

SNAP-SHOTS

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Where to start? This month has been unlike any other!

I guess **EASTER**, a time of new beginnings, would be a good place...

Although quite different from last year, it was certainly no less meaningful. With the current COVID 19 situation, it brought home the reality *more than ever* of our need for hope in things eternal.

We were able to share a little of that hope with the kids at Manantial de la Esperanza Orphanage in Rosarito by delivering Easter story coloring activities and a few chocolate treats along with the food drop off.



Our involvement with Esperanza Orphanage started a few months ago after a local TJ policewoman contacted us asking if we could help with food. The orphanage is almost solely funded by a Mexican lady who lives and works in the US. Before CV 19 she was visiting regularly to see the kids and pay the 4 staff. Unfortunately, she lost her job due to the layoffs and consequently had to lay off 2 of the helpers at the orphanage. We stepped in to help so that they could return, (\$50 a week each). **THANK YOU** for enabling us to do this!

FOOD DELIVERIES have been an ongoing focus this month. With little or no \$ coming into homes for food, transport, phone credit, medicine etc. we are seeing more and more cases of real need among families we serve. One meal a day, (or less), is not uncommon; e.g. a grandma feeding 6 grandkids with bowls of "soup" that's little more than hot salted water... one of our taxi drivers travelling by bus and foot from Rosarito to our bodega asking for a bag of beans. Like many others he was no longer able to pay the rent on his taxi and was completely out of food. (We were able to give him a 2 weeks supply). *Below: Food for distribution to families.*



Being a small organization has its disadvantages. In

this situation however, it's allowed us to adapt quickly to the growing needs. Low operating costs mean most of the funds we receive can be directed straight towards the people. **Many thanks** to all of you who are helping financially, physically and prayerfully to make this possible. May God be glorified through these efforts!



We are delivering food at least 3 times per week and have been able to provide for over 400 families so far.



Each family receives 2 bags of groceries and a NT Bible.



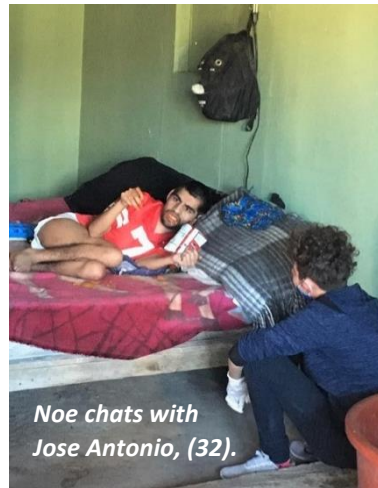
These Moms send their sincere thanks.



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Hortencia and Noe check in on a family with disabilities. This Mom has a son with cerebral palsy as well as having Parkinson's herself.



Noe chats with Jose Antonio, (32).



2 days later...

We brought some medical equipment and toy cars for Jose Antonio.

He loved the cars!

We are so proud of our younger V&O team members. For the past month, a number of them have been busy at home helping to make face masks and decorating bags for kids snacks and treats, (writing bible verses and notes of encouragement). To date they have made over 600 bags and helped to make hundreds of masks. Thanks so much to Reina, Ana, Lesly, Zaori, Jasmin, Melisa, Cristian and Eduardo for all your work. Great job!!



Above: Jasmin and Cristian working into the night. Right: Masks for kids.



Piri wears his new mask while holding his bag.

We know times are hard for all right now, so your partnership with us means a lot! As the lockdown continues in TJ, poverty increases for thousands of families. Thank you for caring about them. We know you will be blessed for it! (Proverbs 19:17) Joyce, Philip & Hortencia, on behalf of the Team and the people we serve.

For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. Isaiah 41:13