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Back Packs are finally back again! This event is one of our high points, generating excitement in the community. Kids in our local programs were very late in the year returning back to school because of the lingering Covid-19 code red status here in the state of Nayarit, Mexico. Last month we had a brief but joy filled celebration here in Mezcales. We served upwards of 70 kids who were full of enthusiasm to participate in worship. Together we corporately prayed together in Spanish and then in English to help them to learn a second language which is used in the local tourist industry. After that, we chowed down on delicious hot dogs garnished with freshly diced tomatoes and mayo. We then imparted some encouraging Words of Life, crescending up to the main event, where we began to give out the Back Packs which were filled with school supplies followed by bags of food the staples rice and beans; to assist their families.

When we held the Back Pack event in Cardboard Landia, I was especially blessed to have three stateside friends join in on the special occasion. First there was Eric and Terry Hyne. Eric and I were fellow art students at the Maryland Institute College of Art. Eric was part of the group of artists I began discipling there in the Upper Room of the student union building. Terry his wife and I grew up together and attended the same Sunday school class as youth. Also, there was my dear friend Evangelist Luis Mathai from India via Houston, Texas who is representing our Vida ministry in India. It was a special time for me and our community in Cardboard Landia to be blessed by the company of my dear friends from the USA and India.

Our event was kicked off with an opening prayer by Eric as he stood at the entrance of the Vida Center projecting out into the street over those waiting to receive the blessings in store for them that day. The children entered very orderly in small clusters to receive their Back Packs which were filled with school supplies and special treats followed by getting their pictures taken with





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'Yours truly'. After all the Back Packs were given out then the moms and kids, now wearing their Back Packs, were served hot meals and cold drinks to take home and feed their families. The moms were given a chocolate treat given to make them feel loved and appreciated. Evangelist Luis Mathai shared encouraging words and prayed a blessing over 60 children and all the moms in attendance. Thank you all for making this possible with your prayers and financial support.

Together We are LSMI/Vida Internacional!

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## Prayer challenge:

Matching funds up to \$2,000 toward NEW construction of Pastor Juan Barrera's Vida Church/Community Center in Puerto Vallarta. Please let us know if your gift was inspired by this appeal so that we can notify the donor of the matching funds.

Don't forget your year end tax deductible gift to the ministry this year. It may help to lower your taxes and be a blessing to others!! We love and appreciate all of you!

## **ALL BACK!**

## Back Packs & Supplies

Mezcales, Mexico

