

SNAP-SHOTS

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AND THEN CAME THE RAIN!

After the driest winter on record and multiple fires in our neighborhoods, rain finally arrived this month. Although much needed, as always it brought challenges, especially for those living on the steep hillsides and canyons of Tijuana. Cesar and helper Alexis were kept busy securing tarps to rooftops on numerous homes before the down-pours, while Hortencia, Paty and Leslie distributed blankets, warm clothes, food and medicine to those in need.



Still reeling from the fires, some families had little cover from the rain. Needless to say, they were very grateful for the help! We've been continuing to check in on these families. This past week we were able to take a small group of kids on a special day out to give them and their parents a much needed break. We have plans for another group next week.

THANK YOU for your part in enabling this!

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17

KIDS DAY OUT...

Nine kids enjoyed a day out with Cesar, Paty & Leslie at Parque Esperanto, TJ. An extra special treat and first time experience away from their neighborhood for most of them, in a place where they could just enjoy being the awesome kids that they are.



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VALENTINES DAY... Last year our teen helpers undertook a project to propagate seedlings from a guava tree that grows outside our bodega in TJ. Grown from the seeds, the plants took almost a year to appear out of the soil and needed tender care. This month some of the tiny plants were ready for transplant to be used as gifts that kids could give to someone special on Valentines Day, or Dia del Amor y la Amistad, (Day of Love & Friendship in MX).

Below: Some of the guavas from our tree. High in vitamin C & other powerful nutrients!



Cristian, Yair & Belen (right)...

...nurturing seedlings.



February 14, at Ejido Lazero Cardenas. Kids and teens decorate small pots to plant their seedlings in, while Hortencia (seated far right), shares a message about God's love from His Word.



Finished gifts!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OMAR (our V&O Driver).

Omar urgently needs a kidney transplant. He's been on hemodialysis for the past 2 years; however, things took a turn for the worse recently and due to complications he's no longer able to treat himself at home. He's been in hospital for the last 4 weeks. Omar gave his life to Christ during the time he has been with us and is trusting God for whatever lies ahead, however he also has a wife and daughter that he dearly loves and would like to be around for a little further into the future. Please pray for a donor for him.

THANKS SO MUCH!



Omar, Dec 2024

As we close out another month, we **THANK YOU** again for partnering with us to bring smiles, laughter, help and hope in the name of Jesus, to those who need it most. God's blessings to you ALL, from us at V&O and on behalf of all the people we serve.