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Reaching Mexico, one child at a time.

Many years ago, Pearl Godwin, a wonderful Christian woman at our church would sew a child's outfit everyday.. Then, as groups went on a mission trips, she would send the clothes. We are sure there were children around the world wearing "Miss Pearl's" clothes for many years. Our friend Wanda always remembered Miss Pearl's sewing projects. So, when she retired last year, she decided to start sewing an outfit a day for Mexico. As the project continues, Wanda is teaching her young granddaughter, Hannah to sew outfits for Mexico. I'm sure Miss Pearl didn't know just how far her influence would reach...generations!!

"What we do here makes a difference in the world for eternity."



Hannah & Wanda sewing



Little boy in Acuna with new clothes.



Little girl in Acuna with a new outfit.

ALLIGATOR TACOS:

We have told Jose and Hortencia about the alligators in Florida. In November, we took 10 pounds of gator meat for them to try. Imagine the kids at the day centers trying "Gator Tacos"!!



ADOLFO in ZACATECAS...The man in this picture is Adolfo. His heart's desire is to teach children about Jesus. Hortencia has been mentoring him as well as giving him materials and supplies. Several times a week, he teaches the children about Jesus using the Bible, songs and worksheets or crafts. He also gives them a hot meal...shown below.



DAY CENTERS CHANGE LIVES:

Adults and children of all ages come to the day centers to learn about Jesus. They hear a Bible story, sing songs and memorize a Bible verse.

At Tierra Esperanza, this teenager was reciting the Bible verse he had just learned.



More from the Tierra Esperanza day center....The old wooden building was falling down. But thanks to many people helping, there is now a sturdy and secure building for the kids and adults to come and learn about Jesus.



This is Beto as a teen in the old Tierra Esperanza building. He is Modesta's grandson and grew up attending the day center.



Here is Beto, all grown up with his family. He brings them to the day



center so they can learn about Jesus, just like he did. It was fun to watch him help his little boys do all the actions to the songs. In the border towns it is unusual to see men attend the day centers....We praise God that Beto is not ashamed of Jesus and sets a good example for others to follow.

" We love because He first loved us. "

1 John 4:19



JOSE ' S GRADUATION:

When Pat arrived in Acuna in March, Jose & Hortencia invited her to Jose ' s graduation from secondary school. While we were still in Del Rio, we attended Jose ' s graduation from computer trade school. Jose had hoped to get a job with his computer degree, but quickly found out that the de-
gree was useless without a second-

ary school degree. So, for the past few years, Jose has worked hard to graduate. We are so proud of Jose!

MUCHAS GRACIAS to Crosspoint Church for answering God ' s call to collect children ' s vitamins for Mexico. Hortencia had told us about the need for children ' s vitamins. However, in Mexico, the cost for a month ' s supply of

children's vitamins is over \$20 (dollars). In March, Pat took 40 bottles of vitamins & small ziplock bags to package one month supplies of vitamins for Hortencia to give out at the day centers. In July, Pat will take 40+ more bottles of vitamins for the kids.



PARRAL

In April, Hortencia traveled to Parral, a trip taking over 25 hours by bus. She not only visited her family, but she also mentored a new worker and taught neighborhood children about Jesus.



EVERYTHING HELPS!



Everything from back-
packs to soaps, sham-
poos, conditioners, hand
creams, etc. goes to good
use in Mexico. Many
thanks to our traveler
friends who save and
share the travel items

they pick up through their stays in hotels. Another big thank you to Laura, an avid couponer. Laura gave us boxes of shampoos, conditioners and other personal care items to take to Mexico. She had gotten many of the items free and we were glad that she thought of Mexico and shared so much.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: As summer approaches and school sup-
plies go on sale, we would really appreciate your help. For the
children in Mexico, school supplies unlock the door to education,
which in turn breaks the cycle of poverty. Without school supplies,
the children cannot go to school. Your donations change their
lives. Pat will be flying to Del Rio in July (11-19) . If you would
like to donate by sending a Walmart gift card, she will buy the
supplies in Del Rio and take them right into Acuna. If you would
prefer to buy supplies and get them to Paul and Pat, they will be
driving out to Del Rio in September. We need spiral notebooks,
pens, pencils, white glue & crayons.

Here are children in Acuna & Zacatecas receiving supplies:



INVESTORS NEEDED.....

“ T he harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” Matthew 9:37

We have workers in Mexico who share the Gospel everyday with the lost. As travel becomes less safe in Mexico, our workers are there working hard. Hortencia, Modesta, Margarita, Adolfo, Yvonne and others teach and feed the children daily. For many, the food that is provided at the day centers is the only meal they get for the day. The only money our work-
ers receive is for their expenses. They feed hundreds of children each week for very little money.

God knows the need and we pray that your heart will be touched to invest in His work in Mexico. Any donation will help, especially an ongoing monthly donation. Many thanks!

Our pastor recently shared this story.....

The story is told of an artist who was engaged to paint a picture of a dying church. Those who commissioned him rather naturally expected that he would portray a ramshackle old structure in the midst of a neglected yard overgrown with weeds, with broken windows, weather-beaten and unpainted walls, and surrounded by a general air of decrepitude. Instead, the artist painted the picture of a stately building with expensive art glass windows, a considerable expanse of richly carved wood, a high pulpit, and comfortable pews. In the foyer, on a conspicuous corner of the wall, a box was fitted, across the front of which were the words “ For Missions ” . Over the little opening designed to receive the contributions there was a cobweb!



We pray you value the importance of missions...God will use your gift to change lives. 100% of your donation to Cord Ministries goes to the work in Mexico & is tax deductible.

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