

# SNAP-SHOTS

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## CHANGES AT THE ORPHANAGE

“Why don’t you tell Hortencia about your dream?” Alma urged Brayan, as she ushered in our team. Brayan (10) had been a little hesitant to tell others about what he had dreamt. Thinking he might be laughed at or not believed, he had shared it only with Alma, one of his caregivers at Manantial de la Esperanza, (Spring of Hope), Orphanage in Rosarito.

Brayan had dreamt he was in a garden. It was a garden **so** beautiful it was difficult to describe. In the garden shone an incredibly BRIGHT white light. Brayan recognized the BRIGHT white light as Jesus. Although he couldn’t see his face, he *knew* it was Jesus. He could see Jesus’ feet through the light, as well as his arms which were outstretched towards him.

When Hortencia asked Brayan how he felt about having such a dream, he paused and thought for a few moments. He responded with, “I feel special... and I feel privileged.”

Several weeks ago, the orphanage received unsettling news. The lady who began the work there, (directing and funding the orphanage for the last 7 years), became widowed and now has health challenges. No longer able to support or visit the orphanage, she reluctantly signed a contract with a government agency to take over control and management.

A few weeks ago, officials came to visit and inform the staff of the changes ahead. The 8 children who are registered with DIF, (MX Child and Family Services), will be relocated in a month to another orphanage about 40 miles away. The other 8 kids who are not under the care of DIF, will go with Eloisa, (Lead Caregiver), to a non-Govt. orphanage closer to T.J. (A decision Eloisa and the others made on their own). In the interim, a new director has been put in place to implement the new rules and regulations now required by DIF. (Limitations and official applications will now also be required by those who wish to visit).

As you can imagine, this has caused some considerable angst, concern, and tearful faces among the kids and staff. Manantial de la Esperanza has been home to many of them for a big part of their lives. They have become a family.

So far, the new Director has been gracious in allowing us to continue our weekly visits and not long after the news broke, God provided an opportunity for Hortencia and the team to go and listen, pray, and talk with the kids and staff about the situation. It was an especially blessed time of encouragement and reassurance of God’s love for each of them. As He emphasizes many times in His Word, God has deep compassion for orphans and widows. (James 1:27, Hosea 14:3, Isaiah 1:17, Psalm 82:3, Deut. 10:18, John 14:18, ...)

We believe Brayan’s dream came also as a reminder to us, that we too as Christ followers, are “special and privileged.” We have been trusted by God to be His physical hands and feet here on earth, tasked with showing and teaching kids like Brayan and others of His great and immeasurable love for them.



August 2020  
Brayan enjoying watermelon



Brayan giving thanks

Eddy Pablo



Hortencia prays with Oliver.



Alma joins the kids in an action song.



Pablo speaks and prays with the kids and staff.

Above: Pablo and Eddy came from San Diego to pray with the kids.

Please join us in praying for the kids and staff at Manantial de la Esperanza this next month as they face the challenges ahead. May they remember the promises they have learned from His Word in this season where we have been privileged to be able to share it with them. And may He continue to reassure, protect, guide, and strengthen them in their faith and in their futures. Thank you!

*A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows is God in His holy dwelling. Psalm 68:5*

### **Prison ministry opportunity...**

We continue to partner in the work of Pastors Carlos and Sharlene at Siloh Church. Prior to ministering to migrants, they were also involved in prison ministry with other pastors in Tijuana and beyond. However, due to the pandemic it had been over a year since they had been able to enter the prisons. This month that finally changed!



*Each item must be checked thoroughly before going in.*



*Inmates praying.*



*Hundreds of packages prepared by the members of Siloh Church.*



*Care package in hands of inmate.*



*Receiving bibles.*



**MUCHAS GRACIAS!**

*From the pastors and inmates, (Pastor Carlos in center).*

It was cause for celebration for them and the inmates. Thanks to your donations we were able to help them provide each one, (in several prisons), with a package of basic personal care items, including toilet paper, (a luxury), sandwiches, snacks, and a Bible. Pastor Carlos and his team along with the inmates were extremely grateful for the help. Thank you!

*I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Mt.25:40*

### **MOTHERS DAY ... Mothers are special it goes without saying!**



*Drawstring gift bags, made by our sewing ladies, filled with personal care items*



*Hortencia and the team enjoyed a special time delivering food and gifts to celebrate and honor Moms in Lagunitas and Ejido.*

And so... another month of ministry draws to a close!  
**Thank you!** for your part in helping to make a difference in the lives of the lost, the last, the littlest and the least, (words of Joni Eareckson Tada). God bless you All!

*Joyce, Philip, Hortencia & the Team.*