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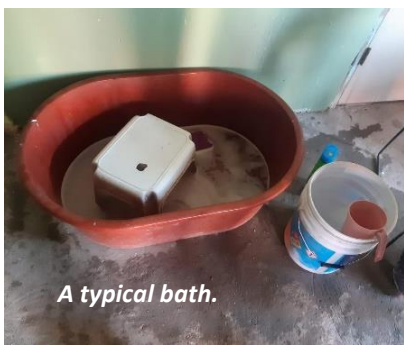
THE HEAT IS ON!

As it is in many parts of the USA, the summer heatwave has been causing some very uncomfortable conditions for many across the border this month.

This time of year, the precious commodity of water becomes even more so in TJ, as the constant shut offs, due to outdated and overloaded infrastructure, continue into another summer. Typically, many of the families we serve bring water to their homes manually, storing it in containers inside and out. We're mindful of and proactive with those who need help with this, especially the elderly and disabled.



Drinking water in a home.

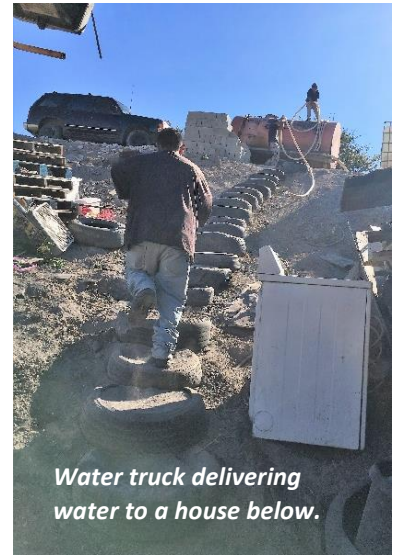


A typical bath.



Laundry washboard.

House water supply in plastic drums.

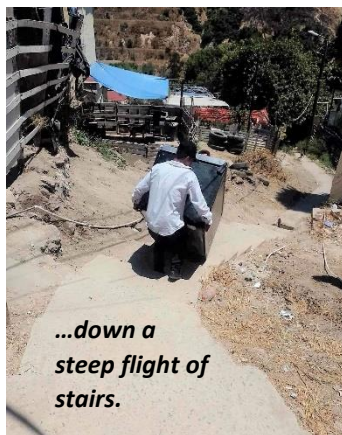


Water truck delivering water to a house below.

Refrigeration can be another challenge. Most homes with access to electricity typically have one of sorts but often if it breaks down it can be a while before another can be afforded, and sometimes it's not just the cost that's the issue, it's the logistics also!



Erik and Cristian preparing to lift a fridge...



...down a steep flight of stairs.



Wheeling it down the path...



...to just outside its new home.



Left, Little Miguelito 3, cools off at home in a bucket of water.

The above fridge/freezer was purchased and delivered by V&O to a home this month. The family of 7 includes teenage twin boys, both with severe disabilities. Having been without a fridge for over a year, Mom Mari, a widow, was elated and extremely grateful for the gift and its delivery which has already made a world of difference for her and the family.

Our **thanks** to all of you out there who enable us to respond quickly to these basic needs among the people we serve in our barrios!

It is a sin to despise one's neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy. Proverbs 14:21

WELCOME ASSISTANCE!

This summer we have welcomed the assistance of local Youth Pastor Erik Govea-Lopez. As well as helping us in other areas, Pastor Erik is leading our activities and bible lessons with the kids in our neighborhoods and orphanages over the summer break. Erik has seven years' experience with youth and is also a talented musician. He is proving to be a great asset and so far has gained respect and positive responses from many of the kids and parents in our communities. We're thankful God sent him our way and pray he may make it possible for him to stay longer term. In the meantime, as you can see we're keeping him very busy!



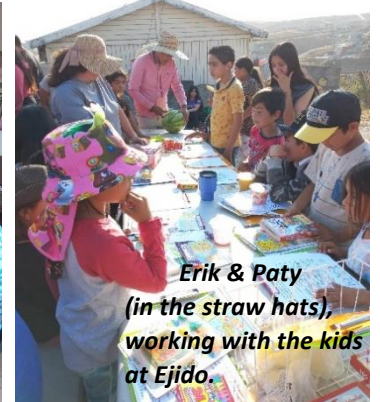
Meeting the kids at Manantial de la Esperanza Orphanage.



Teaching about the life of Daniel.



Mentoring young V&O helpers. From left, Estrella 16, Edgar 17 & Cristian 14.



Erik & Paty (in the straw hats), working with the kids at Ejido.



Some of the happy participants.



Working with the kids at Las Memorias Orphanage.



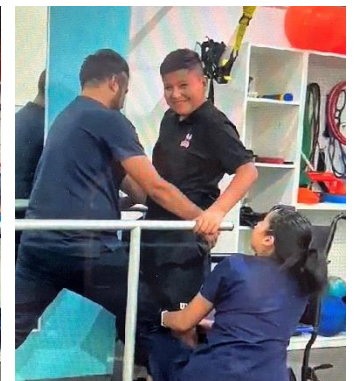
Leading a morning devotional with some of our team.

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. Romans 15:4

UPDATE ON AXEL, 11

(Continued from last month).

Because of funds made available by many of you, Axel who was diagnosed with Guillain Barre Syndrome a few months back has been able to have his therapy sessions increased to daily instead of twice weekly. This is making a big difference in his progress. This past week, with some help he was able to stand for the first time in



months! He was **so** happy! His parents are also **so** grateful and keep us updated regularly on his progress with videos. We're thankful to God for working through your generosity to cover the costs of his therapy and thankful also for the dedicated work of his therapists. Please keep them all in your prayers as Axel continues to work hard to regain his mobility. From his family, (and many others), to you, **MUCHAS GRACIAS!!** for your part in making these differences.

Until next month, Dios los bendiga! (God bless you!), Joyce, Philip, Hortencia, and the Team.

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:9