

SNAP-SHOTS

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As most of you know, our ministry includes a great variety of work. This month was no exception. It began with high temperatures which indirectly sparked at least one of two fires in our barrios. A faulty electric fan and the risky practice of burning copper wire, (to sell once stripped of the casing), being the causes. Street teens were suspects in the latter. Fortunately, no-one seriously hurt, however some near escapes and 8 families left without homes and belongings. Unfortunately, it's events like these that often come as unexpected reality checks, reminding us all of what really matters... stuff is replaceable, people are not, and life is fragile. This truth is also found in James 14:4, "Why you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."



Hortencia and the team talk with a family.

Cristian

Poncho

José

Diego

Paty



Helping to clean up



Cereal and milk for Estrellita (Little Star), and her mom.



GRACIAS!

This month Hortencia and the team have paid several visits to each of these affected families, providing listening ears, prayer, food, clothes, blankets, hygiene supplies, bibles, booklets of spiritual encouragement and a little cash to help with transport etc. to replace essential documents.

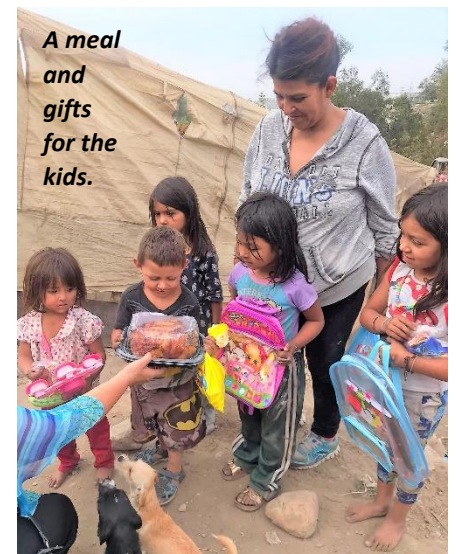


Returning to the remnants of their homes.



New clothes... Hortencia with Aneshia and Sergio.

GRACIAS!



A meal and gifts for the kids.

We thank each one of you who help to make it possible to respond to these kinds of needs together, as the body of Christ.

Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

A few more pics from the fires...



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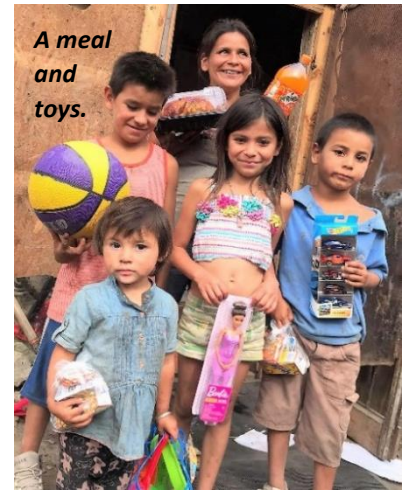


A grateful mom...

...receives a hygiene kit from Paty.



THANK YOU!



A meal and toys.

A blessing to see smiles in the midst of trials... again thank you!

SALVADOR (CHAVITA)

Those of you who follow our FB page may remember Salvador (15), from a post we shared in April. Salvador was in hospital seriously ill, in the advanced stages of tuberculosis. Since then, thankfully his condition has improved. However, he has been left with severe permanent lung damage. A short walk down the street now leaves him breathless. A far cry from his life before, when he was known for his skillful agility to skip up and down the steep canyons where he lives. Hence the nickname "Chavita" (meaning little goat), which was given to him by Pastor Von. Despite his condition, prayers are powerful and we are already amazed at how far he has come. Many thanks to those who pray. Please continue to pray for Chavita's health to improve.



(April)



(May), Hermana Paty prays for Chavita at his home.

V&G has helped provide meds, food & transport for Chavita.



(July)

Sorting chili peppers.

Chavita is happy he is now able to work one day a week.



Pastors Carlos & Sharlene (center), with helpers prepping personal hygiene packs.



Sharing God's message of hope with women in prison.

(All pictures are taken by prison officers).



Pastor Carlos & his team distributing personal hygiene packs in a men's prison.

PRISON MINISTRY

We continue to partner with Pastors Carlos, Sharlene, Siloh church and their teams who minister in prisons throughout Baja California and beyond. Many of the basic supplies they distribute are not supplied by the prisons and are considered luxuries. Most prisoners rely on family or other outsiders for these. Thank you for helping to bring the gospel, as well as these needed supplies to prisoners. Souls are being saved through this work. We thank God for what He is doing through Pastors Carlos, Sharlene, their church & teams and consider it a privilege to partner with them. Please keep them in your prayers also! On behalf of our brothers and sisters across the border and us here on the US side of the V&G, team, God bless you and keep you! until next month, Joyce, Philip & Hortencia.