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Siblings in our Kid's Club at the city Dump

New Kids for the New Year!

"We are expecting!" The "Family Update" has been postponed until the birth of our first Grand-Baby in March. Carol and I look forward to sharing the good news at that time. On the ministry front, there is more good news of expectancy. Just as I am eagerly awaiting to embrace my daughter's daughter, there are new lives developing in the womb of faith. In Puerto Vallarta and the surrounding "pueblitos", I get to speak at all kinds of churches representing our Video Bible School. On a regular basis, I get to see people come forward and give their lives to the Lord. I love it! — But I really love it when the people I interact with on a day to day basis begin to embrace the light of our Lord. I do not need to use witnessing techniques, most of the time, they seek me out or ask me questions about God. It is not my garb (shorts, tea shirt and sandals). It's not my command of the Spanish language. (That's for sure) It can only be the Holy Spirit, wooing new lives to be birthed in Christ. The venders outside of my apartment call me "Father" because of their Catholic background. They ask for personal counsel and prayer. I am working with some of them to enter a detox program and they are always welcome to attend church with me.

Mexicans love to laugh, and I keep them laughing. Sometimes it's because I crack a joke, other times, it's because the joke is on me, (something I said or did). I find great joy in seeing people coming into the Kingdom smiling and laughing. I have gotten real close to a young couple in their thirties who run a print shop. They just light up and ask me all kinds of questions, trying to see how my Christian



The Church of Children at Mojoneras

world view deals with their questions concerning the mysteries of life, love and religion. They are like spiritual sponges that can never get enough. They took me out to a near by town to eat. We spent the evening walking, talking and laughing. Juan and Lucero (her name means a great light!) are not far from the Kingdom. I love Psalm 87 that speaks of Zion: *"oh Zion... oh City of God , this one and that one were born in her..."* Please pray for their spiritual births.

Last but not least on the theme, "New Kids in the New Year!" I was invited to speak at Maratha church in Mojoneras which is near the dump. They had approximate 120 people; *little people*. There were about 15 ladies, & no men. It was their Super Bowl Sunday and the Chivas (Guadalajara's team) won the national soccer championship. No men, but kids everywhere. It wasn't children's church but a church of children. They are spiritually hungry. I want to bring "Bread of Life" sponsorship program to this church so that these children will continue to be ministered to body, soul, and spirit. If you'd like to become a sponsor, fill out the enclosed form.

Together We are Changing Lives,

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