

SNAP-SHOTS

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After the busyness of the Christmas season, (Dec thru Jan for us), February is time to refocus back to some of the other areas of our ministry.

This year especially, helping kids with school needs is high on our list of priorities.

Despite COVID's decline, many schools in Tijuana still remain closed.

An ongoing salary dispute between the state of Baja California and teachers, (now in it's 4th month), is exacerbating the situation.

Some online classes are available to kids who have access to them, but unfortunately most kids in our barrios fall through the cracks.

Without the necessary tools, support, encouragement and motivation, school lessons for many are simply not happening. Others are using

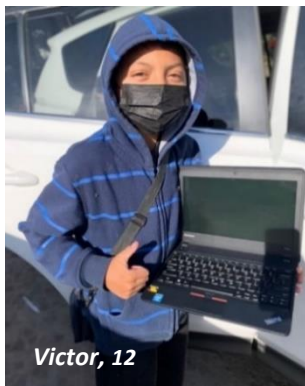
tired and worn cell phones to try to keep up with their schoolwork.

Sadly, we know we can't solve these problems for every kid, but we do know that we can certainly help *some* of them. Kids who are motivated and have reliable adult support, have good chances of catching up on their education if they have the necessary tools available to them.

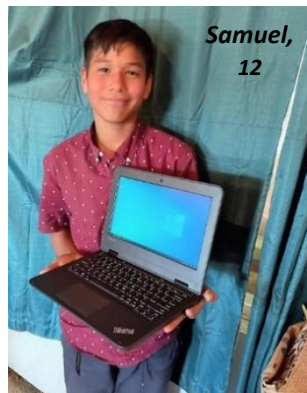
Because of *your* help, this month we've been able to purchase a number of used, refurbished, (and tested!) laptops to distribute to kids in need. Each one of these kids and their parent/s sends their sincere thanks to you for the blessing of receiving these important and necessary tools!



A closed elementary school in TJ.



Victor, 12



Samuel, 12



Amizairi Saray, 12



Twins, Nancy & Michel, 11

Since these pictures were taken we've given out several more laptops and tablets with an aim to continue doing so as much as possible throughout 2022. We also continue to provide kids in our neighborhoods and orphanages with educational books, games, crafts and school supplies.



GRACIAS!



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Paty explains kids' bible class materials to teacher, Alicia.

Ben's kitchen also provides free Wi-Fi and a place for kids to do schoolwork.

Gospel message activity books.

An intelligent heart acquires knowledge & the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. Pr. 18:15

Sewing classes

This month sewing classes also resumed, taking place at Ben's Kitchen in the neighborhood of Cañón Carretas. Four new ladies are beginning, and one is adding to skills she has learned previously. All are working towards making pyjamas for kids in Cañón Carretas for Dia del Niño, (Children's Day in MX), on April 30th.



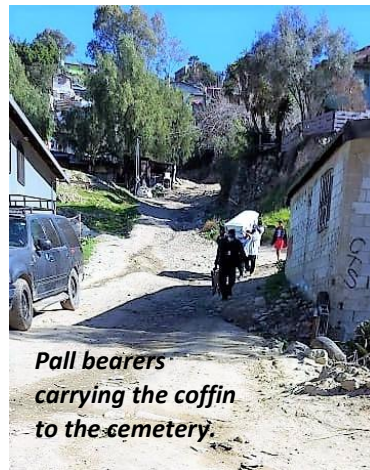
Paty, (center), submerged in her hat, (it was a cold morning!) ... giving instructions to students.



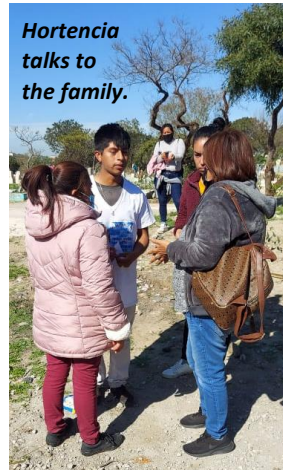
Cañón Carretas, (view of the street outside Ben's Kitchen) Most families here rely on work at the dump nearby.

A sad loss...

A young mom, (21) died from complications a few days after giving birth. It was discovered too late that she had tuberculosis. Little baby Rocio, (named after her mother), was born 2 months early and also needs to be tested. V&O has been helping with baby formula, diapers, funeral and medical costs. Baby Rocio will be raised now by her grandma and young Dad. Please keep them all in your prayers.



Pall bearers carrying the coffin to the cemetery.



Hortencia talks to the family.



A precious little soul.

Hortencia with baby Rocio.

Special treats...

Some special kids from our barrios were treated to a beach outing, pizzas, hamburgers and more, thanks to Rick and Kim Fleming, who visit from Montana each year.



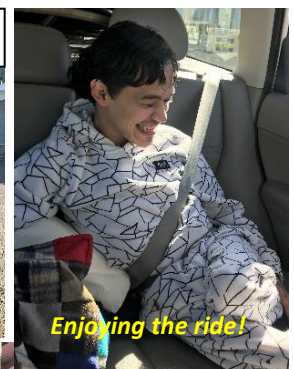
Kids pile into our vehicles...



Rick cooking, for hungry teens & kids...



Geovanny and Patricia prepare to take Diego to the beach.



Enjoying the ride!



First time seeing the beach for some!



...at Casa de Gracia Orphanage



Eating tacos.



Watching the waves.

As we close out another month, we THANK YOU again for helping bring smiles, laughter, help and hope to those who need it most. God's blessings to you All, from us here working across the border! Joyce, Philip & Hortencia.