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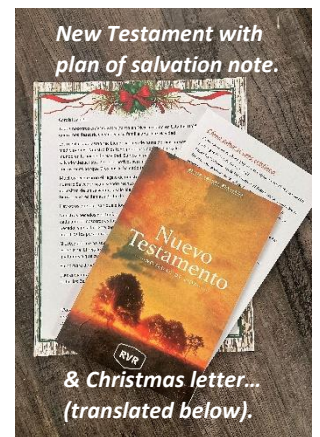
"Preparation, it's 90% of the job!"

Words of wisdom (from my late dad many years ago), ringing true for us here at V&O, as we gear up for our Christmas outreach operation, beginning next week.

Our Tijuana bodega has been a hive of activity for the past 2 months, as we've been preparing to make deliveries of food packages, gifts, blankets, warm clothes, and the gospel to over 250 families, 5 orphanages, a hospice and an old folks home.

With our small team, planning and starting early is key. Thanks to the generosity of many and the help of some of the youth and moms in our communities, it looks like we're on track to start deliveries!

Each family is set to receive a package which includes food items for a Christmas meal, a toy/gift for each child, a New Testament bible and a special Christmas letter written on behalf of the V&O team and all who partner with us. **Thank you and thank you again!** for helping to make all of this possible!



Greetings,
 Each one of us at V&O, (in Mexico and the United States), want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas!
 The gifts you are receiving ultimately come from our Lord; they just pass through our hands. We love to give because of what God has given for us.
 Almighty God sent His greatest gift to the world on Christmas night. His gift was our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 Many rejected God's gift of baby Jesus, and unfortunately many still reject our savior, Jesus Christ. Many don't think they need a savior, and they won't think about their savior until they leave this earth. . . when it's too late. Others don't think they're worthy of God's salvation gift.
 But God's love for each one of us is very great. Jesus came to offer himself up as the sacrifice that saves us from the eternal consequences of our sins, (separation from God for all eternity). It was a price none of us could pay, only Jesus, God's perfect, sinless son.
 So..., if you haven't already accepted the greatest gift that the world will ever receive, Jesus Christ the one and only Son of God, we invite, encourage, and urge you to consider doing so this Christmas season.
 We love you and pray for God's blessings on you and your family this Christmas!
 On behalf of us All at VON & ON,
 Philip, Joyce & Hortencia

For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16



Cristian
Leslie
Victor
Painting trees to decorate bags.



Ricardo, (who is disabled), patiently waits & watches while his mom sews hats.
Mom-to-be Karina, & sister Sara, stopped by with Hortencia after a medical appointment and helped to paint snowman hats.



Kathia sticking the hats onto the bags.



Zaori & Lesli (in background), assembling and packing coloring books and pencils.

Working behind the scenes.



Leslie (14) has made hundreds of piñatas!



Cristian, Kathia and Leslie (right), stuffing candy into piñatas.



Cristian and Edgar packing food items into bags.



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Chelita (Ricardo's mom), sewing hats for kids.



Leti and Paty sewing cloth bags for the toys/gifts



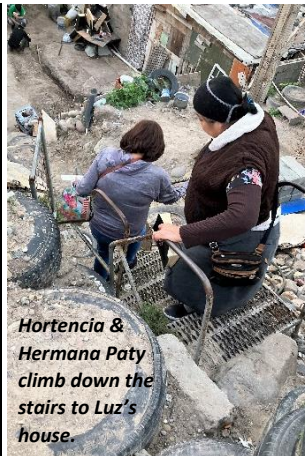
Kathia packing toys.



Ready for delivery!

An overall team effort requiring some careful budgeting and balancing of the finances! Although we're not quite there yet as far as the buying goes, we've been able to find some great deals in MX this year, which has helped stretch \$ further. We plan to continue delivering gifts through into January, so any funds for Christmas sent by then, will still be most helpful and appreciated!

An Early Delivery... One thing that makes us a little different is we try to bring Christmas into homes... and come with it when we can, especially to the hurting families. We decided to make an earlier than planned visit last week to Luz (49), who was diagnosed with breast cancer less than 6 weeks ago. Unfortunately, (as is often the case in poor communities), her visit to the doctor was too late. The cancer was already at stage 4. Luz died just 3 days after our visit, but thankfully not before she and her husband had both accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Her husband Jaime was so thankful we came last week and by the grace of God, so were we! **Thanks so much for enabling us to share your love with families like theirs.**



Hortencia & Hermana Paty climb down the stairs to Luz's house.



Our driver Josue, shares encouragement from God's Word (Rev. 21: 1-4).

Luz & Jaime have 2 teenage sons, both great kids. Please keep them in your prayers. Thanks!

From the barrios of Tijuana, we're wishing you and yours a very MERRY CHRISTMAS! Joyce, Philip, Hortencia & the Team