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Each year Camp Sonshine brings something out of the ordinary that captures the kids imaginations and leaves them with experiences that they will never forget. This is the fifth time that this youthful, energetic team has ministered at our Vida Internacional Children's Center here in Mezcales, Mexico. This year they brought a huge colossal gigantic ball to play with, but the most memorable and beautiful thing is the way the camp counselors and the children form heart connections which bond them together and transcends language limitations. They play, sing, dance, act silly and make crafts together. They learn about God's love and acceptance through their interactive activities, dramas and through their discovery teaching times.

Children's lives were touched not only at our center but also out in the public arena. We ministered to hundreds of needy children in cardboardlandia, along with three kindergardens and three elementary schools. When Jeff Keiser, executive director of Nebraska's Camp Sonshine, and "leading chimp" in their skit was unable to play his part due to wolfing down jalapeños in a contest held the night before; "yours truly" got to stand in for him. I had a lot of fun monkeying around. The five days of nonstop high octane ministry tallied up to approximately 1,665 beaming faces that left a glowing across the neighboring communities.

The hardest part is always the goodbyes. Friday night the kids put on a show and our place was packed. Our amphitheater garden sparkled with festive decorations and parents applauded as their children took center stage demonstrating through song, drama and dance the things they learned in camp. After the dessert everyone started to tear up. The kids and counselors began to hug and take parting snapshops for keepsakes. Tears continued to flow as they said their farewells. One child noticed that his counselor Matt was tearing up and asked why was he crying so much. Matt answered that his face was hurting really bad but that a hug would make the pain go away. Thank you Camp Sonshine for making memories and changing lives.

Together we are Life Savers,

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## Say a Prayer...

- 1. Pray for Abraham Garcia, a 20 year old pastor's son who is recovering from a brain tumor. He has ongo-ing medical costs and has a current need of \$1,500.
- 2. Protection and favor as we go about our work, both in Mexico and the Dominican Republic.
- 3. Funds for reliable crew cab truck in D.R. to transport food approx. \$18k.
- 4. Pray for funding to break ground on a new center in Juancho, Pedernales in the Dominican Republic.

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