

# SNAP-SHOTS

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Last year while working in barrio Fausto, we heard of a woman named Paty, who was holding prayer meetings in her home. We also heard she was taking care of a sick aunt who needed 'around the clock' care. That day we decided to pay her a visit. From there a relationship began to develop as we helped her with medical, food, transport, and eventually funeral costs when her Aunt Olga died about 6 months later.

Since that time, "Hermana Paty," ("Sister Paty"), as she is affectionately known to us, has played an important role in our ministry. Living on the boundary of Fausto, which has become an increasingly dangerous neighborhood, she keeps us informed of the needs and dangers that arise in the cartel-controlled area.



*Hermana Paty leads the kids in an action song at her Monday Bible club. (Hortencia and Paty C. in background).*



*Praying for Eva. (She has cancer).*

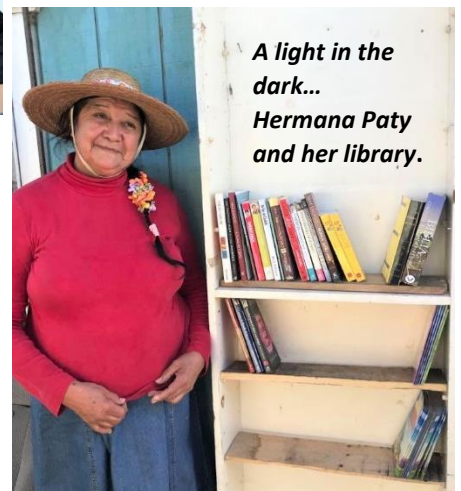
Last year the local cartel in Fausto was taken over by a larger cartel from Sinaloa. This meant we were no longer known by the leadership there and no longer free to come and go inside the area as we had been previously. Despite this, with Hermana Paty's help and Hortencia's phone contacts with families inside, we have still been able to minister to those who call on us, by arranging to meet them outside of Fausto.

As well as helping us with this, Hermana Paty also hosts a Bible club for kids on Mondays, and often accompanies Hortencia on her rounds in other barrios to pray for and encourage the sick, troubled, and hurting.

Well respected, parents and kids alike often ask Hermana Paty for prayers and advice. She has led several adults and kids to Christ this past year.

A few months ago, Hermana Paty asked if we could help her with some Bibles and Christian books for the moms and kids in Fausto. We were happy to oblige. Her small home library has now become another tool she uses to teach and encourage people with God's word. The moms and kids have been making good use of it since. Thank you for your part in providing this useful resource!

We thank God that we were led to visit Hermana Paty that day last year. With her compassionate heart, bold faith, powerful prayer life and gift of mentoring, she has become a valuable asset and blessing to our ministry!



*A light in the dark... Hermana Paty and her library.*

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven. Mt. 5:16*

*Some of the places  
we are currently  
working in ...*



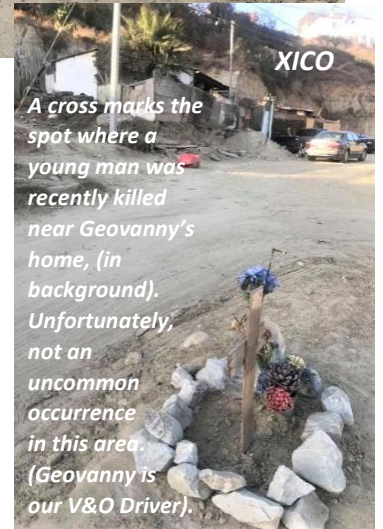
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*The light shines in the darkness and the  
darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5*



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A cross marks the spot where a young man was recently killed near Geovanny's home, (in background). Unfortunately, not an uncommon occurrence in this area. (Geovanny is our V&O Driver).



A typical visit.



Inside,  
a special  
family...

Left - right  
Fernando 11,  
Yamile 9,  
Mom,  
Eduardo 13,  
& Grandma.



Grandma talks with Hortencia.  
After a partial foot amputation she  
is in need of pain meds.

**Meanwhile back at the bodega...**  
preparations for Christmas are coming along. We have about 120 families on our distribution list, (although it will likely grow!) Many thanks to those who have already helped us to get started. Delivery will be challenging this year, (without our usual large group events), so between Covid and cartels your prayers for this are much needed and much appreciated!

*On behalf of us all at V&O  
we wish you a Happy  
Thanksgiving and a very  
blessed Christmas Season!  
Joyce, Philip, & Hortencia*



Christmas elves, Patricia, (V&O Board member), and Lupe busy working from the list, packing toys in bags for each family.

Each child will also receive a Christmas Bible story coloring book, a warm hat, socks and candy with their gift.



For the moms...  
milk, hot  
chocolate  
and cookies,



plus gift cards,  
\$15 - \$25 value,  
depending on  
size of family...

...along with a personal Christmas message on behalf of V&O and all who partner with us.