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Arriving for class with her backpack, ready to go!

What has transpired over the course of one year? July 7th, 2007 marks the end of our first 365 days of ministry in Mexico. It is with great joy that I can report that your gifts, prayers and participation have produced much fruit. We started last July by assessing the needs of the marginal children and their families that live on or near the city dump. We began with a monthly assistance and outreach program addressing their basic needs. We purchased milk, eggs and wholesome foods to help augment the diets of malnourished children and their families. Together we were able to bless 100 children with much needed "Back to School" supplies.

September 2006: A Christian kid's club was initiated on Saturday mornings at a mission church called "Pan de Vida", located one block from the dump. We're "Feeding Children, Body, Soul, and Spirit!" The response was immediate. We're serving up weekly Bible lessons, prayer, worship, games, handicrafts, a hot meal and a vitamin to about 70 needy children.

January 2007: We began to sponsor children in a second location also near the city dump in a town called Mojoneras. Every weekday an after school program for poor families and single working moms keeps children safe, while providing adult homework supervision, English lessons, a hot meal, medical attention and a sports program. A "Church of Children" of over 100 worships every Sunday morning. Also in January, our two year Bible School, "Vida Internacional" began equipping students at the First Christian Baptist Church of Puerto Vallarta.

February 2007: We partnered with the Pan de Vida mission church to launch a school for children who cannot attend public school because they cannot afford or do not have the required birth certificates or school uniforms. The school currently meets on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4pm. It began with 30 students and currently has about 48 in attendance. The children study reading, writing, arithmetic and English. We also help parents with the birth certificate application process so their children can be enrolled in public school.



Pastor Luis Miguel leads a Vida Internacional leadership development class.

May 2007: The adult English class began and meets every Wednesday from 6 to 7pm to help parents develop skills to improve the quality of life for their families. The ability to use English is an enormous asset to those who live near busy tourist areas.

June 2007: Our Bible School "Vida Internacional" provides materials for a leadership development class at the Pan de Vida mission church. We have 14 students in attendance learning how to build on God's foundation. This class meets every Friday from 4 to 5:30pm

This is just a glimpse of what God has done during our first 365 days here in Mexico.

Lives are being changed! Children who did not know how to eat with a spoon are learning how. Children who did not bathe and still suffer from head lice, (or worse) are learning good hygiene. The sick, the helpless, and the homeless come to us every week and we pray for them and help those we can.

Your special gifts, ongoing missionary support and your prayers enable us to continue this work. Would you give a gift or sponsor a child so that together we can restore children's lives and give them hope for the future? Please act now!

Together We are Life Savers,

Lee & Carol



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