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Reaching Mexico, one child at a time.

ARIEL, A LIFE THAT WAS CHANGED...NO, A LIFE THAT WAS SAVED!



Two years ago this is how 5 year old Ariel looked when we first met her. .

While at the day center at Progresso, a tired mom and frail looking little girl were introduced to us by Hortencia. Hortencia told us that Ariel was very sick, in fact she had cancer. The only place she could go for chemotherapy was a 6 hour bus ride away in Monterey. Her parents did not have any money for the trip and with 8 other children at home, including infant twins, Ariel's mom could not make the trip to Monterey. Her father could not go because he had to work. Instead, if they could get the money, Ariel and her 10 year old sister would travel by bus to Monterey, go to the hospital for chemo and return home. That was pretty hard for my mind to comprehend..but that's the way it happened. We were thankful that our team donated the money for the trip. A few months later, we saw Ariel, still weak and frail. Her mom said Ariel slept a lot. She asked us

to continue praying for her recovery.. I hadn't seen Ariel in the past



2 years until this past December. I recognized her mom at the day center and asked about Ariel. Her mom replied, "Here she is!" And there she was, a beautiful, healthy girl, full of life and smiling from ear to ear. Christmas can't get any better than this!! Through the tears, I kept thanking God for a wonderful miracle.

God is so good!!

Christmas in Mexico, 2010

Paul & Pat were blessed to be part of Christmas in Mexico in December. We are so thankful for all of the people who come together to make a difference in the lives of the children in Mexico. Hortencia always presents the Gospel before the gifts and food are given out and we are always thankful for those who accept Christ as their Savior.

Many thanks to First Baptist, Del Rio for collecting toys for Mexico this year! Aldo helps carry one of many boxes of toys.



Another huge THANK YOU to Jimmy and all who help him to provide

Christmas in Mexico. Not only do they provide school supplies, but they also collect shoes for the children. At his business, he sets up a Christmas tree with the names, ages and sizes of children from the day centers. His employees choose a child and not only provide shoes for a specific child, but they pray for that child for the month before Christmas! What an awesome ministry! And then, Jimmy brings 40-50 youth to minister in Acuna. What a blessing these teenagers are! Here are just a few pictures of the distribution of shoes and one of the Christmas fiestas!



We have always said that we are so blessed to participate in the "giving" of presents. One little girl opened her box of shoes.. They were "mary jane" type shoes and they even matched what she was wearing that night. The smile on her face said it all, "These are just what I wanted!"



Many churches and people help with Christmas...here are bags, boxes and backpacks provided by Eliam Baptist Church in Melrose, Florida. You all blessed hundreds of children for Christmas.

" Always be joyful. Pray continually, and give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in

Christ Jesus. "

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Personal Care bags for the women... with donations of personal items and t-shirts, we were able to make bags for the women. We can always use these kinds of items...even those little shampoos, creams, etc. that you get in hotels. These make great gifts for the women we work with.



The cloth bags are approximately 14"x14"...if you like to sew and would like to make some bags, we can put them to great use!

When we were in Acuna in November, Levi asked to play a guitar from one of the team members. We were so impressed at her talent...it was strung for a left handed player and she



was adapting to that. I posted on Facebook that if anyone had a guitar they didn't need and would like to donate it to Mexico, we would put it to good use. Not only did our friend donate one guitar, she donated 2 guitars! Thank you so much Mary!! Aldo and Levi were thrilled and look forward to taking guitar lessons at school!

In February, Paul and Pat took a trailer load of craft supplies and kitchen supplies to Hortencia. Thanks Sue and New Beginnings Baptist Church!!

It's Official...Cord Ministries is now registered as a non-profit organization in Florida. We are still in the process of filing for tax exempt status. We just received the paperwork back from the accountant and have a few changes to make and then it will be mailed in. Once we are tax exempt, we will be able to issue letters for donations for tax purposes. We are thankful for 4 Corners Baptist Church as they accept donations on behalf of Cord Ministries. We will keep you posted when Cord Ministries becomes tax exempt. Cord Ministry now has its own address: Cord Ministries; P.O. Box 702190; St. Cloud, FL 34770-2190. If you would like to make a donation, you can mail it to Cord Ministries. If you need a tax receipt, make your check out to 4 Corners Baptist Church and we will get it to them. THANKS SO MUCH!

TIERRA ESPERANZA DAY CENTER BUILDING PROJECT



There used to be a day center here! The old day center was rapidly deteriorating...rough weather and bugs. The floors were rotting and no longer safe for the children to walk on. Also, the center was originally built towards the back of the property that backed up to a hill.

In October, Jose started tearing the building down. He rented a backhoe and leveled the land to give us more room in the back. The new day center will be more towards the front of the property, allowing a play area in the back which will be more secure. Jose is making the blocks (1000+) for the entire building. We have a crew ready to put the roof on when the walls are up. In February, Paul and Pat took a toilet and window bars for the building. We are still in need of funds to finish the building. If you would like to donate funds for this project, please label your donation: Tierra Building Project. In the past, this day center has hosted children at least 2 times a week. Hortencia and Modesta teach the children about Jesus and feed them from this location. We need to get it done.

The project was scheduled to be completed in April, however, we had to postpone it for the time being. In March, Pat was diagnosed with breast cancer and needed surgery immediately. Pat is so thankful for early detection and surgery that got all of the cancer.



Another round of thanks for the oncologist's report that she does not need chemotherapy. Although there is still a few months of recovery, we are very thankful that God has answered all of our prayers.

In the meantime, the Tierra project will be scheduled as soon as we get the "pase" (green light) from Pat's doctors!

More workers are coming to work with us in Mexico!!

We are so blessed that there are people coming to work with Cord Ministries. Adolfo in Zacatecas who is now working with us is thrilled with the materials, cds and cd player we were able to provide. Previously, he would have 5 or 6 children come to learn about Jesus, now he has 25-30 children at a time.

A woman in Parral has asked to work with the ministry. Please pray for Hortencia as she takes materials to the woman and trains her to work with the kids. We are thankful for workers who have a love for Jesus and want to teach the children about Jesus!

Please keep Ceci and Concepcion (Juarez) in your prayers...they live in city that is not only dangerous for tourists, but for residents as well.

SCHOOL SUPPLIESAs July approaches, the sales for school supplies begin. If you would like to help the children in Mexico get an education, school supplies are the key to opening the door! We can send Walmart gift cards to friends in Del Rio who can get school supplies for us. That way, we don't have to worry about shipping and shipping charges. You will change a life forever with a donation for school supplies!