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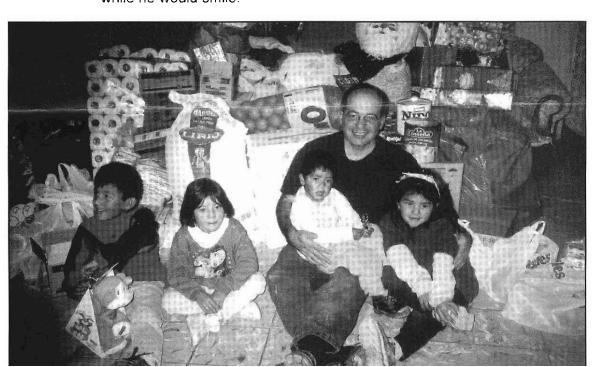
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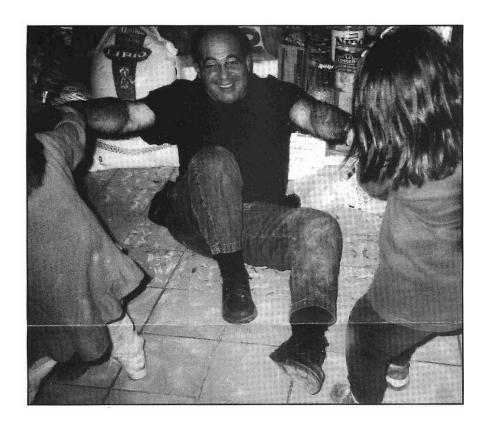


I jumped into the co-pilot seat of a Piper Cherokee 6 seater. The plane was loaded down with Christmas gifts and clothes for orphan children in Mexico. It was pitch black, 5:30 in the morning. The pilot Richard Lewis and myself took off from the tiny small airport, lifted over the telephone wires, and we were off, humming and vibrating alone. Three and a half hours later, we were gliding through the Sierra Madre mountain chain. The jagged green mountains looked so close that it seemed that I could reach out and touch them.

We landed at the Saltillo airport and God gave us favor. The secretary of the airport met us and allowed us to unload without clearing customs. He knew we were going to help orphans. We then headed off to a local wholesale market where we bought hundreds of pounds of rice, beans, flour, sugar etc... Their pantry would be well stocked for a couple of months. We left the store and headed out for the orphanage. It is twenty five minutes into the desert, in a little pueblo called Desramadero. It had been two years since my last visit, and the children remembered me.

We unloaded the gifts, food, candy and two piñatas. Their faces lit up with joy. The next morning, I revisited the children and we ate breakfast together. They sang Christmas carols and I told them Bible stories about their names. There was Isaac, Daniel, Joseph, and more. The youngest of the sixteen orphans was Jesus. He is only three years old. There was a real sadness about him. We hugged and played and every once in a while he would smile.







The directors of the orphanage are Carlos and Marta Barrios. They truly love and care for the children. They not only try to feed and clothe the little ones ranging from age 3 to twelve years of age, but they are very conscious of their education and most of all their spiritual foundations, seeing to it that the children develop a personal relationship with Jesus. I count it a privilege to visit this orphanage on behalf of our ministry partners. We were led by God's Spirit to this place, we were the only ones to help them this Christmas season. Together we are being obedient to our Lord to visit and provide for orphans.

Together we touch he world!

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## **Holding Baby Jesus**

Orphans In Need...

Desramadero, Mexico

