) talks with Lilian.



Lilian (center), Francisco Snr. & Jacquelin (right) and Jacquelin's sister (left).

GRACIAS!



Rosa & Ivan enrolling at school.



With their new books.

Rosa and her son Ivan 18 live just along the way from Francisco & Jacquelin. (Rosa is currently one of our sewing students). Both she and Ivan (due to reasons associated with poverty), have never learned to read and write properly. This month Cesar was able to help them enroll in an adult learning program at a local school. They've been attending 3 classes a week. Although Ivan, (who is very shy), was hesitant at first, both he and his mom are learning well and enjoying the classes. This will open up a whole new world for them and help broaden their options for work. (They're learning math too).



Success!

Eva, another neighbor and current sewing student, has been making and selling hair scrunchies which she learned to make in our sewing classes. A week earlier, however, she was about to quit! After many attempts to move beyond the first basic steps, she became frustrated and tearful. Eva has problems with her eyesight which was making it very difficult. Thanks to some quick thinking, patience and encouragement from sewing teachers Paty and Leslie, Eva learned how to make the scrunchies instead, which only require basic skills. She now makes them at home as well but still comes along to the classes as she so enjoys being part of the group and the small Bible study they participate in as well. Her gratitude and joyful presence is also appreciated by all of us. We love listening to her singing while she works!



Off to school!

Ana Belen 10, featured in our Oct. SS. She too wasn't able to read and write properly, having fallen through the education cracks during COVID, a house fire etc. We're happy to report, she's now up to speed with her reading and writing, in a good school and doing well, along with her three younger brothers. **Thanks so much** to all of you who prayed! This is a great outcome for her. (Ana Belen and her family also live in La Invacion).



Left: Cesar, Cristian & Pastor Erik were happy to assist a team from Mission Trails Church, San Diego with translation and construction on a house building project with Amor Ministries this month.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:10
MUCHAS GRACIAS to all of you who partner with us in this work! Joyce, Philip and the V&O team.