

SNAP-SHOTS

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As always, ministry opportunities abounded this month! Impossible to put them all onto two pages, but hopefully the following “snapshots” provide a glimpse into some of the many ways your partnership and prayers help to make a difference each day in the lives of many...

Immanuel (38) had his left leg amputated last month, (unfortunately another case of diabetes). A man of faith, who steps in to assist at V&O at times, Imanuel is trusting God to provide for his family until he’s able to work again. Thanks to a generous donor, we were able to help his wife Karina set up a small business in their local street market this past week.

Please pray for this family. Imanuel is not out of the woods yet. His right foot has also been showing signs of trouble!

Please pray for wise decisions and treatment from the doctors he is seeing to get his condition under control. **Thank you!**



Immanuel & Karina with their kids, Genesis & Martin.



Hortencia and Omar, Karina’s first customers!

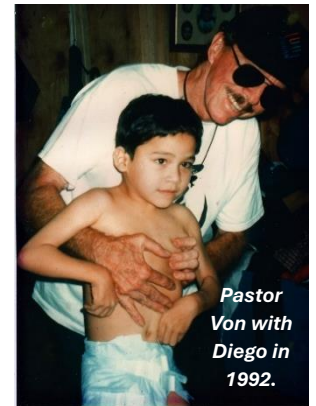


Geovanny buckling Diego into our car.

Geovanny & Diego have a strong bond. Although only two years apart, Geovanny has been his younger brother’s caregiver for almost their entire lives. Diego’s disabilities are multiple. He is unable to speak or walk. Life growing up was very unstable. Their mother (who still lives with them today), suffers from alcoholism and mental illness. Their father was never in the picture. Back in the 90’s a house was built for the family thanks to Pastor Von and Spectrum Ministries. However, after a short time their mother abandoned it, taking the boys to Mexicali where they remained for years. The house was taken over by squatters and the family’s disappearance became a mystery.

In 2015 prayers were answered when Hortencia re-discovered the family living in a shack at the bottom of a steep canyon, back in Tijuana! A happy reunion was had by Pastor Von and the boys, who were now in their 20s, and after quite some efforts, the house was rightfully returned and legally placed in Geovanny’s name.

In the years following, with support and encouragement from V&O, Geovanny worked hard to further his education. He now has a job enabling him to provide for his family, however, along with caring for Diego and his mother, little time and money is left to work on much needed repairs to the house. A few weeks ago, we were able to seize an opportunity when a week of Geovanny’s vacation coincided with Philip being in town, (he’s often travelling with his secular job). Helpers Scott and Erik were also available, so with the combined effort, roof repairs, insulation, (virtually unheard of in the barrios!), and sheet rock were installed on walls.



Pastor Von with Diego in 1992.



A view from Geovanny’s roof.

Repaired just in time for Winter!



Philip shows Erik & Geovanny how to cut sheet rock.



MUCHAS GRACIAS!

And still more thanks from...



...Esmeralda, who has special needs and her mom Francisca, (above left), for monthly visits and assistance with food, diapers etc. And Graciela (above right), for a blood pressure monitor she needed...



...The kids and staff at SIMNSA Children's Home (above), for the visits, special meal and groceries they receive and look forward to each month...



...Eight very happy and excited kids, (above & left), who had a special day out this month with Paty and Cesar!

These outings with small groups of kids/teens this past year, have provided unique opportunities to share God's great love with them, as well as encourage them in their home and school life situations. **THANK YOU AGAIN** for helping to make this possible, and please keep Cesar, Paty and all the kids in your prayers!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Perhaps a little too fast for us! Funds are down a bit here this year, (after needing to replace one of our older vehicles earlier). However, we are trusting, planning and preparing to bring a little joy into the hearts of these neat kids and many others in the month of December. If you can help, please do by sending funds, (or sending new toys to our PO Box address). Thank you and God bless you All!
Joyce, Philip, Hortencia & Team!



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Mt. 19:14