

SNAP-SHOTS

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Season's Greetings!

Below is a basic translation of a letter written by Lupe and Geovanny, (V&O team members), which is being delivered along with food/grocery cards and gifts to families in our communities this Christmas.

TO A SPECIAL FAMILY,

Despite the difficult situation we are going through, we cannot stop from celebrating this event of Christmas, (the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ).

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith; Hebrews 12:2

In spite of everything, God continues blessing us and He has not abandoned us. He has blessed us with food and gifts for all of you.

This ministry Von & On, began with a man named Pastor Von who was always looking out for us, that our children would not lack physical and spiritual food, medicine, or even toys at Christmas.

Many of you were blessed to meet him. He left a legacy, (his ministry), primarily to a woman with a huge heart to serve those most in need, and despite this difficult situation of the pandemic, Hortencia, with the support of Joyce and Philip and many others, have continued the work.

There are many reasons to rejoice these days. Jesus, the son of God came to our world to free us from everything that hurts us. Therefore, the time has come to celebrate!

On behalf of the V&O team we wish you all a marvelous Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

And, we give thanks to God for your lives!

2020 has certainly been a year to remember! "Unprecedented, exciting, exhausting, surreal, apocalyptic, heartbreaking, full of opportunity," these are some of the words being used to describe it, and each one of us has been affected differently by the events that have occurred within it.

We here at "V&O Central" would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to **you**, the greater part of the V&O team, who despite the difficulties, losses and challenges of this past year have continued to faithfully give to the work of the ministry, through prayers, finances, time, words of encouragement and service.

As Lupe and Geovanny reminded us, God has not abandoned us, **we have been blessed!**

And God has used **you** as the conduit for many of those blessings. THANK YOU!

This month has been a busy one. As there is not enough space to cover it all in words, we'll opt for photos from here... as the saying goes... worth 1000 words!



After a hot meal provided by V&O, Hortencia quizzes the kids on previous bible lessons, before they open their gifts.



Each of the kids also received a hat, gloves and a mask,

GRACIAS!

from V&O sewing team.



Excited kids examine their gifts.



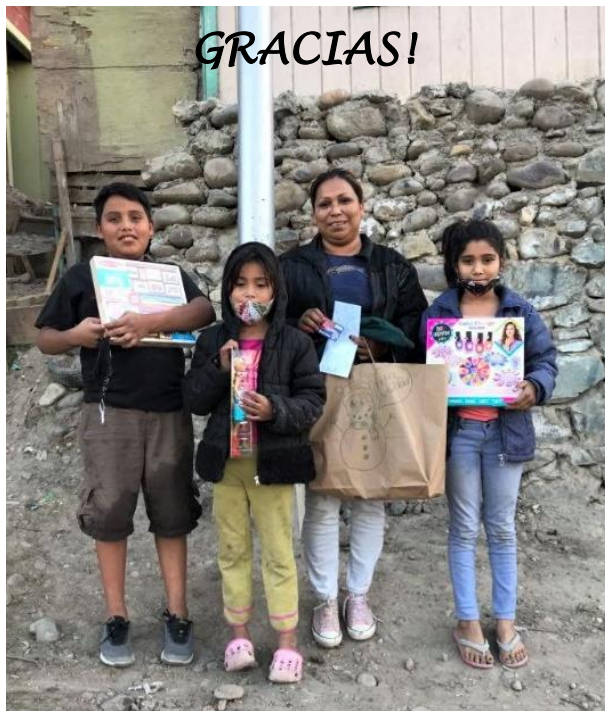
Boys with toys.

CHRISTMAS DELIVERIES...

Due to the pandemic, instead of having our large Community Christmas events, Hortencia and the team have been busy packing and delivering gifts, food and blankets to families individually, house to house, street to street!



Gift and grocery bags ready for delivery to families.



GRACIAS!



Gracias for my new dolly!



Muchas gracias!

Each of the Mom's received a grocery card, (\$15 - \$25, depending on size of family), along with a packet of hot chocolate, carton of milk, tin of Christmas cookies and letter.



Happy smiles!



Thank you!



GRACIAS!



First Christmas tree ever!



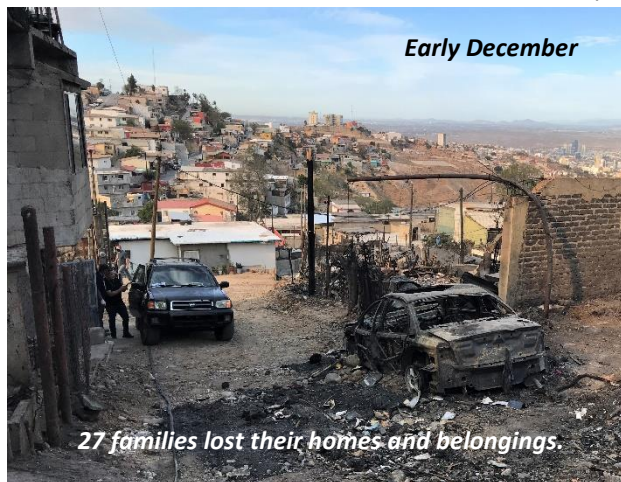
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A few days later... with their gifts and new pajamas!

