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# A Peek Behind The Curtain



Have you stuffed those Christmas shoe boxes that you drop off at your local church; full of all kinds of stocking stuffer gifts? This world-wide effort is the Samaritans' Purse, 'Christmas Child' Outreach. These shoeboxes bring immense joy into the hearts of children; but there is an even greater purpose behind this missionary effort. The purpose that reaps life change is the 16 week discipleship program which lays a firm Biblical foundation in the heart of every child who receives this Christmas cheer in a shoe box.

You might like to take a peek behind the scenes and get a glimpse into some of the logistics which occur on the foreign field. This is necessary for this program to be successful. This year at our Vida Community Center in Mezcales we hosted the regional teachers training meeting for the participating churches in the preparation for the distribution of the shoe boxes and the initiation of the Biblical Children's training program. We had 174 that attended this orientation event with 40 pastors present from the 44 churches that were represented. We are scheduled to receive the Christmas shoe boxes on the 15th of December, subject to the Custom's process at the border.

The leadership training event for the CHILDREN'S WORKERS was an uplifting experience. It was said to be very thorough and was a great blessing to all that attended. Several of the Pastors and Children's Workers also commented that they were thankful for the heartfelt response of our Vida Center team in facilitating this event and for the use of our facility. It is very expensive to rent a facility for such an event as this. They also expressed gratitude for our hospitality, providing refreshments of hot coffee, cold fresh fruit drinks, pastries and sweet bread.

The team of 10 instructors who came from Guadalajara lodged at our





Center. We provided them with home style Mexican meals which we prepared for them. At the end of the training event, our team took them to the local beaches for a day of relaxation before their five hour trek back to the hustle and bustle of their homes in the big city. They were very grateful for the hospitality that they received. In reality, they were really appreciative to all of you who co-labor with us though your prayer and financial support. Because of YOU all that transpired was made possible. Together we are impacting the lives of CHILDREN here in Mexico and beyond. Thank you for your love and faithfulness.

Together we are LSMI/Vida Internacional,

*Ju & Carol*

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