

SNAP-SHOTS

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TEACHING KIDS

There are many facets to our ministry of helping those with physical and spiritual needs here in Tijuana, yet none more valuable, life changing or eternal as telling God's story to those who are willing to hear it. Children are at the top of the list when it comes to those. Sharing the gospel with them is a privilege, a responsibility and our most favorite part of the ministry! Kids are more receptive to the gospel as their lives are not cluttered with worldly cares or filled with ingrained attitudes and habits. Instead they tend to possess a clear understanding and an innocent trust in God's word. No doubt its for these reasons Jesus speaks to us as adults, of their example, several times in the gospels!

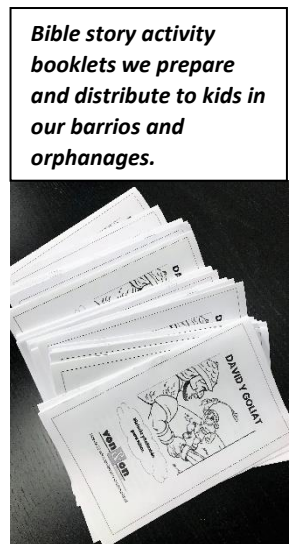
As we go about our work in the barrios, we're always on the lookout for oportunites to share God's Word and His love for the kids He brings our way. Thank you for your part in making this possible!



Hermana Paty teaching kids in the street outside her house.



A home visit... Paty helps Dana choose books for herself, and her younger siblings.



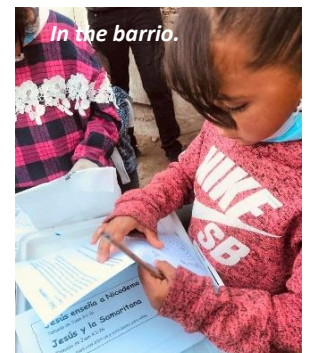
Bible story activity booklets we prepare and distribute to kids in our barrios and orphanages.



Flor teaching kids and staff at Manantial de la Esperanza Orphanage.



In the orphanage. Learning from the Bible.



In the barrio.

Please pray that the seeds from God's word planted in these young hearts would continue to grow, mature, bear fruit and mulitply throughout their lives!

Again, **THANK YOU!** for your prayers and partnership in this incredibly important work of teaching kids the truths found in God's Word during their formative years.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6



Hortencia (above right), teaching at Ben's Kitchen, (community center in barrio La's Carretas).

KIDS HELPING KIDS

When the COVID pandemic caused us to stop holding large events we came up with an idea so that the kids in our neighborhoods could still receive encouragement and some of the special treats they used to look forward to at our monthly community days. We started making up small “treat bags” to deliver and asked the kids and teens at the orphanages we work with if they could decorate them for us. More than willing, they took on the task and have been doing so ever since, coloring and writing notes and Bible verses to encourage the kids in the barrios.



Decorating bags at the orphanage.



Young V&O helpers Victor and Daniel packing treat bags at our bodega.



Checking out treats!



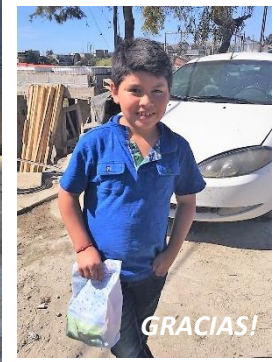
Contents of a treat bag.



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Receiving treat bags and bible story coloring pages.



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The bags have been a great hit with the kids receiving them as well as the kids making them! For this reason we decided last year to keep them going. Due to the increased risks from new drug cartels and their activities moving further into our areas, we have not resumed holding large events but continue to visit kids and families individually. (A big thank you! to a generous donor who continues to largely fund these treats for the kids).



Melisa 12, and Cristian 14, writing Bible verses at our bodega.

SCRIPTURE/MEMORY VERSES

With many of the food packs and items we give out to people is included a hand written Bible verse of encouragement, often written by one of our young V&O helpers. Writing out scripture is a great way to memorize it, and including it in assistance packs also helps remind and encourage those on the receiving end to look to and thank the One who is ultimately providing it!

BOOKS & BIBLES

Because of your help we've been able to continue buying hundreds of Christian books and bibles for kids this year.



Right: Handwritten Bible verses. Far right: Bible verses in with eggs and peanut butter.



On behalf of us all working down here, MUCHAS GRACIAS! It's an honor and a privilege to serve together with you as God's people showing His love and sharing His message to the many still in need. Joyce & Philip, Hortencia & Team.

For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Jn 3:16