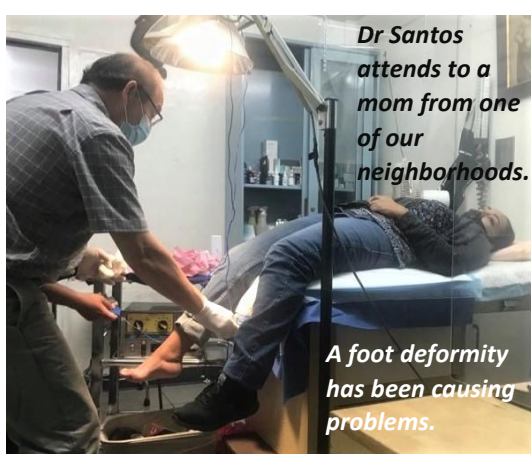


Each child received a Christmas Bible story coloring book and crayons.

FIRE IN LOMAS DEL RUBY (not far from our bodega).



With so many losing their homes, we joined efforts with other groups who were helping. We were able to provide 6 families with a hot meal, personal care/hygiene packs, a little cash, bibles and bible devotional books.



FRONTLINE WORKERS

We are ever grateful to Dr Santos and his team. His clinic has been open throughout the pandemic and he and his team have helped us with numerous medical cases, (including COVID 19), and surgeries for the people we bring to him from our communities. He often gives us priority and charges minimally for his services.

Please keep him and his team in your prayers! Last week we presented them all with a small token of our gratitude on behalf of Von & On Ministries. It was much appreciated!

Damaris Ruezga, (who graduated last year to become a qualified Psychologist), has been assisting us on a weekly basis since July, providing counselling for several young girls and moms who have experienced trauma and are in need of specialist help. With her professional skills, familiarity with barrio life and her Christian faith, Damaris has been a huge asset to our ministry. She recently opened her own practice and is continuing to offer her services for V&O referrals at a minimal rate. The results of her work are having positive effects and long term benefits on young lives. **Please keep Damaris and her work in your prayers also.**



SEWING MINISTRY-----



A pile of gloves, (and masks on right), made by moms in their homes.



Pajamas ready for kids.



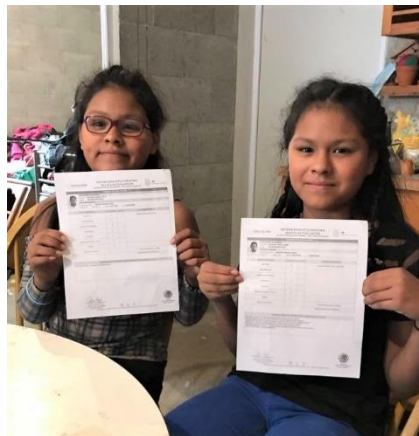
Paty teaching new student, Katia.

Although we haven't been having group classes this year, Paty has still been able to teach a number of women on an individual basis. These moms can now work from home sewing items for our ministry, (which they are paid for), as well as making items for their own families and to sell at markets. **Thank you** to those who donate materials, machines and funds to help support this.

Tablets & Laptops



Gracias for my tablet!



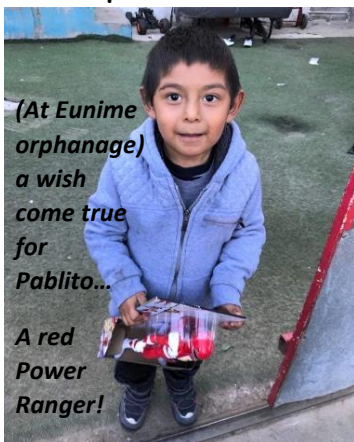
We continue to seek out affordable tablets and laptops. A vital tool for kids to keep up with their schoolwork during the pandemic, but not so easy to come by lately because of the demand.

If you can help with this by donating new or used, please contact us, or mail them directly to;

Von & On Ministries,
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LEFT: Twins Janet and Jasmin, who received a tablet from V&O in Sept., (which they share), proudly show their excellent school reports.

Some special deliveries this week...



(At Eunime orphanage) a wish come true for Pablito...

A red Power Ranger!



Jose Antonio happy with his gift!



Gracias!

From Doña Casimira



THANK YOU!

With still many reasons to celebrate,

FROM US HERE AT VON & ON, & FROM THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Mt.1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.