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When you see all those smiling faces month after month in the newsletter, you might never imagine that we sometimes have to deal with behavioral issues. Discipline problems with our sweet kids? Never, never... (NOT!) We have our fair share of kids teasing and tearing up, or getting up from their seats and wandering off. At times they have been down right disrespectful to their teachers. We have been blessed with great volunteers, many of whom are retired teachers from the US & Canada. They volunteer their time and talent teaching English to these dear Mexican children and their mothers. I am so grateful for their compassionate service. Recently, three of our girls and one of our boys were giving some of our teachers a fit and they had had enough of their mischief. Most of our Expat volunteers are not Spanish speakers, so they cannot communicate on a level to deal with such disciplinary issues.

Guess who gets the honor of dealing out the discipline? When I'm present, I get the privilege. I pray for wisdom and ask the Lord to change their wayward hearts. I first addressed the issue at hand, telling them that the teachers were caring for them and investing in them so that they would have a better life. I began to share with them the benefits of learning English and what a difference it can make in their future. I asked them to tell me how much English classes cost at the private schools and explained the benefits of learning from native speakers. I asked them what kind of houses they wanted to live in when they grew up and what kind of jobs they wanted to have to support their families? It's amazing how learning English is tied to the best jobs in a tourist town and in a global economy. I asked them which one of them was the leader? (As if I didn't already know) Their glancing eyes gave the answer. I challenged the ring leader about where she was leading her friends, closer to God and a better future, or down a path of destruction. I told them that they were my favorites and that I wanted the best for them, but it was up to them to change their behavior or lose the benefit of the Children's Center. They told me that they wanted to stay and they would behave. Later, the leader asked me to translate for them because they wanted to apologize to the offended teachers. As I translated there were sweet tears of repentance and hugs of reconciliation.

Together we are changing children's lives!

Ju & Carol

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Love is Tough**





Raising the Roof!

Help us meet our goal of \$12K!

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