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Can you believe that there are Mexican born children living in Mexico that are not allowed to attend a Mexican public school? How can this be? According to Mexican Law, all children must have a Birth Certificate and Mexico's "Social Security card" in order to enroll. Most often, impoverished mothers do not go to the hospital to deliver their babies but rather give birth to their children at home. As a result, many children are denied their basic civil rights. For this reason we are helping mothers to register undocumented kids that attend our Literacy school. Our goal is to get them all into public school so that they can get a diploma.

We have helped 25 to get their Birth Certificates and 30 to get their Mexican Social Security card. Now Bertha, Ana Lilia, Alfredo, Juan Carlos, Perla and Jorge can go into first grade. Carmen, Adrian, Jose Manuel can enter the second grade, Glenda Gabriela can go into the third and Marisol into the fitfh grade. Twelve success stories! These children are really happy, now they can go to school like normal kids. This builds up their self esteem and the hope of a better life. Eleven new students have taken their place in our school.

We met with the Elementary School Principal to see how many more of these children can still be enrolled. Many children must wait until space becomes available. The children who go to school come back to our "After School Program" for tutoring. One of our children was upset to be told she had to repeat the first grade. Upon working with her, our school's director discovered



Lupita, Marisol, Carmen, Berta, Ana Lilia and Pastor Luis Miguel with their Birth Certificates.

that she is dyslexic. Because her daughter is dyslexic, the director knows how to overcome this problem by exercises to reorient the eye to recognize and correct the problem and teach the child how to learn to read and write. Two of our kids are emotionally handicapped due to physical & verbal abuse. Pastor Luis Miguel is visiting their families and counseling their parents so that they can begin to discipline in love and not abuse them.

With these victories come new needs. Eleven of these children now need public school uniforms which include a skirt or pants, 2 blouses or shirts and socks for \$30. Shoes will be an additional \$35. Backpacks and school supplies are \$30. It's a good problem to have. If God touches your heart to help, you can make it possible for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to these children. Just memo your check with what you want to provide. As always, thanks to the sponsors who make the program possible, and to those who give missionary support so that we can do the work.

Together we are building a better future for children,

Together We are LifeSavers!

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Luke Jones taught English for 90days at the City Dump... Thanks Luke!

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## **Birth Certificates...**

## Now They Can Go!

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