

SNAP-SHOTS

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Greetings!

As another year draws to a close, we want to thank you for enabling us to share Christmas with our families across the border. Although our Christmas operation in the barrios continues into January, many families have already been blessed with food items for a Christmas meal, blankets, gifts for the kids, a NT Bible and an invitation to receive the greatest gift of all...the gift of salvation!

The following pictures represent just a few of the many who have expressed their gratitude to God, and to you for generously sharing these blessings with them. From young and old in barrios, ejidos, orphanages and the streets of Tijuana, to you, a resounding...



MUCHISIMAS GRACIAS!!



And on that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted." Praise the LORD in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth. Isaiah 12:4-5

MANANTIAL DE LA
ESPERANZA
ORPHANAGE...



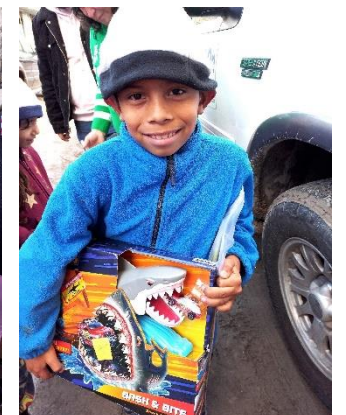
...one of our first steps. The kids and staff enjoyed a hot meal, (provided by V&O), a Christmas devotional time, a fun craft activity and gifts for all.



THE BARRIOS...



In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35



THE STREETS...

When packing our vehicles for Christmas deliveries we usually try to pack a few extra toys, gifts and food for those we may happen to meet along the way.



These two boys were working hard, washing windcreens at a busy intersection when we pulled up. After a quick check through our inventory, one of our team jumped out and presented them each with a gift. The surprise, and smiles, (from both the boys and onlookers), made our day! As we drove away the boys were playing with their new toys on the pavement.



EJIDO LAZARO CARDENAS



So happy with his new toy!



Braving the cold to receive their gifts.



On the outskirts of Tijuana, a cold wind blows across the barren hills in Ejido Lazaro Cardenas. The blankets, hoodies, hats, and socks we bring, are much appreciated!



What good is it my brothers and sisters if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs what good is it? In the same way faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead. James 2:14-18

MILES OF SMILES...



Hoodies made by V&O sewers!



Bible teacher Flor, (3rd from right), with kids and staff at Casa de Gracia Orphanage.

We hope these pictures have conveyed to you the joy and smiles you've helped to put on many faces across the border this Christmas! As we all here at Von & On know, Jesus is the reason for this season, and that's the message we continue to proclaim to the people we serve, as we go about our work in the barrios, orphanages, ejidos and streets of Tijuana. Again, we thank you for partnering with us in this work! Please keep us in your prayers!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

From all of us at V&O, we wish you a HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR! Joyce, Philip & Hortencia