

SNAP-SHOTS

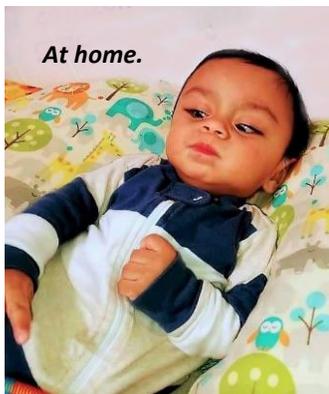
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As most of you know, a large part of our work each month involves assisting families in our communities with medical needs. On average we deal with 10-15 cases a month ranging from minor to major issues. The following 5 young boys are a few “Snap-shots” of some of those who have received help through the generosity of your prayers and financial gifts in recent weeks.

RUBEN (2)

Ruben used to cry a lot. He had trouble feeding and wouldn't speak. His gums and teeth began to show signs of infection and decay. Unbeknown to his grandma, (who is raising him), he was born with ankyloglossia, also known as tongue-tie. The condition affects oral development as well as the way a baby/child eats, speaks, and swallows.

Ruben's worried Grandma contacted Hortencia and from there V&O was able to help with funds for transport to appointments, treatment, and surgery to relieve and correct Ruben's condition. His family says the difference it has made in his life has been like night and day. Whereas before he was constantly crying, often through the night, he now beams happily with his bright new smile, able to eat, drink, sleep, play and speak. His family is extremely grateful!



RAUL S. (11mths)

Raul Sabin was born with hydrocephalus, (water on the brain). He needed surgery to insert a shunt/tube to relieve the pressure. Leaving it untreated would mean permanent damage and could be fatal. Although he will have hydrocephalus for life, he has a less severe type which was discovered early, so with regular treatment and check ups he should be able to lead a fairly normal life. V&O contributed financially to help with the cost of his surgery. Hence another family who are extremely grateful, both to God and the ministry for this help.



RAUL E. (8)

Raul Ernesto featured in our March newsletter. He was also born with hydrocephalus although has a more severe type than Raul Sabin. He has some permanent disabilities and needs regular checkups, medication, and therapy. V&O helps with transport to his appointments, medication, diapers, and special food. A couple of weeks ago Raul started having seizures and had to be hospitalized. The doctors are still trying to determine the cause. His mom Sara has been staying with Raul as much as she can while her mom has been helping to take care of Raul's 3 siblings back at home. Please keep them all in your prayers!

"In everything I have shown you that by working hard, we must help the weak. In this way we remember the Lord Jesus' words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35



JESUS ADRIAN (2)

Jesús Adrian is waiting for surgery for a genital problem. His mom had taken him to a doctor on previous occasions but recently contacted Hortencia for help, as she was not convinced the advice she was receiving was the best, (basically that things would resolve themselves). A visit to the specialist confirmed Jesús Adrian definitely needs surgery to put things right, (and sooner rather than later!) His mom is so grateful for the help and is working to contribute as much as she can towards the cost of the surgery herself, (by cooking and selling food in her neighborhood). (V&O will cover the rest).

Waiting in line with mom, for his appointment with the specialist.



Victor at home with his cat, Chato.

VICTOR (12)

Victor has also featured in earlier newsletters. He has diabetes and also recently developed a thyroid problem. Thankfully he is now on medication to control it and continues to take insulin 3 times a day. These medications are expensive and without the help of a kind donor who has been covering the costs of them on a regular basis, Victor's family simply would not be able to afford them. Victor has also been able to keep up with his schoolwork largely due to receiving a laptop through V&O earlier in the year.



GRACIAS!

In the places we work, lack of money and access to good medical care often means minor medical problems grow into major ones. We know that the help we're able to offer these families and many others like them, ultimately comes from God. His Holy Spirit moves in the hearts of his people; Christians who care, pray, and give sacrificially to make it possible. This is a message we regularly share with the people we are ministering to. Thank you for your part in this! To God be the glory.

MONDAYS AT THE ORPHANAGE...



Kids and staff learning an action song led by V&O teacher Flor.



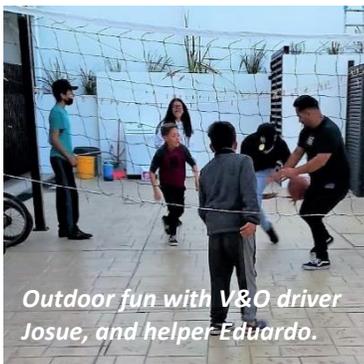
This month the kids have been learning...



...about God's love for them.

Now well settled into their new place (just south of Rosarito), everyone is happy and thankful to still be together. Thank you for your prayers!

On a side note; We're looking for a people-mover type van that can be donated to help transport the kids to school. If you can help, please contact us. **Thank you!**



Outdoor fun with V&O driver Josue, and helper Eduardo.



Happy 'memory verse prize winner'



A shared meal prepared by Paty.

Lasagna, one of the favorites!



Last but not least, **MOTHERS DAY!**

May 10th in MX Hortencia and the team did the rounds in several barrios delivering small gifts and running fun raffles for the moms, (who were most appreciative!)



I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples when you love each other. Jn. 13:34-35

From all of us working across the border, God bless! Joyce, Philip, Hortencia, and the team.