

SNAP-SHOTS

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PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE...

A couple of months ago while Hortencia was delivering groceries to families in the barrios, she heard from Carmen, (one of the grandmas), that her neighbor Marcos was in the hospital with a high fever. Within a week after receiving a spider bite, his condition had become serious. When Carmen showed Hortencia a photo of the huge, inflamed wound on his arm, she was moved to give her \$100 and a bag of groceries to pass on to



GRACIAS!

Above: Marcos, Liz & Carmen. Marcos and his brother grew up attending Pastor Von's ministry days. Sadly, Marcos's brother died from TB as a teen. Pastor Von helped Marcos and his family at that time. Marcos now runs a small business selling garlic and other food items at a local market.

Marcos and his family.

While still in the hospital, the doctors told Marcos and his wife Liz, they would probably have to amputate. Hearing this, Carmen began a prayer circle in the neighborhood.

A week later Marcos was discharged, arm still intact! It was by no means healed however. He would need ongoing treatment for some time if he was to keep it. After selling their little old car, TV, refrigerator, and some of their furniture to pay the hospital bill, as well as losing income from being off work, Marcos and his wife had no idea how they would be able to afford more treatment.



Marcos with his daughter and grandson.

So, when Carmen approached Marcos with the groceries and a \$100 bill in her hand, he was stunned and grateful.

(With medications being substantially cheaper in MX \$100 can go far).

When Hortencia returned to the neighborhood this month she was met by Marcos who had been anxious to see her. He wanted to thank her in person for the groceries, (which she had continued to send), and for the money which enabled him to have his wound cleaned and dressed regularly at a clinic and pay for the antibiotics he needed. Although his arm is still not yet completely healed, it is out of danger of being amputated and looking a lot better. Marcos is extremely grateful for this and thanks God, Carmen, all those who prayed and Von & On for helping to save it.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, Hebrews 10:24



Nicole before surgery.

Little Nicole (11 months), was born with a heart defect. This month she underwent open heart surgery and had a pacemaker inserted. The surgery was performed at no cost by doctors from a MX foundation which helps children from poor communities to receive surgeries they would otherwise not be able to afford. Before the surgery could be done however, Nicole's mom needed to come up with \$1700 to pay for the pacemaker itself. So, over the last few months her neighbors have rallied together raising funds through Facebook, cooking, and selling food in their community, etc.. When we heard about this and how much they had already raised, we were impressed and happy to be able to contribute the last few hundred dollars needed. This week Hortencia will meet with Nicole's mom and grandma to discuss how Von & On may be able to help with some of Nicole's needs in the future. **THANK YOU** for being a part of this help with us!



After surgery.

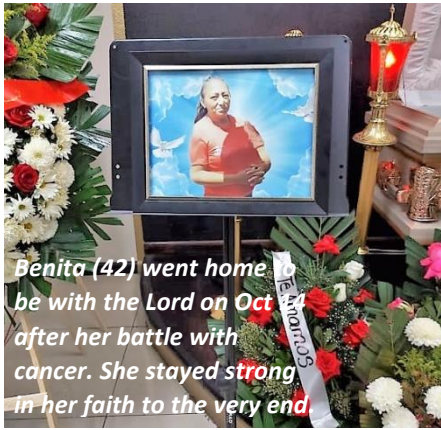


Awake!



First drink.

Sad and glad news...
(cont. from last week's SS).



Benita (42) went home to be with the Lord on Oct 1 after her battle with cancer. She stayed strong in her faith to the very end.



Benita and her husband's bibles.



Above: Benita's mom travelled from far south MX. Sadly, she didn't make it to see Benita before she died but did talk to her by phone. She thanks everyone who helped her daughter. (Hortencia attended the funeral and V&O helped with the costs).



Benita's husband Remedios and youngest son Moises (7) at her graveside.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew. 5:4

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:4

RAIN ON THE WAY...



Noe, Cristian and Poncho securing a tarp to a rooftop.



Diego replacing an old tarp with a new one.



On to the next house...



A plastic sheet covering a leak in one of the houses.



Cristian



Noe (above) and Poncho.

Definitely a job for the young and agile!

Although it's much needed, rain always presents challenges to people in our barrios. These past few weeks we've been busy helping the elderly, disabled and moms in need of help, to prepare for it. Thank you for enabling us to buy tarps. Our younger team has been doing a great job getting them secured in place. (Raining now as I type!)



Barrio Lagunitas

Paty with moms and kids ...

... making a Christmas list.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Our Christmas program will be similar to last years, (delivering gifts to families house to house, rather than holding large public events). This is partly due to COVID restrictions and unfortunately, increased danger associated with large public events in our barrios due to continued drug related violence. However, we are still committed to making sure 700+ kids receive their gifts along with a "Good News" message focused on the real meaning of Christmas! Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for this.

Once again, **THANK YOU** for your partnership with us!

In Christ's love, Joyce, Philip, Hortencia and the Team.