

# SNAP-SHOTS

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*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6*

*“Hortencia, what have you done to Paúl?” (pronounced Pa-ool), asked Eva, the lady who works in the pharmacy where Hortencia is a well-known customer, (buying medications etc. for the ministry).  
 “What do you mean?” Hortencia counter questioned.  
 “Well, something has happened to him, he’s different! It’s ever since he read ‘that book’ you gave him! He’s been nice to everyone and last week he even told me I could take that weeks’ vacation I’ve been asking him about for ages!*

A couple of months have passed since that conversation took place. Eva enjoyed her much needed vacation, and since her return, has continued to observe Paúl “being nice to everyone,” even sometimes lowering the price of items for customers with little means to pay, something as an astute businessman, he was *not* in the habit of doing before.

Despite this though, over the last 7 years and especially with the challenges of this last year, we at V&O have very much appreciated Paúl’s professional advice, knowledge and help with the medical cases we are involved in. Sometimes curious about what we’re doing and why, Paúl has asked questions, which have provided opportunities for Hortencia to share her faith, and which led her to offer Paúl one of the books she had just picked up that day from our bodega, “Loco Amor,” (Crazy Love), by pastor and author, Francis Chan. After assuring Paúl it was *not* a romance novel, (as he initially thought after glancing at the title), but a book about God’s love, he agreed he would read it. Since then, as affirmed by Eva, it appears Paúl reached a ‘turning point’ in his life which has been noticed by others around him also. Recently we discovered he, along with his young son Iber (12), have been delivering groceries to some of the people we’ve helped with medical issues.



*Thank you! to whoever donated this gift box of dried fruit and nuts. We gave it to Paúl in appreciation for all his help this past year.*

After initially being skeptical, Paúl has also recently indicated he would like to find a church to become a part of. Iber had been attending the youth group of a church, which met just around the corner from the pharmacy



*Paul’s pharmacy, open 7 days a week from 9am - 9pm.*



*Eva prepares a prescription for Hortencia.*

before the pandemic. Paúl used to enjoy listening to the singing that he could hear coming from there, while at work on Sundays. However, the church has since moved and at this point, Paúl doesn’t know where they moved to. He would like to find them again.

where the good work the Holy Spirit has begun in his heart can continue to grow and be brought to completion through his baptism and faith in Jesus Christ. *Thank you.*

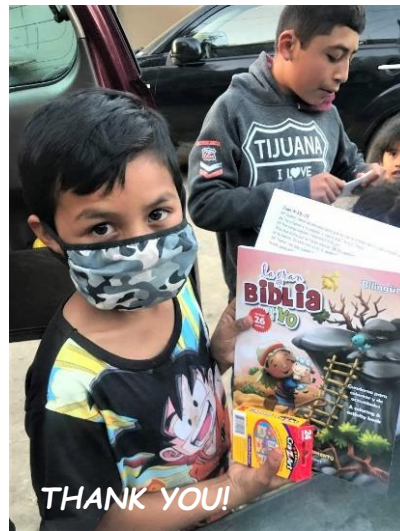
We at V&O are blessed to be able to purchase bibles and books that minister to the hearts and souls of people. This is made possible because of the funds sent to us by many of you. Again, *Thank you!*

Please pray that God would lead him to the right place

*Your \$ at work...*



**Recent purchases**



**THANK YOU!**



**GRACIAS!**

**from Sharlene and her assistant, (kids bible teachers), at Siloh AC Church.**

Since January we have been making kids' Bible activity booklets each month (continuing on from the Christmas booklets we distributed over the Holiday Season). Each booklet contains a Bible passage, interesting bible facts, questions, coloring & activity pages, and a memory verse. They are proving to be a valuable learning tool and spark great conversations with the kids as well as some of the adults!

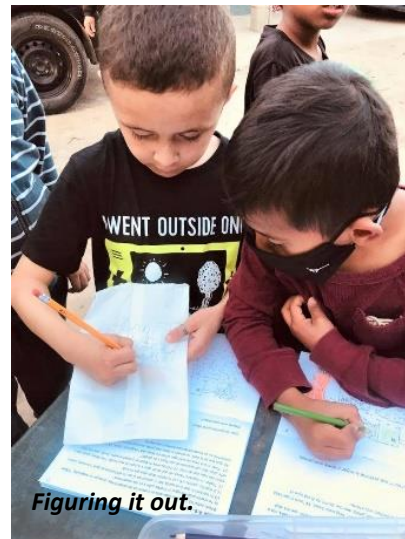


**March Bible Activity books.**

**Ready to go!**



**Hortencia distributing activity books to kids in Lagunitas.**



**Figuring it out.**



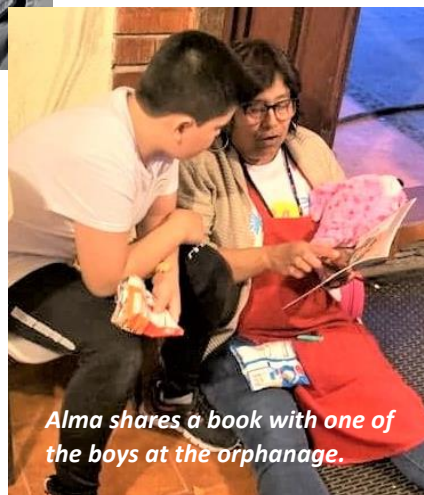
**A cold rainy day...**

**Jenifer & Paola receive their books at home.**



**Eloisa & Alma...**

**caregivers at Manantial de la Esperanza Orphanage), join the kids in learning.**



**Alma shares a book with one of the boys at the orphanage.**



**"Hot off the press." Hermana Paty collects booklets for her kids Bible Club.**

May God's word continue to lead us, guide us, and remind us of the hope we have, because of His great love and sacrifice for us. Happy Easter! Joyce, Philip, Hortencia and the Team.