

SNAP-SHOTS

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Its official, summer is here!... and confirmed by the mid-90% temps this week! Schools are almost all out and parents in our barrios are preparing for the challenge of kids being home over the next couple of hot months. Most of these kids will spend the break playing in the dusty streets and canyons surrounding their homes. This time of year, especially, we look for ways to provide a brief respite and some fun summer activities, taking fruit, frozen treats, cool drinks, games and short devotional lessons along on our visits to the barrios. At times we're also able to take a few kids to the pools for the day, (some for whom it's often a first experience!)



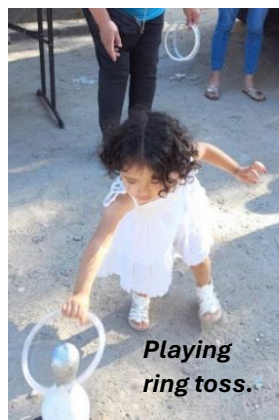
Keeping cool the old fashioned way.



Last week of school!



Working on bible lessons.



Playing ring toss.



A special day at the pools last week.

This year we're also partnering with "Operation Worth," helping by sponsoring a number of kids to go on a weekend summer camp next month, (July 18-20). Each year Operation Worth hosts the camp for dozens of kids from the barrios. This year the theme is based on 1 Corinthians 12, One body, many parts! Operation Worth is directed by Daniel Ratz, (originally from Michigan). Daniel assisted V&O for a brief period back in 2016 after beginning his own ministry reaching kids for Christ, in East Tijuana over 10 years ago. He has since completed Bible seminary and works through his home church in Terrazas del Valle where his vibrant kid's ministry continues to grow! Please keep Daniel, his team and all that needs to happen in preparation for the camp, in your prayers. *Thank you!*



Feb. 2016 - Pastor Von and Daniel teaching at Tribo de Jesus Orphanage.



Daniel with excited kids in his neighborhood.



Above & below: Kids enjoying last year's camp.

If you'd like to sponsor a kid for camp, please write "Kids Camp" on any checks sent to V&O or go directly to www.operationworth.com to make a donation online. *Thank you!* (The cost for 1 child is \$60, however any amount is much appreciated!)



"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth" 3 John 1:4

MEDICAL MINISTRY



Kevin

Last week Kevin 8, fell and broke his arm while having a seizure. Kevin has learning difficulties and began having seizures this past year. He's now on medication and on a waiting list to see a neurologist in 2 months. He, his mom and siblings live near our bodega and regularly come to help out with small jobs. *Right:* A couple of weeks ago, while accompanying the team to buy supplies, Kevin was excited to have his picture taken with 2 National Guard soldiers. That really made his day! Please keep Kevin in your prayers!



Jesús encourages his mom to take steps.



Reviewing results with the Podiatrist.

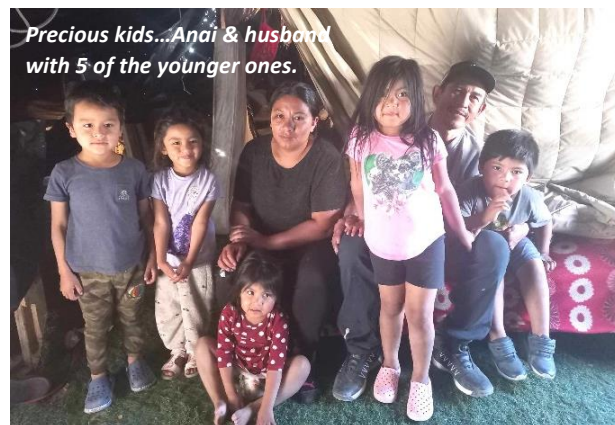
Normal feet v Maria's feet

Maria and Jesús

Maria has diabetes. Earlier this year she came close to amputation of her right foot due to severe ulceration. Following instructions, she worked hard to gain control over her blood sugar levels and managed to avoid the amputation. However, her foot is now quite deformed and walking is very difficult. She needs to continue working at her factory job to provide for her son Jesús 12, who is on the autistic spectrum. Jesús and his mom have a close bond, helping each other with their disabilities. Last week V&O helped Maria with a podiatrist appointment to have special inserts made for her shoes. It's not certain if this will be enough to save her foot long term, but we're praying it will help to improve her mobility for as long as possible. Maria has been given a seated position at her job for now. Jesus was also suffering from a rash on his skin. V&O was able to provide funds for medication that cleared it up.

Anai

An overwhelming situation for this family. Anai 30 has stage 3 cancer. On top of that, about 5 weeks ago, her sister Lucero was shot and killed in a bus hijacking in Southern MX. Anai and her husband now have custody of her 6 children as well as their own 4. With 10 children in the household (ranging in age from 4 -17), their small income is stretched beyond its limits. V&O has helped Anai apply for financial aid to assist with raising Lucero's children and we're also helping with food and grocery cards. With Anai's situation though, the future care of Lucero's children is uncertain. Much prayer needed. Thank you!



Precious kids...Anai & husband with 5 of the younger ones.



SIMNSA CHILDRENS HOME

Over the last 5 years we've been visiting and teaching the kids at Simnsa Children's Home, (formerly known as Manantial de la Esperanza). Recently they lost their source of income for food, which wasn't a lot to begin with, but sure helped! Since then, they've been relying on leftover food from a school lunch program. Their director has been working on securing food donations from nearby businesses, but the logistics are not so easy, as they are in a semi-rural location. This month, thanks to your generosity, V&O was able to step in and provide some much needed and welcomed food supplies. We'll continue to help until they can hopefully gain more donations. **Thanks so much** for enabling us to respond to this need and all the others this month. Please pray for them all!

Joyce, Philip & Hortencia, on behalf of the V&O team.