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One of the great blessings for our children in the Puerto Vallarta area is the annual Christmas Boxes sent to us from Samaritan's Purse. Many of our friends and our churches in the USA participate in this wonderful ministry. Here is a firsthand report on the impact that your gifts of Christmas kindness are making. First, Mexicans celebrate Christmas on January 6th which is called 'The Day of the Magi Kings'. The Christmas boxes this year were fewer and arrived later than normal due to the pandemic, but once again they are making a great impact in children's lives. Oh the joy they bring and the love they impart to children around the world! It is amazing how many wonderful gifts for kids can be stuffed into a shoebox; creating so much happiness.

Anutan is a 9-year-old orphan who along with his two younger siblings live with their grandmother in a tiny shack in Cardboard Landia. Their grandmother fries up little wheat wheel pasta and sells them on the street for snacks similar to potato chips. They barely have enough to eat let alone afford clothing for the three grandchildren. When Anutan opened his gift box he was flooded with joy as he pulled out a pair of sandals. He said "This is just what I needed!" Nicole, a little 6-year-old girl whose family were members in our Vida Mission in Guadalajara moved to our community located in Mezcales seeking employment in the tourism industry along the "West Coast Rivera" Puerto Vallarta and Nuevo Vallarta area. Nicole instantly fell in love at first sight as she beheld her Minnie Mouse doll. Little 8-year-old Bryan opened his gift box and kept repeating the phrase 'This is just what I need because I don't have one', referring to the sandals, a tooth brush and tooth paste, a pair of socks and school supplies.





I saw joy on so many little faces. We held 5 different events, throwing Children's Christmas parties for 350 children. We celebrated with food and fruit, worshiping in songs and dance, a Bible teaching, games and piñatas filled with candy. Every child left with a bag of candy, fruit and a gift box. The very most important thing though is that over the next 12 weeks or so the children will be taught the word of God as a part of the Samaritan's purse program.

Together we are meeting children's needs body soul and spirit and making children happy!

Together we are sowing Gospel seeds and reaping in His end Time Harvest!

Together we are LSMI/Vida Internacional,

Lu & Carol

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